

**SOLVAY BEARER SHARES AUTOMATICALLY CONVERTED  
INTO DEMATERIALIZED SHARES AS FROM JUNE 30, 2011*****Balance of the dividend from 2010 of EUR 1.40 EUR net per share paid today***

Solvay informs the holders of its bearer shares that such shares, which *at the latest on June 30, 2011* are not recorded on a securities account, will of law automatically be converted into dematerialized shares. This is foreseen in the company's by-laws (art. 6, §2) as adapted with this purpose by the general meeting of shareholders on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, 2007.

Bearer shareholders have the option to convert their shares into registered shares. They are then entered in the shareholders register of Solvay. At this end Solvay's website [www.solvay.com](http://www.solvay.com) provides [on this page](#) a standard letter. Simply fill in the standard letter and provide it to your bank or stockbroker. For more information about this procedure please do not hesitate to contact Solvay's Shareholder services at the phone number +32 (0)2 509 63 09.

Furthermore, Solvay has paid today the balance of the dividend 2010 of € 1.40 net per share for coupon No 88. This coupon is the last paper coupon that is paid. Payment of the balance of the dividend to registered shareholders who, not later than May 9, 2011 were part of Solvay's shareholders register happened on May 12, 2011.

**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 14,800 people in 40 countries. In 2010, its consolidated sales amounted to EUR 7.1 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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