

Solvay invests in energy-efficient gas turbine at its soda ash plant in Italy

Brussels – December 1st, 2016 --- Solvay announces an investment in a new energy-efficient gas turbine at its soda ash plant in Rosignano, Italy, securing the plant's current production capacity and long-term competitiveness on local and export markets.

This investment was facilitated by Rosignano's enhanced competitiveness following a breakthrough cost saving program at the site.

"Our continued investments in our world-class assets demonstrate Solvay's commitment to remaining a reliable and competitive supplier of high-quality soda ash for its customers worldwide," said Christophe Clemente, President of Solvay's Global Business Unit Soda Ash & Derivatives.

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An international chemical and advanced materials company, Solvay assists its customers in innovating, developing and delivering high-value, sustainable products and solutions which consume less energy and reduce CO2 emissions, optimize the use of resources and improve the quality of life. Solvay serves diversified global end markets, including automotive and aerospace, consumer goods and healthcare, energy and environment, electricity and electronics, building and construction as well as industrial applications. Solvay is headquartered in Brussels with about 30,900 employees spread across 53 countries. It generated pro forma net sales of € 12.4 bn in 2015, with 90% made from activities where it ranks among the world's top 3 players. Solvay SA (**SOLB.BE**) is listed on Euronext in Brussels and Paris (Bloomberg: **SOLB.BB** - Reuters: **SOLB.BR**).

Solvay Soda Ash and Derivatives (SA&D) 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.

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