

PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION BY BLACKROCK INC.

Brussels, Thursday January 18, 2018, 8h00 CET --- According to the Belgian transparency legislation in force (Law of May 2, 2007), BlackRock Inc. (55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.) has notified Solvay S.A. that:

- On January 12, 2018 the number of direct voting rights held by BlackRock Inc. crossed downward the 3% statutory threshold. Including voting rights held through equivalent financial instruments, BlackRock Inc. remained above the 3% statutory threshold, however, detaining 4.69% of the existing voting rights emitted by Solvay S.A.
- On January 15, 2018 the number of direct voting rights held by BlackRock Inc. crossed upward the 3% statutory threshold. Including voting rights held through equivalent financial instruments, BlackRock Inc. detains 4.69% of the existing voting rights emitted by Solvay S.A.

The declarations by BlackRock Inc. are published in the Investor Relations Section of Solvay's website.

Notification on January 15, 2018:

- Reason for the notification: Disposal of voting securities or voting rights
- Notified by: BlackRock Inc. (55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.)
- Persons subject to the notification requirement:

Name	Address (for legal entities)
BlackRock, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	Rembrandt Tower, 17th floor, Amstelplein, Amsterdam, Netherlands
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	20 Anson Road #18-01, Singapore, 79912, Singapore
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE, 19809, U.S.A.
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S1, Canada
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	Max-Joseph-Straße 6, Munich, 80333, Germany
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	15/F, 16/F, 17/F Citibank Tower & 17/F ICBC Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock Fund Advisors	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock International Limited	Exchange Place One, 1 Seemple Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	Level 37, Chifley Tower, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney NSW 2000 Australia
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	1 University Square Drive, Princeton, NJ, 8540, U.S.A.
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	1-8-3 Marunouchi Chiyoda-ku, Trust Tower Main, Tokyo, 100-8217, Japan

- Date on which the threshold is crossed: January 12, 2018
- Threshold crossed: 3% downwards (lowest declaration threshold)
- Denominator: 105,876,416

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→ Notification details: The voting rights and equivalent financial instruments total 4,967,803 voting rights or 4.69%.

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
	# of voting rights	# of voting rights		% of voting rights	
Holders of voting rights		Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities
BlackRock, Inc.	0	0		0.00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	10,456	10,456		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	3,689	5,082		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	226,935	149,027		0.14%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	77,380	101,638		0.10%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	38,234	4,267		0.00%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	123,350	134,172		0.13%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	37,200	496		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	3,958	9,450		0.01%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	1,002,807	1,015,016		0.96%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	1,079,008	716,796		0.68%	
BlackRock International Limited	2,392	4,098		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	25,903	28,025		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	812,014	560,873		0.53%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	79,607	80,977		0.08%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	22,870	89,899		0.08%	
Subtotal	3,545,803	2,910,272		2.75%	

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
Holders of equivalent financial instruments	Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise period or date	# of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised	% of voting rights	Settlement
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			376,604	0.36%	physical
BlackRock Advisors LLC	Securities Lent			720	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	Securities Lent			35,438	0.03%	physical
BlackRock Fund Advisors	Securities Lent			4,091	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company National Association	Securities Lent			420,175	0.40%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			1,105,898	1.04%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management LLC	Securities Lent			509	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1,499	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors LLC	Contract For Difference			205	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company National Association	Contract For Difference			52,181	0.05%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			1,685	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			38,179	0.04%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management LLC	Contract For Difference			20,347	0.02%	cash
Subtotal				2,057,531	1.94%	

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→ Chain of control:

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BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited
BlackRock Cayco Limited
BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited
BlackRock Japan Holdings GK
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.

BlackRock, Inc.
Trident Merger, LLC
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Notification on January 16, 2018:

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- Persons subject to the notification requirement:

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BlackRock Advisors, LLC	100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE, 19809, U.S.A.
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S1, Canada
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	Max-Joseph-Straße 6, Munich, 80333, Germany
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	15/F, 16/F, 17/F Citibank Tower & 17/F ICBC Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong
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BlackRock International Limited	Exchange Place One, 1 Semple Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	Level 37, Chifley Tower, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney NSW 2000 Australia
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	1 University Square Drive, Princeton, NJ, 8540, U.S.A.
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	1-8-3 Marunouchi Chiyoda-ku, Trust Tower Main, Tokyo, 100-8217, Japan

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BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	10,456	10,456		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	5,082	5,082		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	149,027	144,154		0.14%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	101,638	101,638		0.10%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	4,267	4,267		0.00%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	134,172	134,571		0.13%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	496	483		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	9,450	9,449		0.01%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	1,015,016	1,015,016		0.96%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	716,796	1,116,539		1.05%	
BlackRock International Limited	4,098	4,098		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	28,025	28,025		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	560,873	562,928		0.53%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	80,977	78,328		0.07%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	89,899	88,965		0.08%	
Subtotal	2,910,272	3,303,999		3.12%	

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BlackRock Institutional Trust Company National Association	Securities Lent			20,175	0.02%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			1,112,332	1.05%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management LLC	Securities Lent			509	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1,499	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors LLC	Contract For Difference			205	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company National Association	Contract For Difference			49,359	0.05%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			1,631	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			37,462	0.04%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management LLC	Contract For Difference			20,347	0.02%	cash
Subtotal				1,660,372	1.57%	

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