

Solvay appoints An Nuyttens as President of Solvay Silica

Brussels, October 15, 2014 --- Solvay has appointed An Nuyttens as President of the Silica Global Business Unit, succeeding Tom Benner who left the Group.

A Belgian national, An Nuyttens holds a Master's degree in chemical engineering and an MBA in Management, both from the Catholic University of Leuven (KUL), Belgium. She joined Solvay in 1991 as technical manager in the Group's Transformation department. She then turned her career toward marketing and sales. Based in Europe and then in the United States for five years, An Nuyttens' responsibilities grew within the Specialty Polymers activities. In 2005, she returned to Solvay headquarters in Brussels to hold different business positions. She became worldwide manager of High Barrier Polymers in 2012.

An Nuyttens joined Silica's management committee in June 2014 as Strategy and Marketing Director.



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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 aeronautics 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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