

Solvay and RUAG sign new supply agreement for next-generation launcher programs

Alpharetta, Georgia, USA May 31, 2018 --- Solvay has signed a new agreement to supply RUAG with advanced structural composites for US and European space launcher programs.

Solvay will supply MTM® 46 composite products for RUAG to manufacture large integrated structural components including payload fairings, stage and payload adapters, dispensers and separation systems on next-generation launchers. MTM® 46 is a high performance, out-of-autoclave toughened epoxy resin system that meets space agencies requirements and can be used in light and stiff sandwich structures. It was specifically developed for extreme demand applications such as space programs.

“RUAG Space is the leading supplier of composite payload fairings and is an expert in out-of-autoclave manufacture. They selected Solvay’s structural composites to produce cost-effective, high performance structural components. We look forward to supporting RUAG’s operations out of Decatur, Alabama, USA and Emmen, Switzerland as they further contribute to space transportation” said Marc Doyle, Executive Vice-President Aerospace Business Line, Solvay Composite Materials.

Solvay is a leader in out-of-autoclave technology and has a broad portfolio of VBO/press prepregs, RTM/infusion resin systems for structural aerospace and space applications.



Caption: Solvay and RUAG sign new supply agreement.

From left to right:

- Hannes Schuette, Account Manager, Solvay
- Marc Doyle, Executive Vice-President Aerospace Business Line, Solvay
- Stefan Hofmann, Manager Supply Chain Management, RUAG
- Jan Imbusch, Manager Strategic Procurement, RUAG

About Solvay Composite Materials

Solvay's new Global Business Unit Composite Materials is a global provider of technologically advanced lightweighting material solutions that enable our customers in the aerospace, automotive and other demanding industries to design, develop and efficiently manufacture high-quality, high-performance and complex composite structures. Composite Materials has the most extensive product portfolio, including prepregs, resin systems, adhesives and surfacing films, carbon fiber, textiles, tooling and vacuum bagging consumables, thanks to its leadership in advanced materials science, chemistry and application engineering. Solvay Composite Materials combines the former Cytec Aerospace Materials and Industrial Materials businesses.

Solvay is an advanced materials and specialty chemicals company, committed to developing chemistry that addresses key societal challenges. Solvay innovates and partners with customers worldwide in many diverse end markets. Its products are used in planes, cars, batteries, smart and medical devices, as well as in mineral and oil and gas extraction, enhancing efficiency and sustainability. Its lightweighting materials promote cleaner mobility, its formulations optimize the use of resources and its performance chemicals improve air and water quality. Solvay is headquartered in Brussels with around 24,500 employees in 61 countries. Net sales were €10.1 billion in 2017, with 90% from activities where Solvay ranks among the world's top 3 leaders, resulting in an EBITDA margin of 22%. Solvay SA (**SOLB.BE**) is listed on Euronext Brussels and Paris (Bloomberg: **SOLB.BB** - Reuters: **SOLB.BR**) and in the United States its shares (**SOLVY**) are traded through a level-1 ADR program.

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