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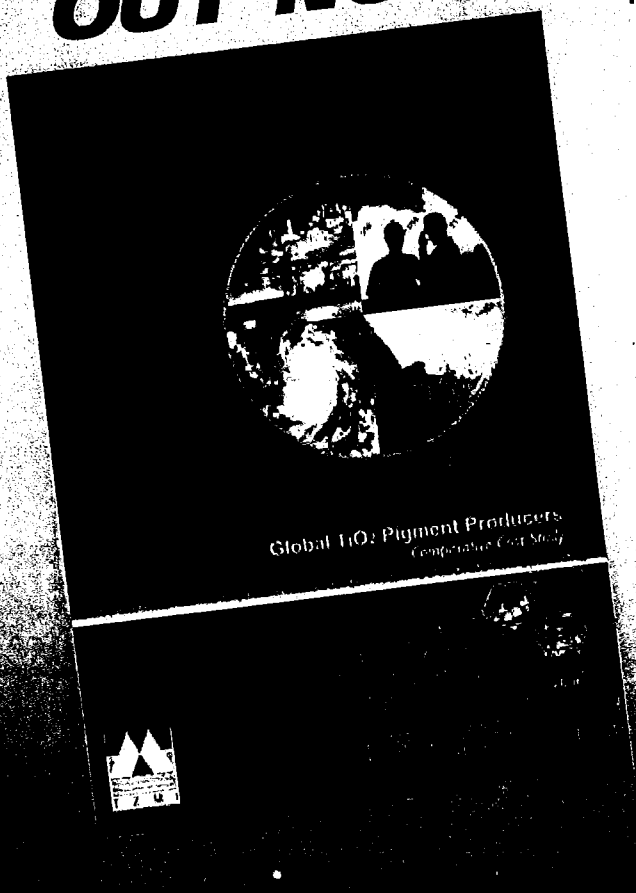


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Strategic analysis and commentary including:

- The significant impact of rising energy costs on pigment producers' manufacturing costs in 2005.
- Developments in corporate structure and ownership, drawing particular attention to an increase in IPO activity across the industry.
- The continued rapid expansion of regional producers, especially in China and central and eastern Europe and the potential effects on western European producers.
- The business interruptions associated with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, in particular, at DuPont's DeLisle MS plant.

The essential benchmarking publication for industry participants including producers, new industry entrants and the financial community

This value driven study provides:

- An introduction to the TiO₂ pigment industry, outlining major participants, technologies employed and market dynamics.
- An illustrative industry cost curve for 32 sulfate and 24 chloride route pigment plants, including six of China's leading pigment plants, accounting for over 90% of global pigment production in 2005.
- Operational level cost analysis, providing estimated cash costs for 2005 by plant.
- A cost competitive outlook for the period 2006-2012, focussing on the key factors of profitability and re-investment economics that affect the whole industry.
- A detailed analysis of industry and plant key cost drivers and issues.

TZMI has developed a methodology that surmounts the persistent difficulty with cost studies of establishing an appropriate base from which to derive consistent comparisons of different producers. The methodology developed allows all pigment plants to be compared across the industry, whilst taking into consideration the individual cost positions of each plant, specific technologies employed at each facility, plant ages, feedstock choice and particular regional cost factors.

TZMI offer a full set manufacturing cost statements in spreadsheet form (POA). Please contact David McCoy (dmccoy@tzmi.com.au) for further details regarding this data set.



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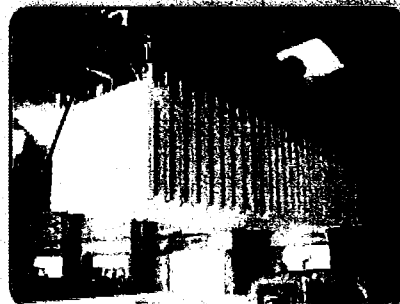
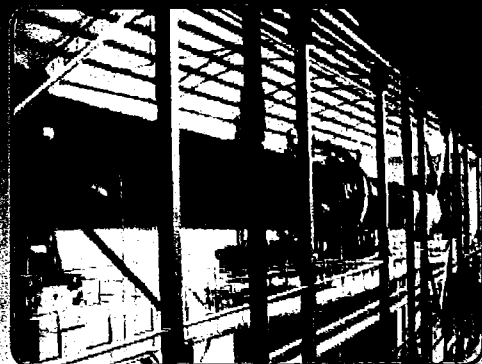
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