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**SOLVAY CHEMICALS, INC. TO IMPLEMENT
SULFUR SURCHARGE FOR ITS SULFITES PRODUCTS**

HOUSTON, TX (March 4, 2010)... Effective April 1, 2010, or as contracts permit, Solvay Chemicals, Inc. will implement a temporary sulfur surcharge for its Sulfite products, as follows:

- Sodium Sulfite, all grades, all packages - \$0.030/lb.
- Sodium Metabisulfite, all grades, all packages - \$0.040/lb.
- Sodium Sulfite Blended Products including Catalyzed and Catalyzed and Decharacterized - \$0.040/lb

According to **Paul Jones**, Business Manager, Sulfite Products, “This announcement is the result of a continued escalation in sulfur pricing, which is expected to climb even higher in the second quarter. We have absorbed the additional cost up to this point, but can no longer continue to do so.”

Solvay Chemicals, Inc. is part of the Solvay Group, the leading global producer of hydrogen peroxide, soda ash, sodium bicarbonate, and sodium percarbonate. Solvay is an international industrial Group active in Chemistry. It offers a broad range of products and solutions that contribute to improving quality of life. The Group is headquartered in Brussels and its companies employ about 19,000 people in 50 countries. In 2009, its consolidated sales amounted to €8.45 billion EUR. Solvay is listed on the NYSE Euronext stock exchange in Brussels (NYSE Euronext: SOLB.BE - Bloomberg: SOLB.BB - Reuters: SOLBt.BR). Details are available at www.solvay.com.

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