

## SOLVAY ACCELERATES ITS GROWTH IN SPECIALTY FLUOROALIPHATIC DERIVATIVES FOR ELECTRONICS AND PHARMACEUTICALS MARKETS

**LYON, FRANCE – DECEMBER 17, 2013 – Solvay announces it has doubled the capacity of specialty fluoroaliphatic derivatives production in Salindres to support the strong growth in its strategic markets.**

In June 2012, Solvay had committed to increase its capacity production in a three-year investment plan to better serve its customers and support their growth plans. One year ahead of schedule, **Solvay Aroma Performance** successfully increased its production capacity for triflic acid and anhydride (TA, TAA), as well as the upstream intermediates such as potassium trifluoromethanesulfinate (TFSK). Moreover, the downstream Lithium Bis (Trifluoromethanesulfonyl) Imide (LiTFSI) production capacity in China has also been doubled.

This capacity increase allows **Solvay Aroma Performance** to meet the rapidly expanding requirements of downstream fluorinated products for applications such as liquid crystals, pharmaceutical intermediates and battery markets. The highest standards for sustainable development, corporate & social responsibility and HSE for instance, have been implemented for this investment project.

*“This investment decided in June 2012 allows us to enhance the capacity of our entire fluoroaliphatic derivatives production at Salindres in France. This fully integrated and unique value chain will support our customer expectations in terms of capacity but also quality and sustainability” highlights Rémi Rothea, WW Performance Solutions Business Director.*

**SOLVAY AROMA PERFORMANCE** is the world leader in the production and sale of specialty fluoroaliphatic derivatives. Through its **Performance Solutions** division, Solvay offers intermediates and solutions for the agrochemicals, pharmaceuticals and electronic markets.

As an international chemical group, **SOLVAY** assists industries in finding and implementing ever more responsible and value-creating solutions. The Group is firmly committed to sustainable development and focused on innovation and operational excellence. Solvay serves diversified markets, generating 90% of its turnover in activities where it is one of the top three worldwide. The group is headquartered in Brussels, employs about 29,000 people in 55 countries and generated 12.4 billion euros in net sales in 2012. Solvay SA ([SOLB.BE](http://SOLB.BE)) is listed on [NYSE Euronext](http://NYSE Euronext) in Brussels and Paris (Bloomberg: [SOLB.BB](http://SOLB.BB) - Reuters: [SOLBt.BR](http://SOLBt.BR)).

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