

Solvay to lift PVDF capacity in Europe by 35% addressing booming demand growth for electric vehicle batteries

Brussels, September 24, 2018 --- Solvay will raise production capacity of its [Solef® PVDF](#) (polyvinylidene fluoride) high performance polymers in France, by more than 35% to meet strong global demand growth mainly for applications in lithium-ion [batteries for electric vehicles](#), reinforcing its technological leadership and customer support worldwide.

“Solvay’s decision to lift capacity of Solef® PVDF in Tavaux by well over a third, shows our continuous commitment to address the increasing needs of our customers worldwide from our plants in Europe, North America and, since last year, Asia,” said Michael Finelli, President of Solvay’s Specialty Polymers Global Business Unit.

The new capacity, from investing in new assets, should be operational by end of 2019.

Solef® PVDF optimizes [energy storage efficiency](#) and reduces battery weight in electric vehicles or consumer electronics. Other growing applications include [offshore oil and gas pipes and liners](#) and [membranes](#) for water purification.

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