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Dear Shareholder,

You are invited as a registered shareholder of Solvay S.A. ("Solvay" as the "Company"), to attend the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting (the "Meeting") to be held on Friday, April 8, 2011, at 12.30 p.m., at 44 rue du Prince Albert, Ixelles-Brussels, Belgium. Please find enclosed the agenda for the Meeting.

To deliberate validly on the agenda, this meeting should meet at least half of its share capital. This meeting can not validly deliberate if it does not meet the required quorum. The experience of recent years is going in this direction. A second extraordinary shareholders' meeting will therefore be called. It will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at 11 pm the same day as the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting. You will be informed by official notification on April 11, 2011.

The agenda of the meeting is attached as a well as a special report adopted by the Board on the change of the purpose of the corporation, along with a summary statement of assets and liabilities on February 28, 2011 and an Auditor report on this summary statement. Finally, is also attached a report of the Board regarding the amendment of Article 10b of the by-laws (purchase and disposal of company's common stock) as well as by-laws changes required by the new law to adapt the Companies Code in the EC Directive 2007/36 of July 11, 2007 on the exercise of certain rights of shareholders of listed companies and a few other changes to update certain articles.

IF IT IS NOT YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING ON APRIL 8, 2011 OR VOTE BY PROXY

There is no procedure to be completed.

PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR ATTENDING OR VOTING BY PROXY AT THE MEETING ON APRIL 8, 2011

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 Meeting, your notice must specify the number of Solvay shares which you intend to vote.

If you intend to vote in person at the Meeting, you need only sign, date and mail the enclosed NOTICE OF ATTENDANCE, ensuring that it reaches the Company at the above address by Friday April 1st, 2011 at the latest.

If it is not your intention to attend the Meeting, a **PROXY** form is enclosed which you may forward to us, duly completed and signed. This **PROXY** must also reach us by Friday April 1st, 2011 at the latest.

2) Holders of dematerialized shares

If you intend to take part in the Meeting, you are invited to make them blocked temporarily into accounts by your finance company which will have to advise us for Friday April 1st, 2011 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 Meeting and vote any bearer shares which you may hold, you must temporarily deposit those shares for blocking purposes, by Friday April 1st, 2011 at the latest, either at the Company's Corporate Headquarters or at one of the following institutions which will have to advise us for Friday April 1st, 2011 at the latest :

In Belgium
BNP Paribas Fortis
ING Belgium
KBC Bank

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.

Please note that in the interest of an orderly procedure, the attendance list will be open for signing on April 8 from 11.45 until 12.30, time fixed for the beginning of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

A. Michielsens
Chairman
of the Board of Directors

Enclosures