

## Solvay raises structural adhesives capacity with new automated UK plant, supporting acceleration of customers' aerospace programs

**Brussels, September 20, 2018** --- Solvay today inaugurates its state-of-the-art manufacturing center for aerospace structural adhesives and surfacing films in Wrexham, United Kingdom. Together with the existing plant in Havre De Grace, United States, this investment broadens Solvay's footprint and strengthens its leadership position in this growing and demanding global market.

The center is purpose-built and automated, supported by robotic and digital systems. This step-change in the manufacturing process optimizes the production and supply chain security of aerospace structural adhesives, surfacing films and lightning strike protection for composite structures.

*"Solvay's new center, equipped with cutting edge technologies, industrializes our manufacturing capabilities of structural adhesive and surfacing materials. It provides the quality and reliability our global aerospace customers need to meet the increasing rates of their aircraft programs and support their production system,"* said Carmelo Lo Faro, head of Solvay's Composite Materials Global Business Unit.

The center is fully commissioned and moving towards commercialization later this year.

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