

## Solvay selected as member of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index

Brussels, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 --- Solvay announces today that it has been listed as a member of the European Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI Europe). DJSI is the front-ranking, non-financial global index of the most efficient companies in the area of social and environmental responsibility.

Every year, DJSI monitors the sustainable development performance of the world's 2,500 most highly capitalized companies through a questionnaire focused on a particular industrial sector. Only the 10 percent most efficient companies are listed. For the chemical industry, 86 companies have been assessed and 23 listed in the different zone indices of the DJSI (Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific). Solvay is now member of the European Zone index. Solvay's performance was particularly recognized by the DJSI for its environmental policy and management system, its product stewardship as well as its innovation management.

*"At Solvay, sustainable development is not only fundamental responsibility but also a large part of our vision and strategy. For us, the Group's inclusion in this highly selective index means a powerful recognition of our commitment that involves the day-to-day efforts of all of the Group's employees. It also gives us a great impetus to move forward,"* said Jacques Khélif, Sustainable Development Director at Solvay.

With sustainability at the core of its growth strategy, Solvay has created the **Solvay Way**, an ambitious sustainable development policy coupled with a progress measurement tool. The five main goals are: to offer a safe and healthy working environment; to generate a growing proportion of our sales in markets or in activities that meet the requirements of sustainable development; to relentlessly improve our technologies, processes and products to limit their environmental impact; to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions, the use of energy and water and conserve natural resources; and to develop and maintain a rich, balanced and open dialogue. The Solvay Way influences the way we do business.

Solvay is also a signatory of the Principles of the U.N. Global Compact for which it completes each year the advanced level of reporting.

As an international chemical group, **SOLVAY** assists industries in finding and implementing ever more responsible and value-creating solutions. The Group is firmly committed to sustainable development and focused on innovation and operational excellence. Solvay serves diversified markets, generating 90% of its turnover in activities where it is one of the top three worldwide. The group is headquartered in Brussels, employs about 29,000 people in 55 countries and generated 12.4 billion euros in net sales in 2012. Solvay SA ([SOLB.BE](#)) is listed on [Nyse Euronext](#) in Brussels and Paris (Bloomberg: [SOLB.BB](#) - Reuters: [SOLBt.BR](#)).

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## OUR PRIORITY TARGETS BY 2020

*Base 2012 at constant activity perimeter*

### ♦ Sustainable Portfolio Management (SPM)

- ✓ To have 20% of our turnover in the “Star” category according to the SPM assessment
- ✓ To have 100% of our R&I projects in the “Star” or “Aligned” category according to the SPM assessment

### ♦ Learning & development

- ✓ To ensure one week of training per employee and per year
- ✓ To train 100% of our employees to the Solvay Way reference framework

### ♦ Process safety

- ✓ To have 100% of our sites with a risk analysis updated in the last five years

### ♦ People safety

- ✓ To reach a Medical Treatment Accident Rate (MTAR) lower than 1.0

### ♦ Energy & climate

- ✓ To reduce further by 10% the greenhouse gas emissions (CO<sub>2</sub> eq.), both direct and indirect, associated with our manufacturing activities
- ✓ To reduce further by 10% our primary energy consumption

### ♦ Water

- ✓ To reduce further by 10% the withdrawal of groundwater and drinking water
- ✓ To implement a Sustainable Water Management in 100% of our sites under water stress

### ♦ Emissions and effluents

- ✓ To reduce further by 25% the air emissions of substances with an acidification potential
- ✓ To reduce further by 10% the air emissions of substances with a photochemical ozone creation potential
- ✓ To reduce further by 20% the water emissions of substances with an eutrophication potential

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