

Solvay launches an energy efficiency program at its Chalampé plant in France

Lyon (France) - June 21, 2013 --- Solvay Polyamide & Intermediates is investing in the adipic acid production line at its industrial plant in Chalampé, France. The intended capital investment aims at reinforcing cost leadership by significantly reducing the site's energy consumption.

The investment will result in a further improvement of the Adipic Acid manufacturing process contributing to Polyamide & Intermediates' strategic positioning. It demonstrates the Group's commitment to operational excellence through energy efficiency programs and carbon footprint reduction initiatives.

"This new process will result in an 8MW reduction of energy consumption per year as well as 11,000-ton reduction in CO₂ emissions," points out Christophe Bertrand, Industrial Director of Polyamide & Intermediates. The intervention, which will require a complete shutdown of the manufacturing process, will take place in the fourth quarter of 2013 and will last about one month.

This project is part of Solvay Group's initiative to achieve a €100M REBITDA improvement of its polyamide business by 2014. It marks the first major investment in productivity and efficiency, targeting business leadership and profitability as well as Sustainable development in line with the Group Solvay Way target.

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 industries 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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