

Solvay enhances digital transformation at its largest plants with Data Analytics platform

Tervuren/Bruxelles, March 19, 2018 ----- Solvay and SAS have signed an agreement to use a data analytics platform to enhance Solvay's digital transformation as a contributor to improve production performance.

This collaboration will be first applied at Solvay's largest production sites. Advanced Data Analytics is about collecting real-time and historic data, to better understand the relationship between production parameters and enhance asset performance. That should increase daily productivity or reduce raw material consumption.

Solvay is starting the process of deploying advanced data analytics solutions to unlock value in new and smart ways, in particular through capacity increase, process optimization, energy consumption reduction, and yield increase.

"Solvay's collaboration with SAS helps us to deploy advanced data analytics solutions in a coherent and efficient way adding value for the business. Leveraging a single platform accelerates development and systematic deployment across our industrial network with quicker business impact," said Alain Faessler, Solvay Group General Manager for Industrial.

"Our collaboration started off with a very pragmatic approach combining engineering knowledge and data science expertise, creating immediate benefit for Solvay. This demonstrates the strength of the SAS platform. Exploration, but even more important, development/design of models allowing engineers and operators to change the way they work. Our teams look forward to supporting Solvay in this process", says Jeroen Van Godtsenhoven, Managing Director SAS Belgium & Luxembourg.

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