

## PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION BY BLACKROCK INC.

**Brussels, Monday May 29, 2017, 8h00 CET ---** According to the Belgian transparency legislation in force (Law of May 2, 2007), BlackRock Inc. (55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.) has notified Solvay SA that

- On May 22, it crossed downwards the statutory declaration threshold of 3% of the existing voting rights emitted by Solvay SA.
- On May 23, it crossed upwards the statutory declaration threshold of 3% of the existing voting rights emitted by Solvay SA, detaining 3.04% of the existing voting rights.

The declaration by BlackRock Inc. is published in the Investor Relations Section of Solvay's website.

### Notification received on on May 23, 2017:

- Reason for the notification: Disposal of voting securities or voting rights
- Notified by: BlackRock Inc. (55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.)
- Persons subject to the notification requirement:

Name	Address (for legal entities)
BlackRock, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	Rembrandt Tower, 17th floor, Amstelplein, Amsterdam, Netherlands
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	20 Anson Road #18-01, Singapore, 79912, Singapore
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE, 19809, U.S.A.
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S1, Canada
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	Max-Joseph-Straße 6, Munich, 80333, Germany
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	15/F, 16/F, 17/F Citibank Tower & 17/F ICBC Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock Fund Advisors	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock International Limited	Exchange Place One, 1 Seiple Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	Level 37, Chifley Tower, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney NSW 2000 Australia
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	1 University Square Drive, Princeton, NJ, 8540, U.S.A.
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	1-8-3 Marunouchi Chiyoda-ku, Trust Tower Main, Tokyo, 100-8217, Japan

- Date on which the threshold is crossed: May 22, 2017
- Threshold crossed: 3% downward (lowest declaration threshold)
- Denominator: 105,876,416

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**Notification received on May 24, 2017:**

- Reason for the notification: Acquisition of voting securities or voting rights
- Notified by: BlackRock Inc. (55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.)
- Persons subject to the notification requirement:

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BlackRock, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
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BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	1 University Square Drive, Princeton, NJ, 8540, U.S.A.
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	1-8-3 Marunouchi Chiyoda-ku, Trust Tower Main, Tokyo, 100-8217, Japan

- Date on which the threshold is crossed: May 23, 2017
- Threshold crossed: 3% upward (lowest declaration threshold)
- Denominator: 105,876,416
- Notification details: The voting rights and equivalent financial instruments total 3,214,034 voting rights or 3.04%.

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A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
	# of voting rights	# of voting rights		% of voting rights	
Holders of voting rights		Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities
BlackRock, Inc.		0		0.00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.		10,456		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited		4,409		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited		653,363		0.62%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC		38,705		0.04%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited		8,005		0.01%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG		115,763		0.11%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited		445		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.		3,525		0.00%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors		912,551		0.86%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association		1,022,516		0.97%	
BlackRock International Limited		3,576		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited		31,719		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited		126,239		0.12%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC		75,096		0.07%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.		89,996		0.09%	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>3,096,364</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.92%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
Holders of equivalent financial instruments	Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise period or date	# of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised	% of voting rights	Settlement
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			73,625	0,07%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			478	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			52	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	Securities Lent			27,336	0,03%	physical
BlackRock Fund Advisors	Securities Lent			4,091	0,00%	physical
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Securities Lent			309	0,00%	physical
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			4,650	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			3,029	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	Securities Lent			4,100	0.00%	physical
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>117,670</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	

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→ Chain of control:

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