



Sustained strategic portfolio realignment

With Ryton® PPS* acquisition, Solvay further strengthens unmatched leadership in Specialty Polymers' solutions

Additional step in Solvay's in-depth transformation towards a higher growth, less cyclical and greater returns Group

* PPS: PolyPhenylene Sulfide



Compelling strategic rationale

- Ryton® PPS*, a strong business fit
 - Further enhance Specialty Polymers' unmatched broad solutions portfolio
 - Attractive market with solid growth (CAGR 7%) driven by climate change, related regulations and population growth
- Significant synergies
 - Cross-selling (products and customers) opportunities
 - Cost synergies: joint R&D, manufacturing excellence, purchasing, marketing and sales, and logistics
 - Solvay crucial engineering and operational excellence know-how to rampup the new plant based on a highly innovative PPS technology



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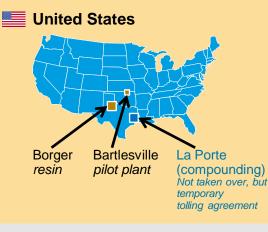
Ryton® PPS in a nutshell

Key figures



- Net sales 2013
 - ~ € 100 m
- Workforce
 - ~ 200 employees

Industrial Footprint



Belgium

Kallo-Beveren compounding



Singapore

Singapore application lab (assets)

Product



- 1st PPS brand created 40 years ago
- PPS meeting highest performance standards
- Strong brand recognition among Auto OEM/OES

"In Auto, Ryton® is like Kleenex® for tissues"

"Automotive tends to speak Ryton®"

Competitor/ Distributor



Ryton® PPS offers strong business fit & synergies



- Complements and extends materials portfolio
- Increases exposure to strategic markets of advanced transportation and clean technologies
- Increases potential in **strategic emerging markets** like thermoplastic composites

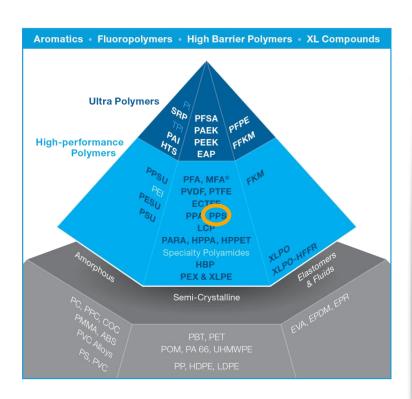
Synergies

- Benefits from Specialty Polymers'
- core manufacturing and innovation competencies
- Leverages Specialty Polymers' market leadership
- Leverages Specialty Polymers' business strength

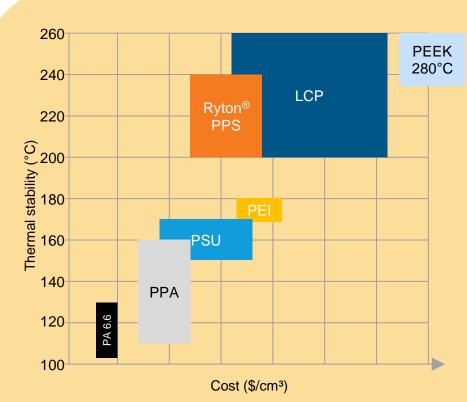




Ryton® PPS extends product portfolio functionalities to Solvay's customers



PPS is the optimal material for specific market segments that Specialty Polymers wants to penetrate



PPS provides a unique combination of price, mechanical strength, chemical resistance and thermal stability that complements our existing polymers portfolio

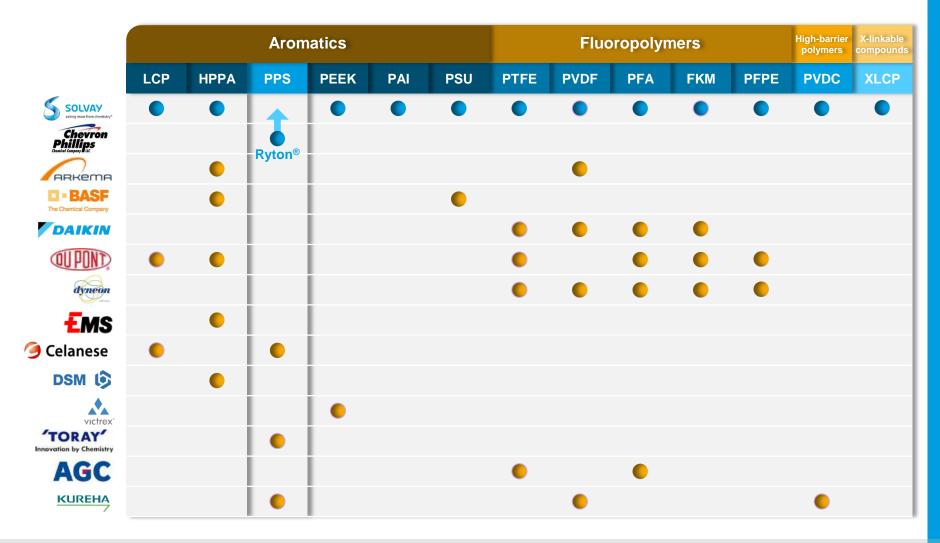


Solvay's unique solution offering to its customers further strengthened by Ryton® PPS

