New Production Equipment Arrives at Solvay Plant in Marietta, Ohio

Increased Investment Supports Global Competitive Position

MARIETTA, Ohio, August 18, 2014 – Solvay Specialty Polymers’ plant on Route 7 in Marietta is increasing its production and taking on a new look with the arrival of three large processing tanks. The multi-million-dollar capital investment will help to keep the plant competitive in world markets for its specialty polymer products.

Two of the three tanks were installed last week while the third—and largest—is expected to arrive late this week. The third tank, which is 76 feet tall, 16 feet in diameter, and weighs nearly 50 tons, will be transported through Marietta and local highways on a multi-stage tractor-trailer designed for oversized loads. The total length of the transport rig is 176 feet. The planned local route will traverse highways, state roads, and local streets as needed.

Although the third tank is already enroute from its fabricator in Georgia, the exact arrival time in Marietta depends on travel progress in the coming days. Once it arrives in Marietta, traffic delays are likely as police escort the rig through narrower intersections before it continues south along Route 7 to the Solvay plant.

The route has been selected and permitted by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The rig will enter Ohio on I-77 North. Then it will follow OH 821 South, OH 60 South, and OH 7 South to the plant.

“The arrival of this equipment marks a major milestone for Solvay’s Marietta site,” according to Wally Kandel, site manager. “The technical plans and preparations for this project began months ago, leading up to the most visible aspects of the project this week,” he explains. “Considering their location facing Route 7, these new tanks will dramatically change the visual profile of our site.”

With the third tank’s installation, other mechanical work will begin, including piping and controls and other supporting equipment. The new tanks and related equipment will be operational sometime this fall.

Kandel notes that the new equipment is crucial for the plant’s continued leadership in world markets.

“This investment represents a significant vote of confidence in our business and its growth prospects,” he said. “Solvay’s specialty polymers business is one of the company’s ‘growth engines,’ and our Marietta investment underscores our confidence in our long-term business prospects.

“We’re committed to our continued leadership in global markets for specialty polymers and especially proud to demonstrate our commitment locally in Marietta.”

Solvay’s Marietta plant, at 17005 State Route 7, produces a wide variety of high-performance plastics and polymeric fluids used in automotive, aircraft, medical devices and other specialized applications. The site employs more than 250 full-time Solvay employees and varying numbers of contract workers, depending on construction schedules. Permanent employment levels are expected to continue with the new equipment.

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