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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 8, 2011 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 10, 2011 at 11 a.m., 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 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 at Article 3 of the by-laws, 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 other by-laws modifications.

The Ordinary General Meeting - to which you are also cordially invited - will take place at 2.30 p.m. on the same day. The agenda for the Ordinary General Meeting as well as the reports and the annual accounts relating to the financial year 2010 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 10, 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 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 4, 2011 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 4, 2011 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 advice us for Wednesday May 4, 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. 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.**

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 4, 2011 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

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. 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;**

We draw your attention to the fact that the proposed resolutions will be voted electronically. Proxy votes will be counted in advance and incorporated systematically in each count.

We ask you to return to us EITHER the notice of participation, EITHER the proxy. If you return both documents because you are not sure in advance to be present at the meeting, we will register the votes from your proxy. You could therefore be able to attend the meeting but without voting since your votes would already have been counted.

Please note that in the interest of an orderly procedure, the attendance list will be open for signing on May 10, 2011 from 9.45 am for the Extraordinary General Meeting. We ask you to make arrangements to be present sufficiently in advance before the beginning of this meeting, given that in addition to signing the attendance list, you will receive an electronic voting device and a smart card containing the number of votes you personally represent for this particular meeting. We remind you in this respect that one share gives right to one vote.

We also draw your attention to the fact that in the case you are also a SOLVAC shareholder, you will sign both attendance lists of SOLVAY and SOLVAC at the same time. You will receive ONE voting device and ONE card for both meetings, containing the number of votes for each of the meetings. This, of course, has been done in order to simplify procedures and for your convenience.

To be noted that there will be a lunch between the Extraordinary General Meeting and the Ordinary General Meeting, which will begin statutorily at 2.30 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

A. Michielsen
Chairman
of the Board of Directors

Enclosures