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### **Compass Minerals Completes Investment in Leading Brazilian Specialty Plant Nutrition Company, Produquímica**

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (December 23, 2015) – Compass Minerals (NYSE: CMP) has completed its purchase of a 35 percent stake in Produquímica Industria e Comercio S.A. (Produquímica), one of Brazil’s leading manufacturers and distributors of specialty plant nutrients.

“We look forward to growing a strong partnership with Produquímica,” said Fran Malecha, Compass Minerals president and CEO. “This investment, which includes a path to ownership by early 2019, complements our plant nutrition strategy and is a key step in reaching our growth targets.”

Compass Minerals acquired 35 percent of Produquímica for R\$452.4 million (approximately US\$116 million), subject to customary post-closing adjustments.

#### **About Compass Minerals**

[Compass Minerals](http://www.compassminerals.com) is a leading provider of essential minerals that provide solutions to nature’s challenges, including salt for winter roadway safety and other consumer, industrial and agricultural uses, and specialty plant nutrition minerals that improve the quality and yield of crops. Named one of Forbes’ 100 Most Trustworthy Companies in America in 2015, Compass Minerals’ mission is to be the best essential minerals company by delivering where and when it matters. The company produces its minerals at locations throughout the U.S. and Canada and in the U.K. For more information about Compass Minerals and its products, please visit [www.compassminerals.com](http://www.compassminerals.com).

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