

SOLVAY SA

April 14, 2009.

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Dear Shareholder,

Due to the fact that the quorum required by laws was not reached at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on April 14, 2009 the meeting was not able to deliberate validly on its agenda.

As a result, we have the honour of informing you, as a registered shareholder, that a second Extraordinary General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 following the close of the Ordinary General Meeting, rue du Prince Albert 44, in Ixelles, Brussels. This meeting will deliberate validly on the same agenda regardless of the number of shareholders present or represented. By way of reminder, please find enclosed with this letter a copy of this agenda and the special report from the Board of Directors concerning the changes to the articles of association.

The Ordinary General Meeting - to which you are also cordially invited - will take place at 2.30 p.m. The agenda for the Ordinary General Meeting as well as the reports and the annual accounts relating to the financial year 2008 are also enclosed.

IF IT IS NOT YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS OR VOTE BY PROXY

There is no procedure to be completed.

PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR ATTENDING OR VOTING BY PROXY AT THE SHAREHOLDERS' MEETINGS ON MAY 12, 2009

1) Holders of registered shares

Under Article 37 of Solvay's By-laws, you must notify the Company in writing of your intention to attend the Meetings, your notice must specify the number of Solvay shares which you intend to vote.

If you intend to vote in person at the Meetings, you need only sign, date and mail the enclosed NOTICE OF ATTENDANCE, ensuring that it reaches the Company at the above address by Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the latest.

If it is not your intention to attend the Meetings, a **PROXY** form is enclosed which you may forward to us, duly completed and signed. This **PROXY** must also reach us by Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the latest. We would draw your attention to the fact that, for reasons relating to the notarial deed of the extraordinary general meeting, **in order for the proxy to be valid, we must have in our possession the original signature**; that does not apply to the participation form which you can return to us by fax or scanned by e-mail at the following address : guy.fautre@solvay.com.

2) Holders of dematerialized shares

If you intend to take part in the Meetings, you are invited to make them blocked temporarily into accounts by your finance company which will have to advise us for Wednesday May 6, 2009 at the latest.

As long as this procedure is duly completed, we shall consider any Proxy lodged at the Company's Corporate Headquarters in keeping with Article 38 of the Articles valid for registered shares, bearer shares and dematerialized shares.

3) Holders of bearer shares

In order to attend the Meetings and vote any bearer shares which you may hold, you must temporarily deposit those shares for blocking purposes, by Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the latest, either at the Company's Corporate Headquarters or at one of the following institutions :

- In Belgium
 - Fortis Banque
 - ING Belgium
 - KBC Bank
- In Luxemburg :
 - Fortis Banque Luxembourg
- In Switzerland :
 - Crédit Suisse

As long as this procedure is duly completed, we shall consider any Proxy lodged at the Company's Corporate Headquarters in keeping with Article 38 of the Articles valid for registered shares, dematerialized shares and bearer shares.

Finally, please note that in the interest of an orderly proceeding, the attendance list will be open for signing on May 12, 2009 from 1.30 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

A. Michielsen
Chairman
of the Board of Directors

Enclosures