



**Cherie Ruffino Promoted to  
Direct Sales/Municipal Contracts Representative for Solvay Fluorides, LLC**

HOUSTON, TX (February 2010)... Effective February 1, 2010, Cherie Ruffino has been promoted to Direct Sales/Municipal Contracts Representative for Solvay Fluorides, based in Houston, Texas.

Ms. Ruffino's primary responsibilities will be for HFS Municipal and Distributor sales, Supplier purchases, and inventory management. As a member of the larger Fluor commercial team, she will also provide direct sales support for other Fluor products.

Ms. Ruffino earned her B.B.A. from Sam Houston State University. She joined Solvay in January 1999 as a Customer Service Representative. In 2003, she received a special commendation for her efforts during the Solvay Chemicals, Inc. transition and again in 2008 for the Hurricane Ike recovery effort.

Solvay Chemicals, Inc. and its subsidiary Solvay Fluorides, LLC, are part of the Solvay Group, the leading global producer of hydrogen peroxide, soda ash, sodium bicarbonate, and sodium percarbonate. In markets ranging from glass manufacturing, agriculture, and pulp & paper to automotive, environmental, food and drink, air pollution applications and more, Solvay Chemicals offers products and services to the NAFTA region with one of the most diversified chemicals portfolios in North America today.

The Solvay Group is an international industrial Group active in Chemistry which offers a broad range of products and solutions that contribute to improving quality of life. Headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, Solvay's companies employ some 28,000 people in 50 countries. In 2008, its consolidated sales amounted to EUR 9.49 billion. Solvay (Euronext: SOLB.BE - Bloomberg: SOLB.BB - Reuters: SOLBt.BR) is listed on the Euronext stock exchange in Brussels. Details are available at [www.solvay.com](http://www.solvay.com).