



Solvay Receives Two Henkel Awards Acknowledging Innovations in Home Care and Beauty Care

Princeton, February 13th, 2020 - Solvay was honored as a best-in-class supplier by Henkel with the presentation of two awards, one for "Best Innovation Contributor Beauty Care" and the other for "Sustainability" in laundry and home care, during a ceremony at the 2020 annual convention of the American Cleaning Institute (ACI) in Orlando, Florida (USA).

Solvay is the proud recipient of Henkel's "Best Innovation Contributor Beauty Care" award, recognizing [Polycare® Split Therapy](#), a natural, functional active ingredient for shampoos, conditioners and serum that efficiently repairs damaged hair. The versatile guar derivative offers end-consumers instant perceivable and durable split-end repair properties, as well as a pleasant texture.

"Polycare® Split Therapy produces a specific interaction with the chemistry of split surfaces, creating capillarity that brings the split parts back together," said Galder Cristobal, Research & Innovation Director, Home & Personal Care at Solvay. *"After the hair has dried, Polycare® Split Therapy remains on the fibers, forming a thin film and bridging across the parts of a split, locking the split in a closed state."*

"Polycare® Split Therapy perfectly illustrates how our new innovation and evaluation strategy can bear fruit," added Stephanie Neplaz, Global Marketing Director, Hair Care. *"We expect that this is just the beginning of the many successes our strategy will bring in the future."*

Solvay also received Henkel's Laundry and Home Care "Sustainability Award" for a grade of [Mirapol® Surf](#), a preservative-free additive that can visibly improve shine. When applied on a surface – whether glass or ceramic – this sustainable and safe polymer creates a water-sheeting phenomenon that increases surface shine and reduces the adhesion of oily substances while increasing water affinity. The surface becomes more resistant to the adhesion of greasy substances, dries faster and stays clean longer.

The grade of Mirapol® Surf recognized by Henkel is biocide-free and eliminates the addition of preservatives. Products formulated with the polymer are safer and comply with ecolabel requirements.



"This helps save water and reduces the carbon footprint in use by the consumer," explained Prof. Dr. Thomas Müller-Kirschbaum, Corporate Senior Vice President R&D Laundry & Home Care at Henkel.

"We are honored to receive these two awards from Henkel," said Niclas Wallén, Henkel Global Key Account Director at Solvay. "This acknowledges the strength of our partnership and our commitment to focus on bringing more sustainable and innovative products to the Home and Personal Care market."



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About Solvay

Solvay is an advanced materials and specialty chemicals company, committed to developing chemistry that addresses key societal challenges. Solvay innovates and partners with customers worldwide in many diverse end-markets. Its products are used in planes, cars, batteries, smart and medical devices, as well as in mineral and oil and gas extraction, enhancing efficiency and sustainability. Its lightweighting materials promote 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 61 countries. Net sales were €10.3 billion in 2018, with 90% from activities where Solvay ranks among the world's top 3 leaders, resulting in an EBITDA margin of 22%. Solvay SA (**SOLB.BE**) is listed on Euronext Brussels and Paris Bloomberg: **SOLB.BB** - Reuters: **SOLB.BR**), and in the United States its shares (**SOLVY**) are traded through a level-1 ADR program. (Figures take into account the planned divestment of Polyamides).

About Henkel

Henkel operates globally with a well-balanced and diversified portfolio. The company holds leading positions with its three business units in both industrial and consumer businesses thanks to strong brands, innovations and technologies. Henkel Adhesive Technologies is the global leader in the adhesives market – across all industry segments worldwide. In its Laundry & Home Care and Beauty Care businesses, Henkel holds leading positions in many markets and categories around the world. Founded in 1876, Henkel looks back on more than 140 years of success. In 2018, Henkel reported sales of around 20 billion euros and adjusted operating profit of around 3.5 billion euros. Henkel employs around 53,000 people globally – a passionate and highly diverse team, united by a strong company culture, a common purpose to create sustainable value, and shared values. As a recognized leader in sustainability, Henkel holds top positions in many international indices and rankings. Henkel's preferred shares are listed in the German stock index DAX. For more information, please visit www.henkel.com



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