

Solvay Solef® PVDF polymer production presence turns truly global with new production unit in China

Brussels, November 7th, 2017 --- Solvay has inaugurated its Solef® polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) plant in China, to meet booming global demand for this thermoplastic polymer in energy-efficient, environmental and industrial applications.

“Solvay’s consistent expansion on the Changshu site, this time with a new Solef® PVDF plant, shows we are committed to serve our customers from Asia, where demand is particularly strong. Our Solef® PVDF production presence now spans the globe with plants in three key continents: Europe, the United States and Asia,” said Augusto Di Donfrancesco, President of Solvay **Specialty Polymers Global Business Unit**.

Solef® PVDF is used for applications such as **lithium-ion batteries (li-ion)** in hybrid and electric vehicles (xEV), for **offshore oil and gas pipes** and liners and in **membranes** for water purification. Solef® PVDF production in Changshu started in July.

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