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Surface Solutions Business of Merck Announces Price Adjustment

Darmstadt, Germany, December 21, 2018 – Merck, a leading science and technology company, today announced that its Surface Solutions business unit will raise the prices for its portfolio of effect pigments, cosmetic active ingredients and other functional materials worldwide. The price will increase by 5-15% depending on the specific product. Details will be communicated directly to the customers.

According to Merck, the price adjustment became necessary due to a significant increase in costs for raw materials as well as for labor, energy and logistics. In addition, increased regulatory requirements further contributed to higher production costs.

The Surface Solutions business unit is part of Performance Materials at Merck. This business sector comprises the specialty chemicals business of Merck and supplies solutions for displays, computer chips and surfaces of every kind.





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Scientific exploration and responsible entrepreneurship have been key to Merck's technological and scientific advances. This is how Merck has thrived since its founding in 1668. The founding family remains the majority owner of the publicly listed company. Merck holds the global rights to the Merck name and brand. The only exceptions are the United States and Canada, where the business sectors of Merck operate as EMD Serono in healthcare, MilliporeSigma in life science, and EMD Performance Materials.