

Solvay's GBU Special Chem has launched a partnership with one of the world's leading electronics producers

Brussels, July 27, 2015 --- Solvay's GBU Special Chem has launched a partnership with one of the world's leading electronics producers, under which Solvay will build a high volume High Purity H₂O₂ plant in Italy to meet the fast growing demand of their facilities.

The electronic wet chemicals business has been a growth engine for the Solvay GBU Special Chem. Its technology and quality standards have been permanently upgraded following the needs of its customers in the semiconductor area and over the last four years new high purity plants have been built in Phosphoric Acid, H₂O₂, HF and Ammonium Fluoride in USA, Europe and China. As a result, the GBU's sales of electronic wet chemicals have nearly doubled over this period and are expected to double again by 2018.

The GBU Special Chem supplies a range of products to the electronics industry including high purity fluor gases, rare earth oxides and dopants, electronic wet chemicals and active ingredients for passive components and for CMP and polishing slurries.

Steve Dobson, Business Manager Electronics for GBU Special Chem comments, "This is another welcome validation of our technology and demonstrates that we continue to support customers operating at the very leading edge of the electronics industry."

Rodrigo Elizondo, Commercial Director of the GBU Special Chem adds, "We are looking forward to this new partnership and believe that this can in the future be extended to include additional locations and additional electronic materials."

SOLVAY Special Chem is world leader in selected specialities based on Fluorine, Rare Earths, Strontium and Barium. The GBU leverages its distinctive knowledge to provide specialized products and solutions to selected industries, such as: rare earth-based formulations for use in automotive catalysts, luminophores and polishing, Nocolok® Fluxes for automotive heat exchangers, Solkane® 365 as foam blowing agent in thermal insulation foams, fluorinated intermediates for agrochemicals and pharmaceuticals, process chemicals for semiconductors, barium salts for electronic passive components, etc.

As an international chemical group, **SOLVAY** assists industries in finding and implementing ever more responsible and value-creating solutions. Solvay generates 90% of its net sales in activities where it is among the world's top three players. It serves many markets, varying from energy and the environment to automotive and aerospace or electricity and electronics, with one goal: to raise the performance of its clients and improve society's quality of life. The group is headquartered in Brussels, employs about 26,000 people in 52 countries and generated 10.2 billion euros in net sales in 2014. Solvay SA **SOLB.BE** is listed on **EURONEXT** in Brussels and Paris (Bloomberg: **SOLB.BB** - Reuters: **SOLB.BR**).

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