

## Solvay completes acquisition of ERCA industrial assets in Brazil to double surfactant production capacity

Brussels, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 --- Solvay has completed the acquisition of the specialty chemical assets of ERCA Química, Ltda. in Brazil, enabling the Group to more than double its surfactant production capacity in the country and to expand its access to one of the world's largest personal care and agrochemicals markets.

The acquisition's conclusion comes one month after the Brazilian competition authority CADE cleared the transaction between Solvay's global business unit Novecare and ERCA, based in Itatiba city in the state of Sao Paulo.

The transaction includes ERCA's local specialty chemical assets, its portfolio of agrochemicals as well as home & personal care products, which strengthens Novecare's commercial network, closeness to customers and innovation pipeline.

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Solvay Novecare is a worldwide leader in specialty surfactants and a major player in polymers, amines, guar, and phosphorus derivatives. Solvay Novecare engineers and develops formulations that provide consumer products and state-of-the-art industrial applications with specific functional qualities designed to modify fluid behavior and deliver cleansing, dispersal, gelling, moisturizing, penetrating, softening or texturizing properties. These formulations are used in shampoos, detergents, paints and lubricants as well as in crop protection, mining and energy production and stimulation. Novecare, which boasts a worldwide network of 25 manufacturing sites and seven R&D centers, has become the preferred partner of its customers in rapidly growing economies and leverages an innovation platform based on sustainable solutions.

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