

PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION BY BLACKROCK INC.

Brussels, Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 08h30 CEST --- According to Belgian transparency legislation (Law of May 2, 2007), BlackRock Inc. (55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.) has notified Solvay S.A. that:

- On September 25, 2018 BlackRock Inc. crossed upwards the 3% statutory threshold for direct voting rights, holding 3.24%. Including equivalent financial instruments, the total voting rights stood at 3.40%.

Declarations by BlackRock Inc. are published in the Investor Relations Section of Solvay's website.

Notification on September 27, 2018:

- Reason for the notification: Acquisition of direct voting rights
- Notified by: BlackRock Inc. (55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.)
- Persons subject to the notification requirement:

Name	Address (for legal entities)
BlackRock, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	Rembrandt Tower, 17th floor, Amstelplein, Amsterdam, Netherlands
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	20 Anson Road #18-01, Singapore, 79912, Singapore
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE, 19809, U.S.A.
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S1, Canada
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	Max-Joseph-Straße 6, Munich, 80333, Germany
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	15/F, 16/F, 17/F Citibank Tower & 17/F ICBC Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, 19809, U.S.A.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock Fund Advisors	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock International Limited	Exchange Place One, 1 Seiple Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	Level 37, Chifley Tower, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney NSW 2000 Australia
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	1 University Square Drive, Princeton, NJ, 8540, U.S.A.
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	1-8-3 Marunouchi Chiyoda-ku, Trust Tower Main, Tokyo, 100-8217, Japan

- Date on which the threshold is crossed: September 25, 2018
- Threshold of direct voting rights crossed: 3% upwards
- Denominator: 105,876,416

→ Notification details: The voting rights and equivalent financial instruments total 3,594,569 voting rights or 3.40%.

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
	# of voting rights	# of voting rights		% of voting rights	
Holders of voting rights		Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities
BlackRock, Inc.	0	0		0.00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	11,582	11,582		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	5,619	5,619		0.01%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	511,535	652,686		0.62%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	55,528	55,537		0.05%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	42,041	42,041		0.04%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	139,997	128,646		0.12%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	856	3,703		0.00%	
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	0	428		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	19,877	21,115		0.02%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	928,439	923,555		0.87%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	1,071,201	1,046,350		0.99%	
BlackRock International Limited	2,392	2,392		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	26,595	26,039		0.02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	181,789	204,898		0.19%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	81,516	103,997		0.10%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	97,231	203,417		0.19%	
Subtotal	3,176,198	3,432,005		3.24%	

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
Holders of equivalent financial instruments	Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise period or date	# of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised	% of voting rights	Settlement
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			96,539	0.09%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			16,880	0.02%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			871	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			861	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			18,704	0.02%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			176	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			28,533	0.03%	cash
Subtotal				162.564	0.15%	

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→ Chain of control:

BlackRock, Inc.	BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	BlackRock Advisors, LLC
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.	BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	
BlackRock Lux Finco S.a.r.l.	BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Japan Holdings GK	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
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BlackRock Group Limited	BlackRock Group Limited
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited
	BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG
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BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	BlackRock Canada Holdings LP
	BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC
	BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited
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BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
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Solvay is headquartered in Brussels with around 26,800 employees in 61 countries. Net sales were €10.1 billion in 2017, 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.

Financial figures take into account the announced divestment of Polyamides

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