

## Press Release

### Solvay is selling its trademark Bi-Ex® to ProPHOS Chemicals

**Paris - 25 October, 2017** --- Solvay and ProPHOS Chemicals announce that they have reached a sales agreement about the trademark Bi-Ex®, which includes the transfer of Solvay's trademark rights to ProPHOS. Bi-Ex® is a powder used as an extinguisher agent for class BC fires.

By purchasing this widely recognized trademark and producing Bi-Ex® from Solvay sodium bicarbonate Bicar®, ProPHOS Chemicals will reinforce its leading position in the segment of the firefighting market. The sale will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

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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 30,000 employees spread across 53 countries. In 2014, the company posted pro forma net sales of close to € 12 billion, 90% of which was generated 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 12 industrial sites worldwide, more than 3,300 employees and serves 90 countries.

**PROPHOS CHEMICALS S.R.L. (PROPHOS)**, a young, dynamic and innovative company based in northern Italy, is an eco-minded producer of firefighting powders, micro granular fertilizers and flame-retardant materials. The company for more than 20 years has been producing dry powders for outbreaks of all classes of fire. In 2012, ProPHOS has been qualified with certificate to the "ethical social label" standard in relation to its vision. Such business behavior creates a commercial network that supports the process of internationalization, in place both at the European level and worldwide. New solutions for improvement and increased performance of fire extinguishing powders, flame retardants and fertilizers are studied on a daily basis by ProPHOS R&D team. The company is the owner of some patents. ProPHOS operates according to the requirements of UNI EN ISO 9001:2015 standard and UNI EN 615:2009. The quality of products is confirmed by the approvals obtained by the European certifying bodies such as MPA Dresden (Germany), CNPP (France), and TSE (Turkey). In 2016 ProPHOS won an European competition (HORIZON 2020 – Sme Instrument program) with the project "PhoSave – Innovative solution for phosphate recovery from exhausted extinguishing powders".

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