



Carus Corporation
Potassium Permanganate and Sodium Permanganate Price Increase Announcement
Effective 01 January 2008

Carus Corporation is announcing a price increase for all of our potassium permanganate and sodium permanganate product lines effective 01 January 2008, or as agreements allow. The average increase will be approximately 5% but it may vary depending upon volume, contract length, market conditions, and/or region of the world.

The increase is necessary to cover the significant cost increases in our raw materials, energy, environmental health- and safety-related investments, and the higher cost of labor, benefits, infrastructure maintenance, and third-party costs. In addition, our cost for manganese ore is also increasing. We are watching this volatile situation very closely and developing a strategy to minimize the impact to our customers.

Carus Corporation has a high level of commitment to control product costs for our valued customers while maintaining the highest level of product quality, technical support, and security of delivery available. Our continuing goal is to invest in our permanganate business in order to support our customers' needs for the future.