

Payments to governments Report 2019

Basis of Preparation and Scope

This report has been prepared as required by the Transparency Directive Amending Directive (2013/50/EU), with the disclosure of Payments to Governments, in line with Chapter 10 of the EU Accounting Directive (2013/34/EU). Royalties to governments are presented on a cash-paid basis during the reporting period. The report includes such payments for activities which relate to extraction of minerals of each of our operations. Income taxes paid relating to extractive industry activities cannot be segregated reliably from other income taxes. Therefore, income taxes paid are excluded from this report. It excludes also payments by entities that are accounted for using the equity method, such as Provadsol (BG) and Devnya Varovik (BG).

Solvay SA as parent of the group has prepared the report on a consolidated basis and reports the activity of any of its subsidiary undertakings that are active in the extractive industry. The following terms have the meanings noted below:

Government

Any national, regional or local authority of a country and includes any department, agency or undertaking controlled by such an authority.

Project

Operational activities that are governed by a single contract, license, lease, concession or similar legal agreements and form the basis for payment of liabilities to a government. Where multiple such agreements are substantially interconnected, this is considered as a single project.

Royalties

Payments to governments in respect of revenue or production related to the extraction of mineral and coal.

Disclosure threshold

Payments made to a government as a single payment or as a series of related payments of EUR 100,000 or more made in a financial year form part of this report. As a consequence, in the tables "Payments by government" and "Payments by project", some smaller payments were excluded, which explains the difference with the total in the table "Payments by country".

Payments per country

In € thousands	Royalties
Belgium	121
Spain	348
Germany	1.215
France	201
Italy	929
United States of America	21.858
Total	24.671

Payments by government

In € thousands	Royalties
Belgium	121
Wallonia Region	121
Spain	336
City of Polanco	119
City of San Felices	217
Germany	1.174
District government Arnsberg	1.174
France	143
City of Lenoncourt	143
Italy	929
Region Toscana	690
City of San Carlo	238
United States of America	21.858
National	7.726
Sweetwater county	7.467
State of Wyoming	6.665
Total	24.560

Payment by project

In € thousands	Royalties
Belgium	121
Walcourt quarry mine	121
Spain	348
Polanco salt mine	348
Germany	1.174
Epe Salt mine	1.174
France	201
Dombasle salt mine	201
Italy	929
Ponteginori salt mine	491
San Carlo quarry mine	437
United States of America	21.836
Green River soda ash mine	21.836
Total	24.608