

BURGESS

PIGMENT COMPANY

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Subject: Important Burgess Pigment Company Business Update

To our valued customers,

I'm writing to you with some very exciting news – Burgess Pigment and Thiele Kaolin Company have entered into a definitive agreement for Burgess to acquire Thiele.

Thiele is an exceptional business with a strong reputation for quality, reliability, and technical expertise. It has long been our provider of raw material used in the production of processed kaolin products. This combination aligns closely with our long-term strategy to build a vertically integrated and differentiated specialty minerals platform. Together, we will be better positioned to meet customer demands for consistent supply and to offer a broader range of high-performance solutions while continuing to invest in our people, operations, and innovation capabilities and driving supply chain savings.

There are no changes to how we work with you. The transaction brings together two highly complementary kaolin businesses with shared histories in Sandersville and Washington County. The combined company will offer an expanded portfolio of kaolin products, enhanced technical and R&D capabilities, and greater scale to support customers' evolving performance and sustainability requirements.

Our existing leadership team at Burgess Pigment will remain in place, supplemented by Eric Tillirson, who will continue to serve as President of Thiele Kaolin Company.

We are looking forward to sharing more details with you in the coming months as we work to finalize this transaction, which we expect to be completed in 2026.

In the meantime, you can expect the same dedicated leadership, manufacturing and sales teams, services levels, and quality product you rely on today. If you have questions, your usual contacts remain available to support you.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. We are excited about the future.

Sincerely,
Sandy Burgess