

## News Release

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### **Delta County to Improve Mead Road (County Road 59)**

**Wells Township, Delta County, Michigan – June 10, 2014** -- The MDOT Office of Economic Development announced that an estimated \$250,000 will be invested in transportation improvements to Mead Road (County Road 59). The road, which is currently an all-season route, is severely deteriorated, has inadequate shoulders and poor drainage.

Mead Road will be utilized by Omya's commercial and employee traffic to access the company's new multi-million dollar plant which is currently under construction. Omya, a producer of Precipitated Calcium Carbonate (PCC) for use in the manufacturing of paper, anticipates it will complete the construction of its' PCC plant that is located at the NewPage Escanaba paper mill site this summer. The plant will create seven new jobs.

In addition to Omya traffic, all logging trucks accessing the paper mill currently use Mead Road to make deliveries and leave the mill.

The transportation improvements include \$200,000 in state TEDF funds and \$50,300 from the Delta County Road Commission.

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#### **About Omya**

Omya is a leading global producer of industrial minerals – mainly fillers and pigments derived from calcium carbonate and dolomite – and a worldwide distributor of specialty chemicals. The company's major markets are forest products (fiber based products such as paper, board and tissue), polymers, building materials (paints, coatings, sealants, adhesives and construction) as well as life sciences (food, feed, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, environment and agriculture). Founded in 1884 in Switzerland, Omya has a global presence extending to more than 150 locations in over 50 countries with 8,000 employees.