



Acquisition of Chemlogics

Extending customised solutions portfolio for the Oil & Gas chemicals industry

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Further step in strategic portfolio realignment

With U.S.-based Chemlogics, Solvay extends its leadership in Oil & Gas chemical solutions.

The acquisition accelerates Solvay's in-depth transformation towards a higher growth, less capital intensive and greater returns Group.



Agenda

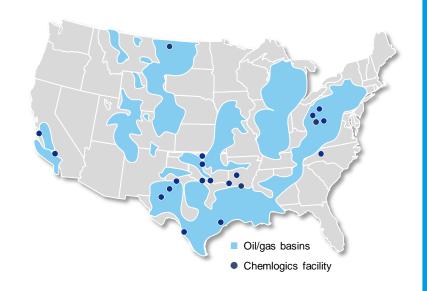
- Chemlogics overview
- Transaction strategic rationale
- Financial considerations
- Conclusions



Chemlogics in a nutshell

Leading player in U.S. Oil & Gas chemicals industry

- Products and services facilitating oil & gas extraction, especially non-conventional
- "Lab-to-Well" offer, serving tailored solutions to over 400 players
- Dynamic innovation addressing water management and other sustainability challenges in the Oil & Gas market



Key financials*

- ~\$500 million Sales
- ~\$125 million EBITDA
- Sales & EBITDA double-digit CAGR over 2009-2013

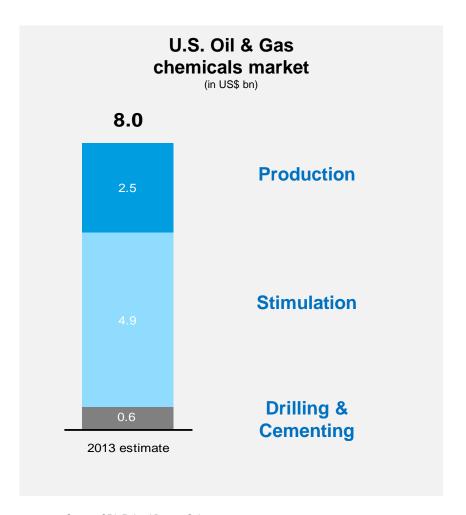
Business set-up

- 3 production sites; 8 formulation centres; 6 R&D centres
 - Located close to customers
 - 277 employees



^{*} Last-twelve-months figures

Chemlogics's offering complementing Solvay Novecare

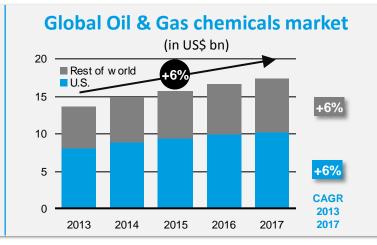




Source: SRI, Roland Berger, Solvay



Global Oil & Gas chemicals market poised for fast growth



US Oil & Gas chemicals market to grow at 6% CAGR

- Shale revolution has helped to boost the U.S. economy
- The U.S. has a robust service sector with the world's largest rig fleet and significant investments from U.S. companies
- Tighter environmental regulation will drive future product innovation

Current Resources

(bn tons oil equivalent)



Vast unexploited shale reserves outside U.S.

- Current market outside U.S. mainly based on conventional drilling
- Some countries already foreseen to develop horizontal drilling (Australia, China, Argentina...)

Source: EIA, BP, SRI, Roland Berger, Solvay



Chemlogics offers strong business fit and synergies

	Novecare	Chemlogics
Product portfolio	Focus on guar, biocides, green solvents and cementing technologies	Leader in friction reducers and non-emulsifiers
Customer focus	Primarily Tier 1 OFS* customers	Focus on broader customer base: Tier 1, 2 and 3 OFS* customers
Geographical coverage	Global	U.S.
Know-how	Strong R&D knowledge, especially on gelling agents	Strong formulation know-how for small/mid-sized drillers
Capabilities	Recognized quality and service by major international customers	Strong innovation, technical service and specialty chemical formulation

Significant share of growing Oil & Gas chemicals market Important synergies identified



^{*} OFS Oil Field Service

Novecare, a growth engine with a well-defined value-creating strategy and track-record









