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SOLVAY CHEMICALS, INC. PROMOTES PAUL JONES TO BUSINESS MANAGER, SULFITE AND TRONA



HOUSTON, TEXAS (January 2009)...Effective January 1, 2009, **Paul Jones** is promoted to the position of Business Manager – Sulfite and Trona for Solvay Chemicals, Inc., headquartered in Houston, Texas. In his new position, Mr. Jones is responsible for all commercial activities associated with the Sulfite and Trona markets, with the exception of SOLVAir® Products.

Mr. Jones has worked within the Solvay Group since 1998, when he joined Solvay Polymers, Inc. He moved to Solvay Chemicals in 2005 as a Regional Manager for the Soda Ash Commercial Team.

He holds a BBA in Accounting from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Solvay Chemicals, Inc. is part of the **Solvay Group**, an international chemical and pharmaceutical Group with headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, whose companies employ some 28,000 people in 50 countries. In 2007, the Solvay Group's consolidated sales amounted to EUR 9.6 billion, generated by its three sectors of activity: Chemicals, Plastics and Pharmaceuticals (NYSE Euronext: SOLB.BE – Bloomberg: SOLB.BB – Reuters: SOLBt.BR). Solvay is listed on the NYSE Euronext stock exchange in Brussels. Details are available at www.solvay.com