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**Solvay statement on press article published in « Vers l'Avenir » on February 19, 2007**

The Solvay plant at Jemeppe-sur-Sambre would like to respond to the article which appeared in the daily newspaper Vers l'Avenir on 19 February 2007, and to provide the following additional information.

Solvay regularly makes use of specialist subcontractors for the provision of industrial cleaning services. It was in this capacity that Mr Samuel Degimbe, employed by the ISS company, worked for five days in March 2001 at Solvay's Jemeppe-sur-Sambre site.

Like everyone working on sites of this type, Mr Degimbe was given all the information necessary for him to carry out his work in conformity with the health and safety rules in force at Solvay's Jemeppe-sur-Sambre site. He was also given all the appropriate personal-protection equipment. This short-term provision of services was carried out in compliance with these rules.

Solvay would like to point out that it treats the health and safety of its staff and of employees from outside firms as one of its absolute priorities.

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