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In accordance with the financial transparency rules and legislation, Solvac has notified Solvay that the participation of Solvay Stock Option Management in Solvay exceeded the threshold of 3% on 1 December 2008 before returning again under 3% on 5 January 2009.

At this latest date, its participation amounted to 2.97% of the shares issued by Solvay S.A., or 2,515,068 shares. On 1 December 2008, Solvay Stock Option Management held a participation of 3.01% in Solvay (2,547,068 shares).

Solvac has notified that it held 25,414,830 Solvay shares on 1 September 2008. Solvac's participation remains unchanged at 30.01%.

The participation of Solvac and Solvay Stock Option Management in Solvay is published in the [Investor Relations section of Solvay's website](#).

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