

PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION BY BLACKROCK INC.

Brussels, Monday April 24, 2017, 8h00 CET --- According to the Belgian transparency legislation in force (Law of May 2, 2007), BlackRock Inc. (55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.) has notified Solvay S.A. that:

- On April 18, 2017 BlackRock Inc. crossed the statutory declaration threshold of 3% upward, detaining 3.00% of the existing voting rights emitted by Solvay S.A.

The declaration by BlackRock Inc. are published in the Investor Relations Section of Solvay's website.

Notification on April 19, 2017:

- Reason for the notification: Acquisition of voting securities or voting rights
- Notified by: BlackRock Inc. (55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.)
- Persons subject to the notification requirement:

Name	Address (for legal entities)
BlackRock, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	Rembrandt Tower, 17th floor, Amstelplein, Amsterdam, Netherlands
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	20 Anson Road #18-01, Singapore, 79912, Singapore
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE, 19809, U.S.A.
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S1, Canada
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	Max-Joseph-Straße 6, Munich, 80333, Germany
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	15/F, 16/F, 17/F Citibank Tower & 17/F ICBC Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock Fund Advisors	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock International Limited	Exchange Place One, 1 Seiple Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	Level 37, Chifley Tower, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney NSW 2000 Australia
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	1 University Square Drive, Princeton, NJ, 8540, U.S.A.
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	1-8-3 Marunouchi Chiyoda-ku, Trust Tower Main, Tokyo, 100-8217, Japan

- Date on which the threshold is crossed: April 18, 2017
- Threshold crossed: 3% upward (lowest declaration threshold)
- Denominator: 105,876,416

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→ Notification details: The voting rights and equivalent financial instruments total 3,178,510 voting rights or 3.00%.

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
	# of voting rights	# of voting rights		% of voting rights	
		Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities
BlackRock, Inc.		0		0.00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.		10,456		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited		4,409		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited		415,484		0.39%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC		33,756		0.03%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited		7,502		0.01%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG		113,578		0.11%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited		903		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.		3,541		0.00%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors		835,192		0.79%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association		999,731		0.94%	
BlackRock International Limited		3,576		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited		31,667		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited		44,665		0.04%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC		79,777		0.08%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.		88,055		0.08%	
Subtotal		2,672,292	0	2.52%	0.00%

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
	Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise period or date	# of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised	% of voting rights	Settlement
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			404,087	0.38%	physical
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	Securities Lent			27,434	0.03%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			55,003	0.05%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			201	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			30	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			4,643	0.00%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			883	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			13,207	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			730	0.00%	cash
Subtotal				506,218	0.48%	

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→ Chain of control:

BlackRock, Inc.	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
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BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	BlackRock, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Group Limited	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC
	BlackRock Holdco 8, LLC
	BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.
	BlackRock Fund Advisors
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BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
	BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.
	BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited
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BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	
BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC	
BlackRock Canada Holdings LP	
BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC	
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BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.	BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.
BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC	BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	BlackRock HK Holdco Limited
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	BlackRock Cayco Limited
	BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited
	BlackRock Japan Holdings GK
	BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.
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