

Solvay expands Hydrogen Peroxide grade production in the Netherlands for the pharmaceutical industry to meet growing demand

Brussels, January 22, 2015 --- Solvay will build a new manufacturing and filling facility in the Netherlands to produce Hydrogen Peroxide grades that are used as disinfection and decontamination agents to meet growing demand from the pharmaceutical industry.

The new facility at Solvay's Peroxide production site in Linne-Herten, in the southern part of the Netherlands, is due to be completed in July 2015 and is part of Solvay's Global Business Unit Peroxides ambition to bolster growth in high value-added specialties.

With this investment, Solvay responds to the increased need in the pharmaceutical sector for its INTEROX®PH grades that help to disinfect wounds or are used in mouth wash products, and INTEROX®SG grades to sterilize or decontaminate laboratories.

Demand growth is driven by the European Union's Falsified Medicines Directive, a legal framework to ensure the safe production and use of medicines.

The grades are produced in compliance with Good Manufacturing Process (GMP)¹ conditions, the standard of quality assurance applied by the Pharma Industry. The Dutch health inspection provides GMP certification.

The site in Linne-Herten already manufactures Solvay's main Peroxides disinfection grades for the European market, for both peracetic acid and hydrogen peroxide. It has in-depth knowledge in the complex production of purified grades, filling, packaging and labelling operations ranging from bulk deliveries to packs of 1 liter bottles.

¹ GMP or Good Manufacturing Practices are quality assurance guidelines applied in the pharmaceutical industry. GMP inspections are performed by National Regulatory Agencies.

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