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## Solvay to supply its Baton Rouge US plant with Solar Energy

**Lyon, France, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018** --- Solvay's Baton Rouge plant is going solar to produce its Rhovanil® vanillin & Rhodiarome® Ethylvanillin while having a lower environmental impact.

Following on Solvay's commitment for a sustainable approach by drastically reducing its carbon emissions, the Aroma Performance Global Business Unit will be powering its Baton Rouge plant, Louisiana - USA, with renewable electricity (Rec's) coming from a 71.4 MW solar farm: Jasper County, South Carolina.

*"We are proud to be part of Solvay's engagement to cutting its greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by 1Mt CO2 by 2025, compared to 2017," said Peter Browning, Aroma Performance GBU President. "From January 2019, 75% of Baton Rouge plant's electricity will be supplied by renewable energy, consequently saving 14kt of CO2 emissions per year. Decarbonizing the upstream value chain of our products gives an additional value to Rhovanil® and Rhodiarome® and meets the increasing demand from our customers to reach a diminished carbon emissions objective."*

Among an unrivalled portfolio of vanillin and natural vanillin based solutions, Rhovanil® and Rhodiarome are references in the Food industry. They bring a universally loved flavour of authentic vanilla to bakery, confectionery, desserts, and beverages with consistent high quality.

To learn more about Solvay's broad portfolio of natural and functional vanillin solutions, please visit [solvay.com](http://solvay.com) .

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Designing vanillin-based solutions since 1884, Solvay Aroma Performance was the first to synthesize and produce the vanillin molecule on an industrial scale. Solvay is the only producer mastering in a single site the whole manufacturing chain — from raw material and Guaiacol to its historic flagship brands Rhovanil® and Rhodiarome®. The Aroma Performance Global business unit operates facilities in Saint-Fons (France), Baton Rouge (USA) and Zhenjiang (China).

**About Solvay:**

Solvay is a multi-specialty chemical company, committed to developing chemistry that addresses key societal challenges. Solvay innovates and partners with customers in diverse global end markets. Its products and solutions are used in planes, cars, smart and medical devices, batteries, in mineral and oil extraction, among many other applications promoting sustainability. Its lightweighting materials enhance cleaner mobility, its formulations optimize the use of resources and its performance chemicals improve air and water quality. Solvay is headquartered in Brussels with around 24,500 employees in 58 countries. Net sales were € 10.1 billion in 2017, with 90% from activities where Solvay ranks among the world's top 3 leaders. Solvay SA ([SOLB.BE](https://www.solb.be)) is listed on Euronext Brussels and Paris (Bloomberg: [SOLB.BB](https://www.solb.bb) - Reuters: [SOLB.BR](https://www.solb.br)) and in the United States its shares (SOLVY) are traded through a level-1 ADR program.

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