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Press release

Solvay increases guar capacity in France to support growing demand for clean beauty

A key driver for increasing the capacity of these natural, guar-based polymers is to guarantee an optimal level of service for beauty care customers in the face of rising demand.

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Solvay, a leading global supplier of guar derivatives, has announced the expansion of the guar production capacity at its [Melle plant](#), France, in response to growing demand from the beauty care market. The completion of capacity extension in Q2 2022 will ensure Solvay continues to fully support our beauty care customers with improved service and flexibility in the context of severely challenged and disrupted global supply chains.

"This investment in increased capacity demonstrates our commitment to the partnerships built with our customers and our willingness to ensure they continue to receive the best possible service from us," explained Ronald Lehman, Senior Vice-President Global Manufacturing at Solvay Novecare.

Solvay's [Jaguar®](#), a range of polymers naturally derived from guar beans, provide beauty care formulators with an array of conditioning and texturizing features. As a bio-based product with strong sustainability features, Jaguar® clearly fits market needs for innovative products with more natural, responsible ingredients.

"Solvay demonstrates its long standing commitment to the guar technology and its Jaguar® range, supporting our customers with sustainable innovation in line with the [Solvay One Planet](#) vision, and reliable supply chains," said Eric Leroy Global, Marketing Innovation Director, Solvay.

The guar seeds used to produce the Jaguar® range are sourced in India, partially through Solvay's [Sustainable Guar Initiative](#) program that empowers and helps improve the livelihood of guar farmers.



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About Solvay

Solvay is a science company whose technologies bring benefits to many aspects of daily life. With more than 21,000 employees in 63 countries, Solvay bonds people, ideas and elements to reinvent progress. The Group seeks to create sustainable shared value for all, notably through its Solvay One Planet roadmap crafted around three pillars: protecting the climate, preserving resources and fostering a better life. The Group's innovative solutions contribute to safer, cleaner, and more sustainable products found in homes, food and consumer goods, planes, cars, batteries, smart devices, health care applications, water and air purification systems. Founded in 1863, Solvay today ranks among the world's top three companies for the vast majority of its activities and delivered net sales of €10.1 billion in 2021. Solvay is listed on Euronext Brussels and Paris (SOLB). Learn more at www.solvay.com.

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