

SOLVAY UPGRADES RHODIASOLV® CPT.XP, ITS CYCLOPENTANONE GRADE, FOR ELECTRONIC MARKETS SPECIFIC NEEDS

Lyon, France – January 7, 2014 – Solvay announces the upgrade of Rhodiasolv® CPT.XP, its cyclopentanone electronics grade. Its unique properties have been reinforced to meet the stringent requirements of electronics demanding markets, notably in terms of purity, reducing significantly water and chloride contents.

Rhodiasolv® CPT.XP is mainly used in semiconductor industry as part of photo-resist applications. It provides drastic specifications - water under 0,05% and chloride content under 100ppb- thus supporting the key electronics players with reliable high quality products.

“Our willingness is to anticipate our customers’ specific requirements. With this upgrade, Rhodiasolv® CPT.XP reliably supports the fast-growing and innovating electronics market” says Matthieu HELFT, R&I Director.

Solvay’s Global Business Unit (GBU), Aroma Performance, leading the global Cyclopentanone market thanks to continuous improvement, has been accompanying electronic industries for more than 25 years.

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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