	Aromatics						Fluoropolymers					High-barrier polymers	X-linkable compounds
	LCP	НРРА	PPS	PEEK	PAI	PSU	PTFE	PVDF	PFA	FKM	PFPE	PVDC	XLCP
Automotive			•	•						•			•
Advanced Transportation		•	•	•		•							
Oil & Gas		•	•	•									
Renewable Energy				•									
Healthcare		•		•		•							
Smart Devices				•		•							
Water						•							
Other markets			•	•									



Solvay's unique solution offering to its customers further differentiates it from its competitors



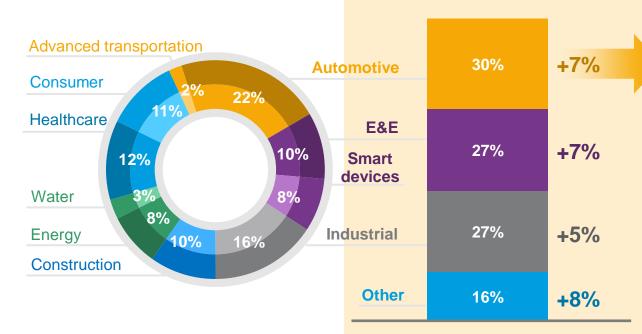


Ryton® PPS enhances Solvay's growth potential



Net Sales 2013

€ 1.3 bn



Global PPS applications

Market size CAGRe (in volume) 2013-2020

64 kt +7%

Strong growth in Automotive



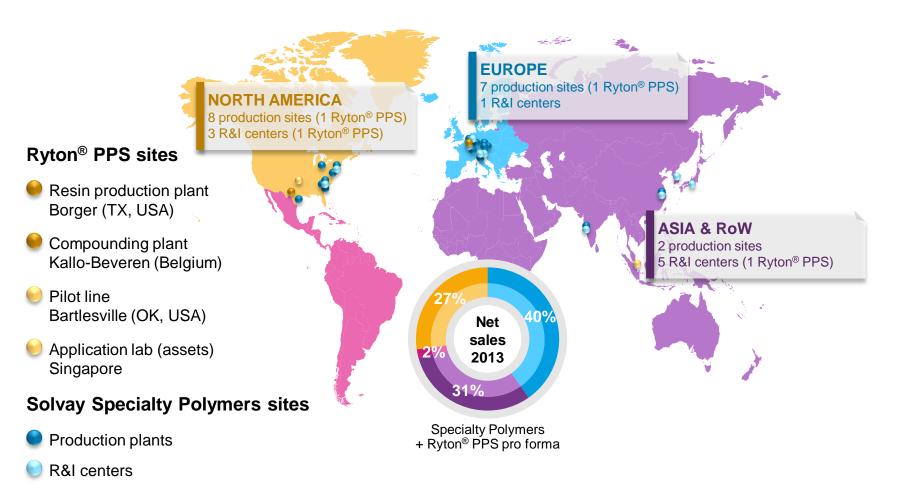


Motor insulators ECU / Control unit IPM / Power module

New PPS applications in Automotive are emerging from Hybrid and Electric Vehicles



Ryton® PPS easily integrated in Solvay Specialty Polymers' regional set-up





Transaction terms & financial considerations

Cash transaction

- US\$ 220 M (~ € 170 m)
- Taken over from Chev



Important synergies, compelling returns

- Solvay will invest and use its engineering and operational excellence know-how to ramp-up the highly innovative new PPS plant
- 2016, start of meaningful REBITDA contribution after transition integration year
- CFROI > WACC as from 2018

Closing expected by YE 2014

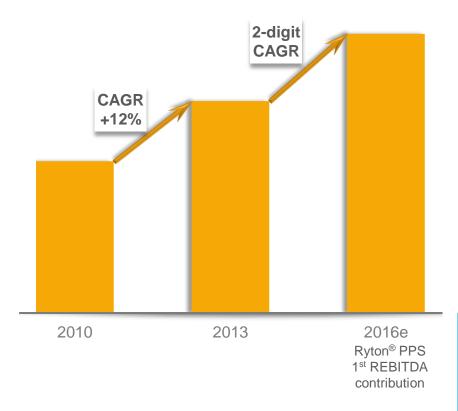
 Transaction subject to customary closing conditions, including anti-trust clearance in US



Ryton® PPS acquisition, further underpinning Specialty Polymers' key contribution to Solvay's growth ambition

- Market leader, serving best solutions to customers
- Ryton® PPS further enhancing broadest solution offering and expanding addressable market
- Supplying highly dynamic growth markets driven by ever increasing demand for sustainable solutions
- Delivering value through innovation, market growth and operational excellence

REBITDA





Take-aways

Ryton® PPS acquisition further improves Solvay's business profile

- Further strengthening Specialty Polymers' growth engine leading position
- Strong growth prospects
- Significant synergies
- CFROI > WACC as from 2018

Pursuing Solvay's transformation



Forthcoming 2014 key events

13 November 2014 Q3 results publication





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