

The divestment of Polyamides moves forward

Brussels, October 16, 2018 --- The divestment of Solvay's polyamide business to BASF is moving forward, as BASF has offered remedies involving part of the assets originally included in the scope of the acquisition, to address the competition concerns the European Commission has raised following an in-depth Phase II investigation.

The European Commission is now examining these remedies and submitting them to market testing before completing its review procedure.

The assets concerned by the remedies include innovation capabilities and manufacturing assets of Solvay's polyamide intermediate and engineering plastics business in Europe. The activities included in the proposed remedy scope are able to compete as successful stand-alone businesses under third party ownership.

For BASF and Solvay this is a further step towards obtaining European Commission clearance for their agreement, which is now expected early in 2019.

Both companies will continue to run their businesses separately until completion of the transaction, which also involves consultation with employee representatives.

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