Financial considerations

- Enterprise value of \$1,345 million
 - 10.7x EBITDA*
 - 8.7x EBITDA*, including present value of tax benefit
 - Significant synergies identified
- Financing of the transaction
 - Available cash
 - Intention to issue hybrid bonds up to €1 billion, to strengthen balance sheet ahead of debt repayments
- Closing
 - Transaction subject to customary closing conditions, including anti-trust clearance in U.S.
 - Expected to be closed by YE 2013



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Take-aways

Chemlogics acquisition further improves Solvay's business and financial profile

- Strong growth prospects in U.S. and emerging regions
- Above average EBITDA margin
- Low capital intensity
- Accretive to Solvay's cash and earnings from year one

Accelerating Solvay's transformation



Forthcoming 2013 key events

25 October 2013
Q3 results publication

27 November 2013

Capital Markets Day (change of date)

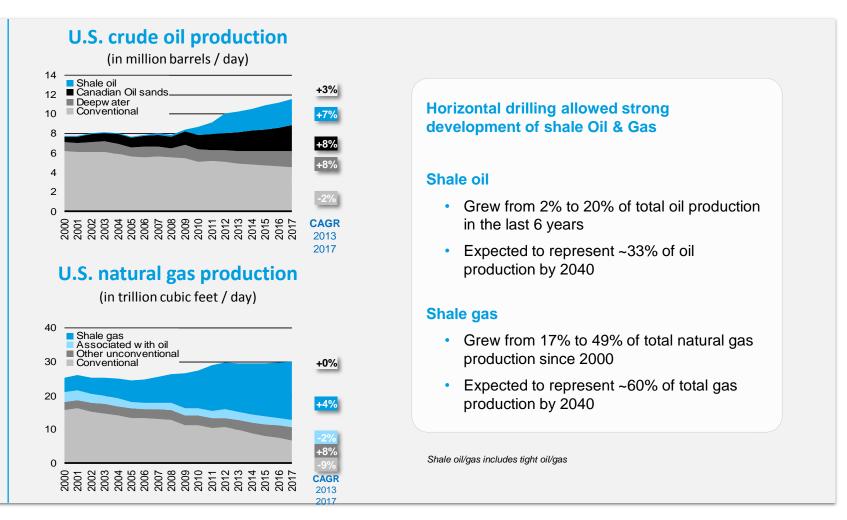








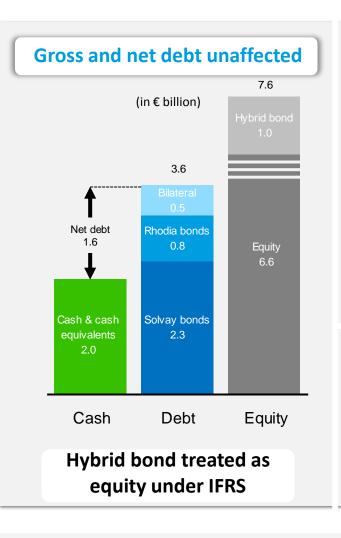
Horizontal drilling triggers strong growth of shale Oil & Gas

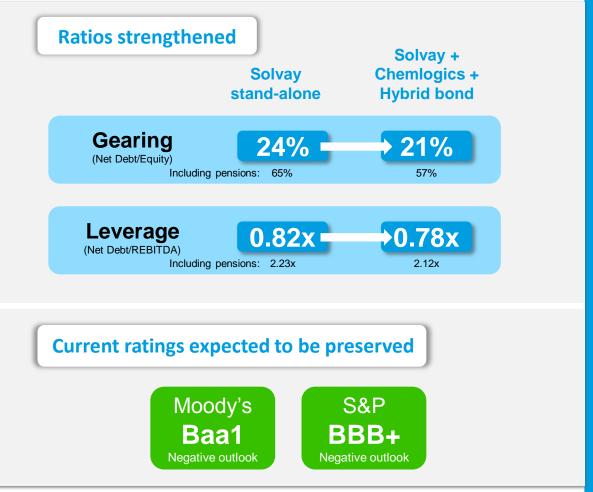


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Hybrid leads to higher financial flexibility, credit rating expected to be preserved





Q2 2013 pro forma figures



Financial flexibility allows for repayment of upcoming maturing or callable debt





