

Solvay Specialty Polymers Appoints Nevicolor to Distribute Ryton® PPS in Italy

BOLLATE, Italy, May 18, 2016 – With immediate effect, Solvay Specialty Polymers, a leading global supplier of high-performance thermoplastics, announces the appointment of Nevicolor S.p.A. as distributor of its entire Ryton® polyphenylene sulfide (PPS) product line in Italy. This significantly expands the broad portfolio of Solvay's specialty polymers currently distributed by Nevicolor through its direct sales force across all Italian regions.

"We are very pleased to offer the Ryton® PPS products to our Italian-based customers through Nevicolor, who can provide the coverage we were seeking to service all regions of Italy," stated Vincent P. Meunier, EMEA channel partners manager, Solvay Specialty Polymers. "Adding Ryton® PPS was a natural fit considering Nevicolor's long-standing commitment to Solvay Specialty Polymers, and it offers substantial synergies across Solvay's product portfolio."

Alessandro Negri, managing director of Nevicolor added, "The new agreement is a natural extension of the nearly 30-year partnership with Solvay and all supply chain, technical, and logistical service levels are in place to immediately meet the requirements of our customers."

The collaboration with Nevicolor in Italy began in the 1980s with the distribution of Solvay Specialty Polymers' Ixef® polyarylamide (PARA) product line. Today, Nevicolor also distributes Solvay's Solef® polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF), Amodel® polyphthalamide (PPA), Halar® ethylene and chlorotrifluoroethylene copolymer (ECTFE), Polymist® polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) micronized powders, Hyflon® perfluoroalkoxy (PFA/MFA®), KetaSpire® polyetheretherketone (PEEK), AvaSpire® polyaryletherketone (PAEK), Omnix® and Kalix® high-performance polyamides (HPPA).

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Nevicolor S.p.A. is based in Luzzara (Reggio Emilia) Italy

About Nevicolor

Nevicolor is an Italian-based company recognized as the most comprehensive supplier in Italy for the production and distribution of thermoplastic granulates and powders. For over 50 years, the company has provided innovative solutions and unparalleled technical support to a wide variety of industries. Its long-term success is based on a clear customer focus and on its ability to satisfy their changing needs over time.

About Solvay Specialty Polymers

Solvay Specialty Polymers manufactures over 1500 products across 35 brands of high-performance polymers – fluoropolymers, fluoroelastomers, fluorinated fluids, semi-aromatic polyamides, sulfone polymers, aromatic ultra-high performance polymers, high-barrier polymers and cross-linked high-performance compounds – for use in Aerospace, Alternative Energy, Automotive, Healthcare, Membranes, Oil and Gas, Packaging, Plumbing, Semiconductors, Wire & Cable, and other industries. Learn more at www.solvayspecialtypolymers.com.

An international chemical and advanced materials company, Solvay assists its customers in innovating, developing and delivering high-value, sustainable products and solutions which consume less energy and reduce CO2 emissions, optimize the use of resources and improve the quality of life. Solvay serves diversified global end markets, including automotive and aerospace, consumer goods and healthcare, energy and environment, electricity and electronics, building and construction as well as industrial applications. Solvay is headquartered in Brussels with about 30,000 employees spread across 53 countries. It generated pro forma net sales of € 12.4 billion in 2015, with 90 percent made from activities where it ranks among the world's top 3 players. Solvay SA ([SOLB.BE](http://www.solb.be)) is listed on Euronext in Brussels and Paris (Bloomberg: [SOLB.BB](http://www.solb.bb) - Reuters: [SOLB.BR](http://www.solb.br)).

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