SOLVAY IS AWARDED THE WORLDWIDE FSSC 22000 ACCREDITATION FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF SOLVAY VANILLIN RHOVANIL® IN ZHENJIANG PLANT, CHINA.

SOLVAY VANILLIN RANGES PRODUCTION IS 100% FSSC 22000 CERTIFIED ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS.

Lyon, France – Zhenjiang, China - December 18, 2015 ---Solvay Aroma Performance acquires the best-in-class Food Safety System Certification (FSSC) 22000 for its Zhenjiang production site in China, manufacturing proudly its vanillin flagship range, Rhovanil®. This certification is obtained only a few months after the successful start-up of the Rhovanil® production in Zhenjiang.

The certification of the Zhenjiang plant embodies in-house catechol production stage, down to in-house vanillin production. "It thus establishes a unique, fully back integrated and sustainable global industrial vanillin manufacturing platform. Solvay is the only producer with 3 production units in 3 continents: France, USA, and China, to ensure we meet our customers needs, either global or local “ says Liu Yang, Asia Industrial platform Director.

“This recognition of our ability to ensure risk control throughout the globality of our product value chain confirms our strong focus on food safety, particularly with regard to traceability, which is the main concern in the vanillin industry,” confirms Christophe GAS, Worldwide Business Director.

The company has held the FSSC 22000 Food Safety System Certification, the industry’s global benchmark, since 2011 for its production of vanillin and ethyl-vanillin in Baton Rouge (USA) and Saint-Fons (France) and its manufacturing of natural vanillin in Melle (France) in 2014.

Food safety: the Solvay “Proudly made in” concept

The production process of vanillin is key for the product quality and its final applications. As the global reference for food-safe vanillin, Solvay Aroma Performance ensures full traceability, food safety and quality consistency to both professionals and consumers.

The “Proudly made in” concept has been created to preserve Solvay historical expertise, relating to its unrivalled fully integrated production chain. In a single location, the company indeed produces its in-house catechol, then transformed into in-house guaiacol and finally into in-house vanillin, sold under Rhovanil® reference brandname.

This unique industrial model results in Solvay best-in-class integrated and patented technology. It provides full traceability with no risk of cross contamination along with a lower manufacturing environmental footprint. This ‘Proudly made in’ concept is undertaken at each plant, ie Saint-Fons, France, Baton Rouge, USA and now Zhenjiang, China.

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The FSSC (Food Safety System Certification) 22000 award is the world’s leading certification of food safety management and has been managed by Det Norske Veritas (DNV), an independent certification body with broad expertise in food ingredient safety. The FSSC 22000 certification scheme, for auditing and certification of food safety management systems within the production process and the supply chain, is independently managed by the Foundation for Food Safety Certification located in the Netherlands. The FSSC certification scheme specifically targets the food manufacturing sector, using the international and independent standards ISO 22000, ISO/TS 22003 (audit) and technical specifications for sector PRPs, like ISO 22002-1 (for food ingredients), which were developed through a wide and open consultation with a large number of related organizations. The FSSC 22000 certification scheme is supported by the European Food and Drink Association (CIAA) and the American Groceries Manufacturing Association (GMA). FSSC 22000 is fully recognized by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) and Accreditation Bodies around the world (like DNV GL). For more information, visit http://www.fssc22000.com

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Designing vanilla flavors since 1884, SOLVAY AROMA PERFORMANCE was the first to synthetize and to produce the vanillin molecule on an industrial scale. Solvay is the only producer mastering the whole manufacturing chain — from Catechol to its historic flagship brands Rhovanil® and Rhodiarome® - in each of its facilities in both Saint-Fons (France), Baton Rouge (USA) and Zhenjiang (China).

As an international chemical group, SOLVAY assists industries in finding and implementing ever more responsible and value-creating solutions. Solvay generates 90% of its net sales in activities where it is among the world's top three players. It serves many markets, varying from energy and the environment to automotive and aeronautics or electricity and electronics, with one goal: to raise the performance of its clients and improve society's quality of life. The group is headquartered in Brussels, employs about 30 000 people in 53 countries and generated pro forma net sales of close to € 12 billion net sales in 2014. Solvay SA is listed as SOLB:BE on NYSE EUREONEXT in Brussels and Paris (Bloomberg: SOLB:BB - Reuters: SOLB.BR).

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