

PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION BY BLACKROCK INC.

Brussels, Friday February 16, 2018, 8h00 CET --- According to Belgian transparency legislation (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 February 12, 2018 BlackRock Inc. crossed the 5% statutory threshold upwards with 4.31% of the total voting rights and 0.70% of equivalent financial instruments, or a total of 5.02%.
- On February 13, 2018 BlackRock Inc. crossed the 5% statutory threshold downwards with 4.27% of the total voting rights and 0.70% of equivalent financial instruments, or a total of 4.96%.

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

Notification on February 13, 2018:

- Reason for the notification: Acquisition 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 Sempole 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: February 12, 2018
- Threshold crossed: 5% upwards
- Denominator: 105,876,416

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→ Notification details: The voting rights and equivalent financial instruments total 5,314,863 voting rights or 5.02%.

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	11,641		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	5,082	4,688		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	380,386	337,809		0.32%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	102,358	101,457		0.10%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	39,917	39,917		0.04%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	140,847	140,778		0.13%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	927	483		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	11,053	17,836		0.02%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	1,027,015	1,038,072		0.98%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	1,135,694	1,232,087		1.16%	
BlackRock International Limited	4,098	4,098		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	26,717	28,280		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	1,379,147	1,331,228		1.26%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	80,638	79,073		0.07%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	102,439	201,098		0.19%	
Subtotal	4,446,774	4,568,545		4.31%	

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
	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			191,803	0.18%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			374,234	0.35%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1,499	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			255	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			90,377	0.09%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			2,617	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			64,869	0.06%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			20,664	0.02%	cash
Subtotal				746,318	0.70%	

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→ Chain of control:

BlackRock, Inc.	BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.	BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	BlackRock HK Holdco Limited
BlackRock Lux Finco S.a.r.l.	BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited
BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited	
BlackRock Japan Holdings GK	BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock, Inc.	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
Trident Merger, LLC	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	BlackRock Group Limited
	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited
BlackRock, Inc.	BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock Group Limited	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
	BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC
BlackRock, Inc.	BlackRock Canada Holdings LP
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
	BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.
BlackRock, Inc.	BlackRock Advisors, LLC
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
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BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
	BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.
BlackRock, Inc.	BlackRock (Singapore) Limited
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BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	BlackRock, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.
BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.
BlackRock Fund Advisors	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
	BlackRock Group Limited
BlackRock, Inc.	BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	

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Notification on February 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:

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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 Sempole 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: February 13, 2018
- Threshold crossed: 5% downwards
- Denominator: 105,876,416

→ Notification details: The voting rights and equivalent financial instruments total 5,256,546 voting rights or 4.96%.

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
	# of voting rights	# of voting rights		% 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.	11,641	11,641		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	4,688	4,688		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	337,809	356,886		0.34%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	101,457	101,457		0.10%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	39,917	39,917		0.04%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	140,778	140,778		0.13%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	483	483		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	17,836	19,169		0.02%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	1,038,072	1,039,768		0.98%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	1,232,087	1,242,374		1.17%	
BlackRock International Limited	4,098	4,098		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	28,280	28,729		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	1,331,228	1,342,920		1.27%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	79,073	79,073		0.07%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	201,098	104,888		0.10%	
Subtotal	4,568,545	4,516,869		4.27%	

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
	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			190,771	0.18%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			359,019	0.34%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1,499	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			255	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			99,342	0.09%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			2,689	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			65,438	0.06%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			20,664	0.02%	cash
Subtotal				739,677	0.70%	

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BlackRock Group Limited	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC
	BlackRock Canada Holdings LP
	BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC
	BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited
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BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.	BlackRock Group Limited
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