

Solvay inaugurates South-East Asia's largest sodium bicarbonate plant

Brussels, September 15, 2015 --- Solvay inaugurates South-East Asia's largest sodium bicarbonate plant based in Thailand to meet growing demand for high-quality products, in healthcare, food and other consumer goods markets throughout Asia.

Located on Solvay's existing site in Map Ta Phut Industrial Estate, Rayong province, the plant with an annual production capacity of 100,000 tons, benefits from strong synergies in infrastructure, utilities and supply chain. Solvay invested € 20 million in this plant which uses Solvay's new generation **BICAR®** production technology that minimizes waste generation, optimizes energy recovery and maximizes yield. The project has the full support of the Board of Investment in Thailand.

"The addition of South-East Asia's largest sodium bicarbonate plant complements our existing presence in Europe and in the United States and creates a new platform to further grow our business in Asia. Our unique global industrial network of nine sodium bicarbonate plants takes us even closer to our global and local customers. In addition, we are bringing them high-quality products and services and best certification standards, along with a reinforced security of supply," said Christophe Clemente, President of Solvay's Soda Ash & Derivatives Global Business Unit.

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SOLVAY SODA ASH & DERIVATIVES is a world leader in its sector, producing soda ash serving the glass, detergent and chemical markets and developing solutions based on sodium bicarbonate and trona serving the healthcare, food, animal feed, and flue gas cleaning markets. SA&D has 11 industrial sites worldwide, more than 3,500 employees and serves 90 countries.

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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