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## **SOLVAY CREATES SPIN-OUT COMPANY IN HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT CALLED eSPHERES**

*eSpheres will provide industries a fully integrated suite of HSE information management solutions and consulting services based on Solvay's knowhow and experience, powered by SAP® software*

Solvay announced today it has decided to co-finance the creation of eSpheres, a spin-out company which will offer outsourcing services powered by SAP® software and provide a fully integrated suite of Health Safety, Environment (HSE) and Sustainability information management solutions and consulting services to industries.

[eSpheres](#) will help HSE executives in various industries optimize their HSE service delivery through increased operational efficiencies, informed decision making and consistent compliance practices. The new company will support key HSE areas, including product regulatory compliance, product safety, environmental performance, industrial hygiene, employee incident and accident activities, and HSE sustainability performance. The formation of the company was announced today from co-located [SAPPHIRE® NOW](#) and [SAP TechEd](#) conferences being held in Madrid, Spain, Nov. 8-10.

By providing strong support and in-house expertise to eSpheres, Solvay is demonstrating its commitment to sustainable development, innovation and entrepreneurship. The new spin-out company will offer European industry services accessible via the Internet for HSE information management and professional support for meeting regulatory, compliance and sustainability challenges.

"eSpheres is the first provider of outsourcing services powered by SAP software to offer HSE on-demand solutions, including reporting and analytical tools and regulatory content at both the local and international level for management worldwide," said Stefan Vanhelleputte, Chief Information Officer, Solvay. "The combination of full HSE and sustainability domain coverage, on-demand delivery via the cloud, including integration with a customer's own data, and preconfigured SAP software is unique in this field. We are convinced we can offer our customers strong value by integrating HSE management and information solutions with SAP software."

[SOLVAY](#) is an international chemical Group committed to sustainable development with a clear focus on innovation and operational excellence. Its recent acquisition of specialty chemicals company [Rhodia](#) created a much larger player, which is realizing over 90% of its sales in markets where it is among the top three global leaders. Solvay offers a broad range of products that contribute to improving quality of life and the performance of its customers in markets such as consumer goods, construction, automotive, energy, water and environment, and electronics. The Group is headquartered in Brussels, employs about 30,000 people in 55 countries, and generated EUR 12 billion in sales (pro forma) in 2010. Solvay SA is listed on NYSE Euronext ([SOLB.BE](#) - Bloomberg: [SOLB.BB](#) - Reuters: [SOLBt.BR](#)).

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## ABOUT ESPHERES

HSE information management represents more than just managing risks and potential liabilities. For a growing number of companies, effective HSE information management means actively contributing to the company's bottom line by identifying cost-saving opportunities and helping to maintain, improve and expand market penetration with compliant products, worldwide. eSpheres will provide the necessary key ingredients for a reliable, pre-packaged HSE solution that can push strategic business information out to all cross-functional decision makers. eSpheres' services will be delivered on demand to companies (i.e., Software-as-a-Service), available from any location, and without large upfront capital investments required. Companies of all sizes will benefit from eSpheres' world-class solutions via the cloud – giving them a competitive edge with lower total cost of ownership, less risk, faster time to value, and an accelerated return on their technology and services investments.

eSpheres' complete HSE Cloud offering includes unique, industry-process expertise; capable, stable and preconfigured HSE software; outsourcing services powered by SAP® software; regulatory content; project set-up services; managed services and support services. These services are combined and delivered via three complementary approaches: HSE On Demand, HSE Outsourcing and HSE Consulting services.