

Q1 2016 RESULTS

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The results of former Cytec are consolidated in the Group's income and cash flow statements since January 1, 2016. Comparative information for the first quarter and full year 2015 is presented on an unaudited pro forma basis as if the acquisition of Cytec had taken place on January 1, 2015.

Besides IFRS accounts, Solvay also presents underlying Income Statement performance indicators to provide a more consistent and comparable indication of the Group's financial performance. The underlying performance indicators adjust IFRS figures for the non-cash Purchase Price Allocation (PPA) accounting impacts related to acquisitions, for the coupons of perpetual hybrid bonds, classified as equity under IFRS but treated as debt in the underlying statements, and for other elements that would distort the analysis of the Group's underlying performance.

The comments on the results are made on an underlying basis unless otherwise stated.



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EXECUTING OUR PLAN



- ightarrow Substantially improved cash generation
- ightarrow Record margin and higher profit
- Sustained excellence efforts
- Delivery of integration
 & accelerated synergies
- Continued portfolio optimization

Focused on priorities





RECORD EBITDA MARGIN & IMPROVED CASH GENERATION

Q1 EBITDA 7 2% with record margin

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- Excellence program supporting 9th consecutive quarter of positive net pricing
- Pricing power across all operating segments

\rightarrow Volume

- Innovation-driven growth in Advanced Materials & good demand in Funct. Polymers
- Offsetting headwinds in
 - → Oil & Gas markets
 - Inventory adjustments in smart devices
 - → Industrial composites

Free Cash Flow 7

More portfolio optimization

Chlorovinyls

- European PVC
 - ightarrow Early exit of Inovyn JV
 - → Proceeds of € 335m in H2 16

Actions ongoing



RECOGNITION OF SOLVAY'S ADVANCED LIGHTWEIGHTING MATERIALS

→ Boeing contract extension for composites in aerospace structures

→ Airbus qualification for PPSU foams in aerospace interiors

→ BMW selects composite hood for its M4 GTS

→ Solvay and Renault win JEC innovation award for truck composite structure







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GROWTH AGAINST A STRONG COMPARABLE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS Q1 2016





LOWER PRICES EMERGING CURRENIES' FOREX UNSUPPORTIVE DECREASE NET SALES

Net sales

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in€m



SOLVAY asking more from chemistry®

RECORD EBITDA MARGIN BOOSTED BY CONTINUED PRICING POWER



asking more from chemistry®

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PRICING POWER & INNOVATION-DRIVEN GROWTH MORE THAN OFFSET MARKET IMPACT O&G & SMART DEVICES



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UNDERLYING NET INCOME LOWER DUE TO DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

Underlying P&L ^{in € m}	Q1 2016	Q1 2015 pro forma	
Net sales	2,930	3,104	
EBITDA	602	592	
EBITDA margin	21%	19%	
Depreciation & amortization	(194)	(187)	
EBIT	408	406	
Net financial charges	(126)	(121)	
Income taxes	(80)	(87)	
Tax rate	29%	31%	
Discontinued operations	-	25	
Non-controlling interests	(10)	(21)	
Net income, Solvay share	192	202	
(Adjustments)	(177)	(214)	
PPA impact	(157)	(152)	
Impact portfolio management	(135)	(141)	
Remediation & litigation	(11)	(8)	
(Financial adjustments)	31	30	
(Tax adjustments)	80	59	
(Other adjustments)	11	(3)	
Net income, Solvay share, IFRS	15	(12)	

Underlying net income (Solvay share) down 5%

- Depreciation slightly up on growing asset base
- ightarrow Net financial charges in line
- Underlying tax rate at 29% vs 31% in 2015
- No contribution of discontinued operations, following European chlorovinyls transfer to Inovyn JV in July 2015

IFRS net income (Solvay share) at € 15 m, including:

- → € (157) m amortization of acquisition PPA and Cytec inventory step-up
- → € (135) m portfolio management & reassessments, mainly:
 - Restructuring € (61) m
 - Impairment soda ash plant in Egypt € (105) m
 - Impairment biomass investments in US € (32) m
 - Capital gain on Inovyn exit € 77 m
- → Exclusion of € (28) m hybrid debt coupons in net financial charges



