Press Release

Rhodia joins the Sustainable Apparel Coalition to drive sustainability in the textile chain

Santo André - SP, December 07, 2017 – Rhodia, a Solvay Group company, with its smart and sustainable yarns and fibers, is now part of the Sustainable Apparel Coalition (SAC), a not-for-profit international organization whose objective is to promote the transformation of the textile chain through sustainability.

Rhodia is the first company in Latin America to join the SAC, which brings together more than 200 global brands, retailers and manufacturers, as well as government, non-profit environmental organizations, and academic institutions, which are collectively committed to improving supply chain sustainability in the apparel, footwear and textile industries.

“Our purpose in joining the SAC is to contribute to this platform and help to stimulate sustainability performance in Brazil and Latin America,” said Renato Boaventura, CEO of Solvay Group's Fibras Global Business Unit. “We are pleased to be part of this organization and confident that this participation will add-value to the sustainability of our textile products over time. The tool proposed by the SAC is becoming a model of how industries can collaborate in making a positive impact on value chain performance,” added Boaventura.

In its relationship with the SAC, Rhodia will support the Higg Index, a measurement tool that assesses sustainability performance and drives supply chain transparency and decision-making to better efficiency and sustainability impact. The Higg Index is an open sourced, indicator-based tool that allows suppliers, manufacturers, brands and retailers to evaluate materials, products, facilities and processes based on environmental and product design choices.

"We welcome the addition of Rhodia to the Sustainable Apparel Coalition and look forward to its participation in this industry-wide effort in sustainability," said the SAC CEO, Jason Kibbey. "Having Rhodia, of the Solvay Group, as part of the Coalition widens the scope of our impact within the industry and accelerates the change we’re making towards responsible industry actions." Kibbey added.

Companies or organizations that are not currently members of the SAC and are interested in accessing the Higg suite of tools, may inquire at www.apparelcoalition.org/join-us/

About the Fibras Global Business Unit
A South American leader in polyamide 6.6 fibers and yarns, the Solvay Group’s Fibras global business unit has an industrial unit in Brazil and has research and development laboratories in several countries, as well as production partnerships and agreements in Europe and Asia. Innovative and pioneering, the company serves the textile and industrial markets with added value products sold under the Amni®, Emana® and Rhodiant® brands.
For more information, visit www.emanafiber.com and www.amni.com.br

About the Solvay Group
Solvay is a multi-specialty chemical company, committed to developing chemistry that addresses key societal challenges. Solvay innovates and partners with customers in diverse global end markets. Its products and solutions are used in planes, cars, smart and medical devices, batteries, in mineral and oil extraction, among many other applications promoting sustainability. Its lightweighting materials enhance 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 27,000 employees in 58 countries. Net sales were €10.9 billion in 2016, with 90% from activities where Solvay ranks among the world’s top 3 leaders. 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. In Brazil, Solvay also operates under the Rhodia brand.

About the SAC
The Sustainable Apparel Coalition – SAC – is a group of over 200 global brands, including manufacturers and retailers, as well as suppliers, service providers, trade associations, NGOs, and academic institutions that work to reduce the social and environmental impact of products worldwide. Through multi-stakeholder engagement, the SAC seeks to lead the industry toward a shared vision of sustainability built upon a common approach for measuring and evaluating apparel, footwear and home textile product sustainability performance that spotlights priorities for action and opportunities for technological innovation. The SAC is a nonprofit organization and launched the groundbreaking Higg Index suite of tools in 2011. For more information, visit www.apparelcoalition.org.

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