

Solvay to increase capacity of Hydrogen Peroxide Plants in Europe to meet market demand

Brussels, July 9th, 2019 - Solvay announces debottlenecking at its hydrogen peroxide plant in Jemeppe-sur-Sambre (Belgium) allowing an increase of H₂O₂ production. Further expansions of capacity are planned in Bernburg (Germany) and Voikkaa (Finland). These investments meet the growing product demand in Europe, in existing and new applications.

“Solvay Peroxides is continuously investing in its production capacities in Europe and Middle-East to follow the market demand”, says Charles-Henri Levailant, General Manager EMEA. “These investments in Belgium, Germany and Finland are part of our long term development plan to optimize our existing production units and reliably deliver product to our clients”

The Solvay plants produce a range of hydrogen peroxide grades serving customers in diverse markets including pulp and paper, aquaculture, food, chemicals and electronics. Solvay Peroxides operates a network of 10 plants and one Research and Innovation center in the EMEA zone. This strong presence enables Solvay to ensure a reliability of supply in the region for hydrogen peroxide, peracetic acid and sodium percarbonate.

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SOLVAY PEROXIDES Global Business Unit is a worldwide market and technology leader in Hydrogen Peroxide. Providing functional qualities such as bleaching, oxidation or disinfection, it delivers innovative products and tailored services to the pulp, chemicals, aquaculture, food, mining, wastewater treatment, home care and textile industries. SOLVAY PEROXIDES operates 19 plants in North and South America, Europe & Middle East, Asia and Australia. It runs the world's biggest Hydrogen Peroxide plant in Map Ta Phut (Thailand). With its JV partner Peróxidos do Brasil, Solvay Peroxides is developing a new plant concept, myH₂O₂®, especially designed for installation at customer sites in remote locations. Innovation capacity and agility are two of GBU Peroxides' strengths.

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