CASH CONVERSION IMPROVED THANKS TO HIGHER EBITDA AND LOWER CAPEX



Profit growth Improved cash conversion

SUSTAINABLE IMPROVEMENT IN FREE CASH FLOW



Based on capex of continuing operations and underlying EBITDA on a full year basis
 Calculation based on Q1 figures



REINFORCED FOCUS LEADS TO SUBSTANTIAL FREE CASH FLOW IMPROVEMENT

Underlying net debt^[1] evolution in€m Free cash flow € 9 m (6, 579)(40)(31) 602 (16)(95)(211)(57)(213)M&A Net FCF Change Taxes Change Underlying interest Capex discont. provisions working payments EBITDA ODS. & other capital (2,200)operating needs cash flow

31/12/2015

31/03/2016

(6,761)

(2,200)

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Other

changes

net debt

Working capital management bears fruit

- → Includes measures to better phase payments over quarters

€ 9 m free cash flow up vs € (358) m in Q1 2015

(141)

Dividends:

minorities (3)

Solvay (138)

- Working capital management benefits
- Anticipated capex decrease



ON-GOING DEBT REPAYMENTS LEAD TO REDUCED COST OF DEBT



INVESTMENT GRADE



Underlying debt includes perpetual hybrid bonds (considered as equity under IFRS)
 Including 2016 EIB loan, paid back in January, and subordinated 2104 hybrid bond
 Net debt / underlying EBITDA of last 12 months (pro forma)
 net debt / equity

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 [1]
 Underlying

 03/05/2016
 [2]
 Including 2

 [3]
 Net debt /

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OUTLOOK REAFFIRMED FOR FY 2016



EBITDA to grow high single digits Growth to be back-ended

Free cash flow to exceed € 650 m











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May 10	May 17	July 29	September 29	November 8
2016	2016	2016	2016	2016
Annual general	 Final dividend payment ex-coupon date: 13/05 record date: 16/05 	Q2 & H1 2016	Capital Markets	Q3 2016
meeting		results	Day, London	results





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ADVANCED MATERIALS Q1 2016 PERFORMANCE INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE OVERCOME SMART DEVICE IMPACT



Specialty Polymers' offset inventory adjustments in smart devices market

 Good traction in healthcare, consumer goods and energy applications (mainly from batteries for (Hybrid and Electrical Vehicles)

Composite Materials impacted by lower volume in industrial businesses

 Level sales in aerospace. As destocking in older programs & lower rotorcraft sales offset by growth in new programs with higher composite content

Strong volumes in **Special Chem**

- High demand from automotive catalysts
- Ramp-up of high-purity H₂O₂ units in US for use in semiconductor industry
- Scope effect from sale of refrigerants & PCC business in 2015

Price pressure in Silica

- Good market conditions in Europe and North America
- Weaker market conditions in Asia and new market entrants
- Forex impact from devaluation of Venezuelan bolivar



ADVANCED FORMULATIONS Q1 2016 PERFORMANCE OIL & GAS HEADWINDS OFFSET OTHER MARKETS' IMPROVEMENT



O&G weigh on **Novecare**, more than offsetting growth in other markets

- Volumes (14)% yoy due to O&G headwinds as market conditions deteriorated further, with North American rig count falling ~(60)% yoy and ~(20)% qoq
- Innovation driven growth in coatings and agro mitigated impact
- Price pressure offset through efficiency gains and lower raw material costs

Technology Solutions slightly affected by reduced production in mining

- Lower Cu & Al prices driving curtailments at less efficient mines, whereas new more efficient capacities are not yet ramping up
- Stable volumes in phosphorous business

Price pressure pushes **Aroma Performance** sales down

- Volume growth in vanillin formulations
- But price pressure, especially in monomer inhibitors



PERFORMANCE CHEMICALS Q1 2016 PERFORMANCE POSITIVE NET PRICING UNDERPINNED BY EXCELLENCE



Slow year start at Soda Ash & Derivatives

- Slow year start in Europe, North America & seaborne markets, picking up in March
- Bicarbonate sales subdued
- Benefiting from efficiency gains in logistics chain while sales prices were stable

Stable performance at **Peroxides**

- Higher sales for traditional wood pulp bleaching offset lower sales in specialties
- HPPO mega plants increasing production, especially in Thailand

Volume recovery in **Acetow**'s market

 Destocking over in international market, but still persisting in China

Coatis resilient at low level in difficult market

- Worsening conditions in Latin America affecting volumes and prices
- Improved competitive position vs import s thanks to BRL devaluation



