

Solvay integrates its PA6.10 production line in Lyon

Lyon (France), April 25 2013 --- **Solvay** decided to invest in a PA6.10 production unit on Saint-Fons Belle-Etoile Platform (Lyon – France).

Solvay Polyamide & Intermediates decided to invest in the production unit of PA6.10, a bio based polymer, to better serve its customers seeking for more ecofriendly solutions.

This investment is the final phase of an efficient and rigorous piloting and sampling process which confirmed our commitment to integrate a PA6.10 production line using state-of-the-art technologies. This strategic unit will contribute to broadening the company's product offer and strengthening its commitment to environmental care.

"This investment is part of our continuous efforts to build on our product capabilities and develop a greener chemistry" explains **Christophe Bertrand**, Solvay Polyamide & Intermediates Industrial Director. Indeed, a standardized measurement on pure PA 6.10 resin has confirmed that 62.5% of its carbon is from a renewable source. In addition to reducing its carbon footprint, this material helps to reduce the use of non-renewable resources compared with other polyamides that are entirely petrochemical-based.

More than a new asset, this decision is a step forward in the Solvay deep rooted culture of responsible chemistry.

SOLVAY POLYAMIDE & INTERMEDIATES is a major global producer of polyamide 6.6 intermediates and polymers focused on being a reliable partner to customers worldwide. P&I develops and provides polyamide 66 intermediates from HMD, Adipic acid, Nylon Salt down to polymers through its 7 industrial plants, 3 research & development centers and 7 sales offices in the world.

Thanks to its fully integrated value chain, P&I is a major player on engineering plastics, textile, industrial yarns and performance fibers markets with its long lasting polymer range **Stabamid®** and its new intermediates product offer: **Rhodiamine™** & **Rhodiacid™** stretching the limits of its customers' imagination.

As an international chemical group, **SOLVAY** assists industry in finding and implementing ever more responsible and value-creating solutions. The Group is firmly committed to sustainable development and focused on innovation and operational excellence. Solvay serves diversified markets, generating 90% of its turnover in activities where it is one of the top three worldwide. The group is headquartered in Brussels, employs about 29,000 people in 55 countries and generated 12.4 billion euros in net sales in 2012. Solvay SA SOLB.BE is listed on NYSE EURONEXT in Brussels and Paris (Bloomberg: SOLB.BB - Reuters: SOLbt.BR).

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