

Solvay P&I to Double its Stabamid® Copolymer Production Capacity

Lyon, France, April 1st, 2014 --- As part of its ongoing commitment to serve global customers with added-value polyamide solutions, Solvay Polyamide & Intermediates (P&I) is set to double its copolymer production capacity at the company's Freiburg site (Germany).

Copolymers are polymeric formulations based on two or more monomers. The copolymers provided by Solvay P&I are part of the Stabamid® High-Performance portfolio designed for demanding end-use applications in engineering plastics, industrial yarns and textile. Above all, they offer high surface aesthetics and high temperature resistance.

"As a leader in the global market of polyamides, we continue to invest in the quality and customer benefits of our material and service offering on a regular basis," says Yannick Adnot, Solvay P&I Business Director for Europe, and adds: *"We look forward to more than doubling our copolymer production capacity in Freiburg, and have entered the approval process with the German regulation authorities."* The company expects to receive clearance within the next few months, so the expansion should go on-stream end of 2014.

The Stabamid® range is targeted at demanding end-use applications such as performance plastic compounds, fibers and tows (yarns). Manufactured exclusively by Solvay Polyamide & Intermediates, Stabamid® can be used in pure, compounded, additivated or copolymer formulations tailored to specific applications. Stabamid® materials are recognized in the market as superior quality polyamide resins and are backed by advanced added-value customer support services.

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Solvay Polyamide & Intermediates is one of the principal producers of polyamide and its intermediates, including HMD, adipic acid and nylon salts. With the strength of 8 industrial plants, 3 research and development centres and numerous sales points across the globe, P&I is a trustworthy partner to its international customers.

Supported by an entirely integrated value chain, Solvay P&I has brought to market PA 6.6 and 6.10 polyamide resins sold under the Stabamid® brand. Providing a wide variety of viscosities, the Stabamid® range is designed for demanding end-use applications in performance plastic compounds, fibres and tows (yarns). The supplier has also developed new Rhodiamine™ and Rhodiacid™ intermediary products based on C6 chemistry and designed for a variety of markets, including technical plastics, textiles, industrial fibres and yarns as well as polyurethanes, enamels and adhesives, leather treatments and plasticizers.

As an international chemical group, **SOLVAY** assists industries in finding and implementing ever more responsible and value-creating solutions. Solvay generates 90% of its net sales in activities where it is among the world's top three players. It serves many markets, varying from energy and the environment to automotive and aerospace or electricity and electronics, with one goal: to raise the performance of its clients and improve society's quality of life. The group is headquartered in Brussels, employs about 29,400 people in 56 countries and generated 9.9 billion euros in net sales in 2013. Solvay SA (**SOLB.BE**) is listed on **NYSE Euronext** in Brussels and Paris (Bloomberg: **SOLB:BB** - Reuters: **SOLB.BR**).

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