

PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION BY BLACKROCK INC.

Brussels, Tuesday May 22, 2018, 08h30 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 May 15, 2018 BlackRock Inc. crossed downward the 3% statutory threshold for direct voting rights, holding 2.65%. Including equivalent financial instruments, the total voting rights stood at 4.87%, down from 4.98%.

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

Notification on May 17, 2018:

- Reason for the notification: Disposal of direct 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: May 15, 2018
- Threshold of direct voting rights crossed: 3% downwards
- Denominator: 105,876,416

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→ Notification details: The voting rights and equivalent financial instruments total 5,159,708 voting rights or 4.87%.

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.	12,435	12,435		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	4,947	4,947		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	618,199	349,965		0.33%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	101,481	101,427		0.10%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	47,139	19,271		0.02%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	127,313	126,995		0.12%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	570	483		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	34,186	34,269		0.03%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	1,034,698	1,035,194		0.98%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	1,125,199	534,558		0.50%	
BlackRock International Limited	7,962	8,518		0.01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	31,328	31,328		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	1,387,963	356,419		0.34%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	82,322	83,934		0.08%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	125,206	105,149		0.10%	
Subtotal	4,740,948	2,804,892		2.65%	

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			300,798	0.28%	physical
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	Securities Lent			28,097	0.03%	physical
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Securities Lent			670,000	0.63%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			1,321,551	1.25%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1,382	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			384	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			9,205	0.01%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			81	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1,458	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			21,860	0.02%	cash
Subtotal				2,354,816	2.22%	

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→ Chain of control:

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
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 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 Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
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

BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC
BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC
BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.
BlackRock Fund Advisors

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

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BlackRock HK Holdco Limited
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited

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BlackRock Canada Holdings LP
BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited

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BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.
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Solvay is headquartered in Brussels with around 26,800 employees in 61 countries. Net sales were €10.1 billion in 2017, with 90% from activities where Solvay ranks among the world's top 3 leaders, resulting in an EBITDA margin of 22%. Solvay SA ([SOLB.BE](#)) is listed on Euronext Brussels and Paris Bloomberg: [SOLB.BB](#) - Reuters: [SOLB.BR](#)) and in the United States its shares ([SOLVY](#)) are traded through a level-1 ADR program.

Financial figures take into account the announced divestment of Polyamides

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