

PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION BY BLACKROCK INC.

Brussels, Wednesday February 21, 2018, 8h00 CET --- According to Belgian transparency legislation (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 February 15, 2018 BlackRock Inc. crossed the 5% statutory threshold upwards with 4.41% of the total voting rights and 0.68% of equivalent financial instruments, or a total of 5.09%.

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

Notification on February 16, 2018:

- 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 Semple 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: February 15, 2018
- Threshold crossed: 5% upwards
- Denominator: 105,876,416

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→ Notification details: The voting rights and equivalent financial instruments total 5,387,674 voting rights or 5.09%.

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
	# of voting rights	# of voting rights		% of voting rights	
Holders of voting rights		Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities
BlackRock, Inc.	0	0		0.00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	11,641	11,641		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	4,688	4,947		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	356,886	478,481		0.45%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	101,457	101,457		0.10%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	39,917	39,917		0.04%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	140,778	140,246		0.13%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	483	3,741		0.00%	
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	0	9		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	19,169	20,960		0.02%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	1,039,768	1,041,690		0.98%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	1,242,374	1,257,379		1.19%	
BlackRock International Limited	4,098	4,098		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	28,729	29,082		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	1,342,920	1,332,100		1.26%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	79,073	110,868		0.10%	
Subtotal	4,516,869	4,670,219		4.41%	

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			114,264	0.11%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			391,364	0.37%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1,499	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			255	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			121,069	0.11%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			2,689	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			65,651	0.06%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			20,664	0.02%	cash
Subtotal				717,455	0.68%	

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→ Chain of control:

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.

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BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.
BlackRock Advisors, LLC
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.

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BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited

BlackRock, Inc.
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BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Group Limited
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG

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BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC
BlackRock Canada Holdings LP
BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited

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BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.
BlackRock Advisors, LLC

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Group Limited
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited

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BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited

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BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited
BlackRock Lux Finco S.a.r.l.
BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited
BlackRock Japan Holdings GK
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.

BlackRock, Inc.
Trident Merger, LLC
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC

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BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Group Limited
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited

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BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited

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BlackRock Group Limited
BlackRock International Limited

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC
BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC
BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association

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