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FUNCTIONAL POLYMERS Q1 2016 PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE-DRIVEN PROFIT GROWTH & RUSVINYL UP



Positive net pricing in Polyamide

- Strong net pricing on operational excellence programs implemented in the PA6.6 upstream businesses
- Volumes up, but offset by mix effect as mainly driven more commoditized upstream intermediates and polymers
- Poor economic conditions persist in Brazil, Fibras' home market

Chlorovinyls' well up thanks to RusVinyl reaching full capacity

- Solid contribution from RusVinyl JV (Russian operations), operating at close to full capacity, vs Q1 2015 still in start-up phase
- Higher PVC and epichlorohydrin sales volumes offset by limited caustic soda production in VinyThai (Thai operations)



CORPORATE & BUSINESS SERVICES Q1 2016 PERFORMANCE COST BENEFITS MITIGATE DIFFICULT COMPS

REBITDA (in € m)



in € m	Q1 2016	Q1 215 pro forma	
Corporate & Business Services	(51)	(35)	
of which one-offs	0	30	U.S. post-retirement Medicare insurance
excluding one-offs	(51)	(65)	

Difficult business conditions for **Energy Services** with low energy & CO_2 prices

- Trading conditions in energy and carbon management services at low level
- Investments in biomass & biocoal-based energy plants proved more challenging

Other Corporate & Business Services benefited from cost improvement programs and Cytec synergy delivery

 Difficult comparables with one-off benefit of € 30 m in Q1 2015 linked to the evolution of the post- employment Medicare insurance policy in the U.S.



WORKING CAPITAL MANAGEMENT COMPENSATES FOR HIGHER NEEDS SPECIALTY BUSINESSES



Committed to further optimization

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Quarter end net working capital / annualized quarterly total sales
 Net working capital = inventories + trade and other current receivables
 trade payables & other current liabilities
 Worth noting that "Net Working Capital" differs from "Industrial Working Capital" previously disclosed



DEBT PROFILE BALANCED MATURITIES ALLOWING FLEXIBILITY



31/12/2015

31/03/2016

	Face value	Average duration ^[4]	Average cost	Face value	Average duration ^[4]	Average cost	
EUR bonds ^[1]	3,550	4.1	2.88%	3,250	4.9	2.75%	
EUR perpetual hybrid bonds ^[2]	2,200	6.1	5.07%	2,200	5.8	5.07%	
USD bonds	2,142 ^[3]	7.5	4.03%	2,048 ^[3]	7.3	4.03%	
Total major debt	7,892	5.6	3.80%	7,498	5.5	3.78%	
	in € m	in years		in € m	in years		



Major debt



NET PENSION LIABILITIES^[1] STABLE

Pensions (31/03/2016)

in€bn



Net pension liabilities stable at € 3.0 bn

- → Slight reduction of pension liabilities to € (5.8) bn, from € (5.9) bn
- → Slight reduction of pension assets to € 2.8 bn from € 2.9 bn

Cash contribution of € (43) m in Q1 2016

 $\rightarrow \in$ (39) m in Q1 2015



Discount rate evolution^[2]

Currency	31/03/2016	31/12/2015	Change
EUR	1.75%	2.25%	(50)bp
GBP	3.50%	3.75%	(25)bp
USD	4.25%	4.25%	-

All presented figures are for continuing operations only



- [1] Continuing operations only
- [2] Average discount rate on post employment benefit related liabilities applicable to high quality corporate bonds in EUR, GBP and USD zones



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UNDERLYING EBIT(DA) CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2016

Excellence

- Excellence programs on course to reach target
 - € 800 m cumulative by YE16 vs 2013 cost base
 - > € 600 m delivered in 2014-2015
- Cytec integration synergies
 - Cost savings estimated > € 100 m by 2018
 - Revenue synergies on top

Depreciation & amortization

- Underlying depreciation & amortization expected at ~€ (800) m (excluding PPA amortization)
- PPA amortization of ~€ (370) m, consisting of PA impacts from Rhodia, Cytec and other smaller acquisitions (e.g. Chemlogics, Ryton)

Scope effects

- > Acquisitions in 2015
 - Cytec full consolidation as of January 1, 2016
 - Small acquisition in 2015: EPIC
- Divestments in 2015
 - Refrigerants in May 2015: net sales of ~€ 50 m in 2014
 - PCC in November 2015: net sales of ~€ 60 m in 2014



