

## PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION BY BLACKROCK INC.

**Brussels, Friday May 11, 2018, 17h45 CEST** --- According to Belgian transparency legislation (Law of May 2, 2007), BlackRock Inc. (55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.) has notified Solvay S.A. that:

- On May 3, 2018 BlackRock Inc. crossed the 5% statutory threshold upwards with 4.52% of the total voting rights and 0.52% of equivalent financial instruments, or a total of 5.04%.
- On May 7, 2018 BlackRock Inc. crossed the 5% statutory threshold downwards with 4.48% of the total voting rights and 0.50% of equivalent financial instruments, or a total of 4.98%.

Declarations by BlackRock Inc. are published in the Investor Relations Section of Solvay's website.

### Notification on May 7, 2018:

- 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:

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 Sempie 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 3, 2018
- Threshold crossed: 5% upwards
- Denominator: 105,876,416

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→ Notification details: The voting rights and equivalent financial instruments total 5,335,252 voting rights or 5.04%.

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		0.00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	11,641	12,435		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	4,947	4,947		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	435,142	527,351		0.50%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	102,718	101,481		0.10%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	44,688	47,139		0.04%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	127,753	127,313		0.12%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	483	1,138		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	38,992	34,192		0.03%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	1,031,348	1,034,309		0.98%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	1,283,941	1,121,727		1.06%	
BlackRock International Limited	7,962	7,962		0.01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	32,912	31,328		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	1,316,331	1,456,691		1.38%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	82,874	83,156		0.08%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	104,488	190,971		0.18%	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,626,220</b>	<b>4,782,140</b>		<b>4.52%</b>	

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
	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			112,836	0.11%	physical
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Securities Lent			100,000	0.09%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			307,486	0.29%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1,382	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			384	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			7,625	0.01%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			81	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1,458	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			21,860	0.02%	cash
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>553,112</b>	<b>0.52%</b>	

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→ Chain of control:

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**Notification on May 8, 2018:**

- Reason for the notification: Disposal of voting securities or voting rights
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- Persons subject to the notification requirement:

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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
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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 7, 2018
- Threshold crossed: 5% downwards
- Denominator: 105,876,416

- Notification details: The voting rights and equivalent financial instruments total 5,269,841 voting rights or 4.98%.

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		0,00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	12 435	12 435		0,01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	4 947	4 947		0,00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	527 351	618 199		0,58%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	101 481	101 481		0,10%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	47 139	47 139		0,04%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	127 313	127 313		0,12%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	1 138	570		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	34 192	34 186		0,03%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	1 034 309	1 034 698		0,98%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	1 121 727	1 125 199		1,06%	
BlackRock International Limited	7 962	7 962		0,01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	31 328	31 328		0,03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	1 456 691	1 387 963		1,31%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	83 156	82 322		0,08%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	190 971	125 206		0,12%	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4 782 140</b>	<b>4 740 948</b>		<b>4,48%</b>	

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	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			88 331	0,08%	physical
	BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Securities Lent			100 000	0,09%	physical
	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			307 486	0,29%	physical
	BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1 382	0,00%	cash
	BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			384	0,00%	cash
	BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			7 911	0,01%	cash
	BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			81	0,00%	cash
	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1 458	0,00%	cash
	BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			21 860	0,02%	cash
	<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>528,893</b>	<b>0.50%</b>	

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Solvay is headquartered in Brussels with around 26,800 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.

*Financial figures take into account the announced divestment of Polyamides*

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