

## Solvay commits to reinforced ICCA Responsible Care Global Charter

**Brussels, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014** --- Solvay has ascribed to the new International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) Responsible Care Global Charter, which reinforces the commitment of multinational chemical companies to continuously improve their health, safety and environmental (HSE) performance worldwide. Solvay has been a signatory of the ICCA charter since its inception in 2007.

The charter clarifies the role and responsibilities of global chemical players in implementing its HSE requirements on their sites to protect staff and communities, in product life-cycles to benefit users, consumers and the environment as well as in the safe management of manufacturing processes.

*"A solid health, safety and environment track record is a prerequisite for a chemical company to be allowed and able to run its business,"* said Jean-Pierre Clamadieu, CEO of Solvay. *"The revised world charter reflects the chemical industry's willingness to move towards the common ambition of managing and handling chemicals safely and efficiently."*

By recommitting to the new charter, Solvay shows its resolve to strengthen the Responsible Care initiative across the globe and to further improve its own HSE performance in all the countries where it does business, also in dialogue with communities, authorities and other stakeholders.

The charter will be launched at the International Conference on Chemicals Management in September 2015 in Geneva. With Jean-Pierre Clamadieu as sponsor of the ICCA's Responsible Care Leadership Group and member of the ICCA Board, Solvay played a key role in the Charter's revision.

Solvay has been developing and strengthening its Responsible Care policy for more than 20 years now. It reinforced it in 2012 through eight new well-defined policies in HSE, embedded throughout the Group. Responsible Care is part of the Group's sustainability strategy "Solvay Way".

*"By working as much as possible with all stakeholders and involving our business partners throughout the value chain, we can drive and promote the safe handling of chemicals throughout their life-cycle,"* said Gerard Collette, head of Solvay's Industrial Function.

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