OTHER EBIT(DA) CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2016

Forex sensitivity

- Immediate impact on conversion exposure
- Deferred transactional impact due to hedging (6-12 month rolling basis)
- Mainly linked to USD
 - Sensitivity in 2016:
 ~ € 120 m REBITDA per (0.10) \$/€
 - ~60% conversion, ~40% transactional
- Other forex exposures
 - JPY, CNY, THB, BRL, KRW, RUB
- Total conversion impact on underlying EBITDA of € (5) m in Q1 2016, vs. € 45 m in Q1 2015
- > Evolution of main currencies Solvay is exposed to

/€	USD	JPY	RUB	BRL	CNY	KRW	THB
Q1 2016	1.10	127	82	4.30	7.21	1324	39
Q1 2015	1.13	134	71	3.22	7.02	1240	37
change	-2.1%	-5.3%	+16.2%	+33.5%	+2.7%	+6.8%	+6.8%

Underlying adjustments to IFRS figures

- > To improve comparability of results over periods
- Exclusion of
 - Amortization of PPA and inventory step-up from acquisitions
 - Impact of portfolio management and reassessments
 - Legacy remediation and major litigations
 - Exceptional financial elements, such as hyperinflation
 - Impact of change in rates on discounting charges
 - Tax impacts related to previous periods
 - Valuation impacts of discontinued operations
- Reclassification of
 - Coupons of perpetual hybrid bonds as net financial charges (considered as equity under IFRS)
 - Financial charges RusVinyl as net financial charges (only realized gains/losses)
- Impact of the above on tax and share of noncontrolling interests



UNDERLYING FINANCIAL & TAX P&L CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2016

Cost of borrowings

Total underlying financial charges expected at ~€ (350) m (incl. perpetual hybrid bonds)

- Financial charges from major senior debt (excl. perpetual hybrid bonds)
 - 2016 charges expected at ~€ (150) m
 - > Average cost: 2015: 5.2% \rightarrow 2016: 3.3%
 - > EIB loan of € 300 m reimbursed in January 2016
 - ➤ € 500 m Hybrid bond reimbursable in June 2016
- Coupons from perpetual hybrid bonds (considered as Dividend & Equity under IFRS)
 - 2016 cash out of € (84) m: Q2 € (57) m / Q4 € (27) m
 - From 2017 onwards € (112) m: Q2 € (84) m / Q4 € (27) m
 - > Average cost : 5.1%
- Other elements ~€(90-100)m
 - Currency swaps & Other debt in consolidated subsidiaries
 - Financial charges RusVinyl^[2]: ~€ (25) m

Discounting of pensions and HSE

- P&L: ~€ (100) m (¾ pensions, ¼ HSE)
- Sensitivity to change in discount rates^[1]:
 ~€ (370) m / 50bp
 - Pensions (in OCI)
 - € zone ~€ 140 m SA ~€ 80 m
 - UK ~€ 133 m
 Others € 10 m
 - HSE (in P&L): €-zone ~€ 10 m

Tax rate

Underlying tax rate (adjusted for PPA and other factors) expected stable in the low ~30s



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2016

Discontinued operations

- Indupa chlorovinyls business in Latin America
 - Strategic intent unchanged
 - Disposal process undergoing
 - ~€ (50) m in CTA to be recycled through P&L at exit
- European chlorovinyls until June 30, 2015

Cash flow elements

- Cash expenses for pensions range of € (180) m - € (200) m
- Capital expenditure of ~€ 950 m
- IWC discipline maintained but growing part of specialty business in portfolio increases needs

Inovyn JV

- Inovyn JV with INEOS Equity accounting from July 1, 2015
- Exit price of € 335 m agreed between the parties
- To be adjusted for
- Exit expected in H2 2016, subject to finalizing . Definitive legal agreements and customary regulatory approvals



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FURTHER UPGRADE TO COME FROM DIVESTITURES





DIVERSIFIED & RESILIENT MARKET EXPOSURE



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ALIGNED BUSINESS SEGMENTS STRATEGICALLY COHERENT TO DRIVE RESULTS





Solvay pro forma 2015 (including Cytec)

UNIQUE LIGHTWEIGHTING OFFERING DRIVING SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY





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USING CUSTOMER INTIMACY & MARKET FOCUS AS CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS





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