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Solvay sa announces the results of meetings in respect of the NC5.5 hybrid bonds and the 2027 bonds and the results of the tender offer in respect of the NC8.5 hybrid bonds issued by Solvay Finance

Brussels, September 5, 2023 at 10.30pm CEST – Solvay SA ("Solvay" or the "Company") announces today the results of the consent solicitation exercises (the "Consent Solicitations") that it had launched on 4 August 2023 in relation to its:

- €500,000,000 Undated Deeply Subordinated Fixed to Reset Rate Perp-NC5.5 Bonds with first call date on 2 December 2025 (ISIN: BE6324000858) (the "NC5.5 Hybrid Bonds"), and
- €500,000,000 2.750 per cent. Fixed Rate Bonds due 2 December 2027 (ISIN: BE6282460615) (the "2027 Bonds" and, together with the NC5.5 Hybrid Bonds, the "Bonds"),

in each case, in connection with the planned separation of Solvay into two independent publicly traded companies and industry leaders, Specialty Holdco Belgium ("SpecialtyCo", expected to be renamed "Syensqo") and EssentialCo (which will keep the Solvay name), that is intended to take place by means of a partial demerger of Solvay under Belgian Law (the "Partial Demerger").

Solvay Finance also announces today the results of the invitation launched on 4 August 2023 to holders of its outstanding €500,000,000 Undated Deeply Subordinated Fixed to Reset Rate Perp-NC8.5 Bonds irrevocably guaranteed on a subordinated basis by Solvay (ISIN: XS1323897725) (the "NC8.5 Hybrid Bonds") to tender any and all of such NC8.5 Hybrid Bonds for purchase by Solvay Finance for cash (the "Tender Offer").

The Consent Solicitations were made on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the consent solicitation memorandum dated 4 August 2023 (the "Consent Solicitation Memorandum") and relevant notices of meeting distributed to the bondholders in the manner specified in the terms and conditions of such Bonds. The Tender Offer was made on the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the tender offer memorandum also dated 4 August 2023 (the "Tender Offer Memorandum").

Solvay and Solvay Finance also announce that they have decided to waive the Implementation Condition respectively in respect of the Consent Solicitations for the NC5.5 Hybrid Bonds and the 2027 Bonds and in respect of the Tender Offer.

Unless a contrary indication appears, capitalised terms used in this announcement are as set out in the Consent Solicitation Memorandum or the Tender Offer Memorandum, as applicable.



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### **Consent Solicitation Result**

At the meeting in respect of the NC5.5 Hybrid Bonds, the necessary quorum was achieved, the Extraordinary Resolution was passed and the Eligibility Condition was satisfied, and at the meeting of the holders of the 2027 Bonds, the necessary quorum was achieved, the Extraordinary Resolution was passed and the Eligibility Condition was satisfied. The Consent Conditions in respect of the NC5.5 Hybrid Bonds and in respect of the 2027 Bonds are therefore satisfied (or waived, as applicable).

ISIN	Description	Quorum and Result
BE6324000858	€500,000,000 Undated Deeply Subordinated Fixed to Reset Rate Perp-NC5.5 Bonds with first call date on 2 December 2025	Meeting quorate and Extraordinary Resolution passed
BE6282460615	€500,000,000 2.750 per cent. Fixed Rate Bonds due 2 December 2027	Meeting quorate and Extraordinary Resolution passed

### Tender Offer Results

In addition, following the expiration of the Tender Offer at 5.00 p.m. (CEST) on 5 September 2023, Solvay Finance will accept all validly tendered NC8.5 Hybrid Bonds pursuant to the Tender Offer for purchase in cash in an aggregate principal amount of €452,613,000 (representing approximately 90.52 per cent. in aggregate nominal amount of the outstanding NC8.5 Hybrid Bonds). The expected settlement date for the Tender Offer is 8 September 2023. Following the completion and settlement of the Tender Offer contemplated on 8 September 2023, more than 90 per cent. of the initial aggregate principal amount of the NC8.5 Hybrid Bonds will have been purchased by Solvay Finance. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the NC8.5 Hybrid Bonds, Solvay Finance will have the option, at any time, to redeem all of the remaining outstanding NC8.5 Hybrid Bonds that were not validly tendered for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer at their principal amount together with any accrued and unpaid interest (including any deferred interest) up to the redemption date. Solvay Finance intends to exercise this option as soon as practicable following the settlement of the Tender Offer.



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