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### **Rockwood Redeems 10 5/8 Senior Subordinate Notes**

**Princeton, NJ, May 18, 2007** — Rockwood Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ROC) redeemed its outstanding 10 5/8% senior subordinated notes due 2011 on May 15, 2007, in the aggregate principal amount of \$273.4 million, using proceeds from the sale of its Groupe Novasep subsidiary.

Seifi Ghasemi, Rockwood Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said, "The redemption of the 2011 notes is in keeping with our strategy. Our net debt now stands at approximately 4 times Adjusted EBITDA, compared to almost 7 at the time of Rockwood's founding, and our weighted average interest rate on our debt is 6.5 percent."

*Rockwood Holdings, Inc. is a leading global specialty chemicals and advanced materials company. Rockwood has a worldwide employee base of approximately 9,500 people and annual net sales of approximately \$3.0 billion. The company focuses on global niche segments of the specialty chemicals, pigments and additives and advanced materials markets. For more information on Rockwood, please visit [www.rocksp.com](http://www.rocksp.com).*

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