

PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION BY SOLVAC SA

Brussels, Friday March 23, 2018, 8h00 --- According to the Belgian transparency legislation in force (Law of May 2, 2007), SOLVAC SA, located at Rue des Champs Elysées 43 – 1050 Brussels – Belgium, has notified Solvay SA that on:

- March 16, 2018, Solvay Stock Option Management Sprl (SSOM) crossed downwards the statutory declaration threshold of 3% of the existing voting rights emitted by Solvay SA, for a total of 2.998370% (2.328% of direct voting rights + 0.67% of other financial instruments), whereby the combined holding by Solvac and SSOM reached 33.71% of the existing voting rights;
- March 19, 2018, SSOM crossed upwards the statutory declaration threshold of 3% of the existing voting rights emitted by Solvay SA, for a total of 3.000732% (2.3303% of direct voting rights + 0.67% of other financial instruments), whereby the combined holding by Solvac and SSOM reached 33.71% of the existing voting rights.

SOLVAC SA is presumed to exercise de facto control over Solvay SA, and therefore SSOM, on the basis of Article 5, §3, 2nd paragraph of the Belgian companies code.

The declaration by SOLVAC SA is published in the Investor Relations Section of Solvay's website.

1st Notification received on March 20, 2018

- Reason for the notification: Disposal of voting securities or voting rights
- Notified by: SOLVAC SA (Rue de Champs Elysées 43 – 1050 Brussel – Belgium)
- Persons subject to the notification requirement:

Name	Address (for legal entities)
SOLVAC SA	Rue de Champs Elysées 43 – 1050 Brussels – Belgium
SOLVAY SA	Rue de Ransbeek 310 – 1120 Neder-Over-Heembeek – Belgium
SOLVAY CHEMICALS INTERNATIONAL SA	Rue de Ransbeek 310 – 1120 Neder-Over-Heembeek – Belgium
SOLVAY STOCK OPTION MANAGEMENT SPRL	Rue de Ransbeek 310 – 1120 Neder-Over-Heembeek – Belgium

- Date on which the threshold is crossed: March 16, 2018
- Threshold crossed: 3% downward (lowest declaration threshold)
- Denominator: 105,876,416
- Notification details: The voting rights and equivalent financial instruments total 35,685,692 voting rights or 33.71%.

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
		# 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
SOLVAC SA	32,511,125	32,511,125		30.71%	
SOLVAY SA	0	0		0.00%	
SOLVAY CHEMICALS INTERNATIONAL SA	0	0		0.00%	
SOLVAY STOCK OPTION MANAGEMENT SPRL	2,473,949	2,464,693		2.33%	
Subtotal		34,975,818	0	33.03%	0.00%

Ce communiqué de presse est également disponible en français. - Dit persbericht is ook in het Nederlands beschikbaar.

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
Holders of equivalent financial instruments	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
SOLVAY STOCK OPTION MANAGEMENT SPRL	Call option	16/03/2020		150,000	0.14%	Physical
SOLVAY STOCK OPTION MANAGEMENT SPRL	Call option	24/03/2021		106,400	0.10%	Physical
SOLVAY STOCK OPTION MANAGEMENT SPRL	Call option	23/02/2022		95,760	0.09%	Physical
SOLVAY STOCK OPTION MANAGEMENT SPRL	Call option	24/02/2023		87,214	0.08%	Physical
SOLVAY STOCK OPTION MANAGEMENT SPRL	Call option	23/02/2024		190,500	0.18%	Physical
SOLVAY STOCK OPTION MANAGEMENT SPRL	Call option	21/02/2025		20,000	0.02%	Physical
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Subtotal				709,874	0.67%	

Chain of control

Solvay Stock Option Management SPRL is owned by Solvay Chemicals International SA (99.99%) and by Solvay Participations Belgique SA, which are themselves owned by Solvay SA (99.99%) and Financière Solvay SA.

Solvac SA is presumed to exercise de facto control over Solvay SA on the basis of Article 5, §3, 2nd paragraph of the Belgian companies code.

2nd Notification received on March 20, 2018

- Reason for the notification: Acquisition of voting securities or voting rights
- Notified by: SOLVAC SA (Rue de Champs Elysées 43 – 1050 Brussel – Belgium)
- Persons subject to the notification requirement:

Name	Address (for legal entities)
SOLVAC SA	Rue de Champs Elysées 43 – 1050 Brussels – Belgium
SOLVAY SA	Rue de Ransbeek 310 – 1120 Neder-Over-Heembeek – Belgium
SOLVAY CHEMICALS INTERNATIONAL SA	Rue de Ransbeek 310 – 1120 Neder-Over-Heembeek – Belgium
SOLVAY STOCK OPTION MANAGEMENT SPRL	Rue de Ransbeek 310 – 1120 Neder-Over-Heembeek – Belgium

- Date on which the threshold is crossed: March 19, 2018
- Threshold crossed: 3% upwards (lowest declaration threshold)
- Denominator: 105,876,416
- Notification details: The voting rights and equivalent financial instruments total 35,688,192 voting rights or 33.71%.

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SOLVAY SA	0	0		0.00%	
SOLVAY CHEMICALS INTERNATIONAL SA	0	0		0.00%	
SOLVAY STOCK OPTION MANAGEMENT SPRL	2,464,693	2,467,193		2.33%	
Subtotal		34,978,318	0	33.04%	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
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