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Rhenus Logistics and Solvay conclude a logistics partnership concerning Solvay's Saint-Fons industrial platform

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On January 1st 2014, the Solvay Chemical Group entrusted the logistics management of its Saint-Fons industrial platform south of Lyon to Rhenus Logistics.

Subsequent to a call for tenders issued in 2013, Rhenus Logistics has now taken over the industrial platform's logistics operations. The platform manufactures flavors for the food industry and intermediate products for the pharmaceutical and chemical industries. Rhenus Logistics personnel provide onsite 24/7 service including the packaging of products in bags, boxes, drums and big bags, along with their removal and warehousing on site and the preparation of customer orders.

In-plant logistics: a specialty of Rhenus Logistics

On the strength of its longstanding position as an in-plant logistics provider at Solvay's industrial platform in Tavaux near Dôle (Jura), Rhenus Logistics amply demonstrated its ability to meet the needs expressed by Solvay for the Saint-Fons plant.

Setting up a logistics provider in the midst of industrial activity requires irreproachable professionalism and quality of service from the latter.

At Tavaux, the Rhenus Logistics teams are fully integrated into the industrial process and provide high value-added services through their transport and logistics expertise. Constantly proactive and in close step with the client's goals, the logistics provider counsels the client on its investments and on ongoing improvements to the site's productivity.

This strong, durable partner relationship convinced the Solvay group's decision-makers to renew their confidence in Rhenus Logistics for the logistics management of the Saint-Fons site.

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"This quality partnership concluded with an exemplary provider of logistics and people management services plays a significant role in making Solvay a leading player in its field," affirmed Philippe Lorieau, Director of the Solvay industrial platform.

About Rhenus

The Rhenus Group provides logistics services around the globe and has annual turnover amounting to EUR 4 billion. Rhenus employs over 24,000 people at more than 350 locations worldwide. The Rhenus business areas -Contract Logistics, Freight Logistics, Port Logistics and Public Transport manage complex supply chains and provide a wealth of innovative valueadded services.

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About Solvay

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 29,400 people in 56 countries and generated 9.9 billion euros in net sales in 2013. Solvay SA (SOLB.BE) is listed on NYSE Euronext in Brussels and Paris (Bloomberg: SOLB.BB - Reuters: SOLBt.BR).

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