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**REGULATED INFORMATION**

## **SOLVAY TREASURY SHARES PROGRAM RENEWED FOR FURTHER PURCHASES IN 2011 UP TO 1.65 MILLION SHARES**

Solvay announces today that its Board of Directors decided to renew for a period of one year its treasury shares program, which matured at the end of last year, for further purchases up to 1.65 million own shares in 2011.

The treasury share investment program is intended as a temporary investment of a part of the cash resulting from the sale of the pharmaceutical activities before reinvestment in industrial assets. It was initiated one year ago. In 2010, the investment in Solvay shares amounted to 880,766 shares.

In accordance with the financial transparency rules and legislation, the description of the treasury share investment program is as follows:

The [Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009](#) authorized the Board of Directors for a period of five years to acquire on the stock exchange up to a maximum of 16,940,000 of the company's own shares, at a price between 20 EUR and 150 EUR.

In the framework thereof, the Board of Directors decided in December 2009 to initiate an investment program of the company's own shares. In 2010, the investment in Solvay shares totaled 880,766 shares. This program has been renewed by the Board of Directors up to end of 2011 for further purchases up to 1.65 million own shares.

A credit institution has been mandated to execute this investment program.

On 31 December 2010 Solvay held through its indirect subsidiary Solvay Stock Option Management 2,754,818 Solvay shares or 3.25% of the issued Solvay shares.

In line with the applicable regulations, Solvay reports the details of the transactions under this program on its [website](#).

**SOLVAY** is an international industrial Group active in Chemistry. It offers a broad range of products and solutions that contribute to improving quality of life. The Group is headquartered in Brussels and employs about 17,000 people in 40 countries. In 2009, its consolidated sales amounted to EUR 8.5 billion. Solvay is listed on the NYSE Euronext stock exchange in Brussels, Belgium (NYSE Euronext: [SOLB.BE](#) - Bloomberg: [SOLB.BB](#) - Reuters: [SOLBt.BR](#)). Details are available at [www.solvay.com](http://www.solvay.com).

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