

## PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION BY BLACKROCK INC.

**Brussels, Wednesday April 11, 2018, 8h00 CEST** --- 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 April 4, 2018 BlackRock Inc. crossed the 5% statutory threshold downwards with 4.37% of the total voting rights and 0.62% of equivalent financial instruments, or a total of 4.99%.

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

### Notification on April 6, 2018:

- Reason for the notification: Disposal 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 Sempole 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 4, 2018
- Threshold crossed: 5% downwards
- Denominator: 105,876,416

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→ Notification details: The voting rights and equivalent financial instruments total 5,285,827 voting rights or 4.99%.

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		0.00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	11,641	11,641		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	4,947	4,947		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	478,481	435,142		0.41%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	101,457	102,718		0.10%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	39,917	44,688		0.04%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	140,246	127,753		0.12%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	3,741	483		0.00%	
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	9	0		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	20,960	38,992		0.04%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	1,041,690	1,031,348		0.97%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	1,257,379	1,283,941		1.21%	
BlackRock International Limited	4,098	7,962		0.01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	29,082	32,912		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	1,332,100	1,316,331		1.24%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	110,868	82,874		0.08%	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,670,219</b>	<b>4,626,220</b>		<b>4.37%</b>	

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			165,246	0.16%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			383,661	0.36%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1,382	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			255	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			52,129	0.05%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			1,219	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			35,051	0.03%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			20,664	0.02%	cash
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>659,607</b>	<b>0.62%</b>	

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→ Chain of control:

BlackRock, Inc.	BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.	BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	BlackRock HK Holdco Limited
BlackRock Lux Finco S.a.r.l.	BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited
BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited	
BlackRock Japan Holdings GK	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	
	BlackRock, Inc.
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Trident Merger, LLC	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
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	BlackRock Group Limited
	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited
	BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG
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BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Group Limited	BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	BlackRock Canada Holdings LP
	BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC
	BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited
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BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	BlackRock Advisors, LLC
BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	
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BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.	BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.
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BlackRock Fund Advisors	BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.

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