

PROFILTRA becomes new leading European distribution & services partner for EP MINERALS Industrial Fillers in all Paint, Adhesives, Rubber and Plastic application areas.

- *Distribution agreement effective October 11th 2023*
- *New agreement applies to the full range of EP MINERALS industrial fine fillers for all Paint, Adhesives, Rubber and Plastic application areas*

PROFILTRA, a European leader since 1941 in Performance Materials and Engineered Products distribution, proudly announces a strategic partnership with EP MINERALS, a U.S. SILICA company. Effective October 11th 2023, PROFILTRA will serve as EP MINERALS' leading European distributor for its industrial fine filler range for all Paint, Adhesives, Rubber and Plastic applications. This enhances PROFILTRA's market presence in its Performance Materials' Color Solutions domain and enables EP MINERALS to optimize European operations while better serving its customers.

As a distributor with a long history and a strong European presence in the Performance Materials area, PROFILTRA offers a dedicated application team, making the company an ideal partner for EP MINERALS' European filler customers in the defined business domain. Expanding PROFILTRA's portfolio with the addition of EP MINERALS' industrial fine fillers will create synergies and new opportunities for industry customers in the Paint, Adhesives, Rubber, Plastic field.

"We are confident that this partnership with PROFILTRA will enable us to address the evolving requirements in the industrial sector in Europe," said Geoff Boucher, Vice President – Global Sales at U.S. Silica. "PROFILTRA's extensive market knowledge, market access, technical expertise, customized services and long-lasting relationships create solutions our customers need in order to accelerate their further business growth, while optimizing our European operation at the same time."

Edwin Cobussen, Board Member at PROFILTRA, "We are excited to partner with EP MINERALS and to add their high-performance industrial fine fillers to our portfolio. By leveraging our shared commitment to innovation, offering great products and solutions, to our in-depth market and application knowledge in industrial applications, we can support customers even better in their product development and their product design."

For further questions, please contact Sebastian Faure, Business Director Color Solutions at PROFILTRA, sfaure@profiltra.com

About PROFILTRA:

PROFILTRA, founded in 1941, is a leading European distributor of Performance Materials and Engineered Products. With an extensive history and a commitment to innovation and customer satisfaction, PROFILTRA serves as a trusted partner to industries across Europe, offering customized solutions and technical expertise.

About EP Minerals, a U.S. Silica Company

EP Minerals is an industry leader in the production of products derived from diatomaceous earth, perlite, engineered clays and non-activated clays.

U.S. Silica Holdings Inc. is a global performance materials company and is a member of the Russell 2000. The company is a leading producer of commercial silica used in the oil and gas industry and in a wide range of industrial applications. Over its 123-year history, U.S. Silica has developed core

competencies in mining, processing, logistics and materials science that enable it to produce and cost-effectively deliver more than 600 diversified products to customers across our end markets. The company has 27 operating mines and processing facilities and two additional exploration stage properties across the United States and is headquartered in Katy, Texas.