

Solvay bolsters competitiveness of Peroxides activities in Povia and opens site to partners

Brussels, September 25, 2015 – Solvay has created new opportunities at its Portuguese site in Povia by upgrading its peroxide activities and by opening the strategically located premises to other companies.

Over the past 19 months, and following the ending of Solvay's on-site soda ash activities, Solvay's Peroxides Global Business Unit has taken a range of measures to improve the long-term competitiveness of the site, which has a long tradition in serving Portugal's leading pulp & paper industry and provides solutions to the textile, mining, industrial and hospital disinfection, for the treatment of effluents.

"Our recent investments on site reinforce our long-term commitment to our customers to whom we will continue to deliver top quality products. The optimization of the site makes it a strong industrial platform with plenty of potential thanks to the sharing of facilities, services and expert workforce with internal or external companies" said Alain Jeanmart, General Manager Peroxides for EMEA.

The hydrogen peroxide unit is now integrated with the sodium chlorate plant. Thanks to its highly skilled personnel, it runs continuously industrial-level trials that support the Research and Innovation for Solvay's hydrogen peroxide plants worldwide.

Excellence measures to increase energy efficiency and reduce CO₂ emission were implemented through an innovative project by burning an excess of hydrogen to produce energy as steam, thereby reducing production costs.

The site's lay-out was reshaped with new facility networks now fully operational and around 30 hectares of land are now available for the development of new activities. The site's location close to the capital city, the international airport and commercial ports, positions it ideally to meet local and regional customers' and industrial partner's needs.

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