



SolVin Award 2010

THE RULES

PURPOSE OF THESE AWARDS

The SolVin Award for PVC Innovation is intended to promote the image of PVC as an innovative, versatile, cost effective and safe product that contributes positively to the welfare of the company. Innovations submitted to the competition shall be judged by an independent jury. The competition offers the candidates an opportunity to promote their PVC-related project.

CANDIDATES

Candidates may be material processors, additive suppliers, machines producers, end-users, specifiers, service providers, media related activities, academic institutions, designers, students, etc. Personnel of SolVin and companies of Jury members may not apply. Joint applications between different kinds of candidates or several applications for one candidate are accepted.

INNOVATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CONTEST

An innovation in the frame of this contest is a product or a process that complies with the following combined criteria (the list is not exhaustive and is given for example only):

- To have a link with PVC (for example: additives, processing machines, composites of PVC, logistics, ...).
- To contribute to the positive image of PVC (for example: to be a new application for PVC, to use recycled material, to reduce waste, to improve hygiene, to preserve the environment, ...).
- To bring improvement to existing products (for example: to replace another material, at lower cost or higher performance, to improve mechanical, chemical, aesthetical characteristics of existing products, to allow a better processability or a higher productivity, ...).
- It should lead to an application that exists or could be developed on the European market.
- It should be under development or available on the market from 1st January 2008.

All innovations presented and results of the 2001, 2004 & 2007 competitions are available at the following Internet address: www.solvinaward.com.

HOW TO APPLY?

Your application form should preferably be completed in English and sent to us between 1st January 2010 and 30th April 2010. You can find the file on our Internet website: www.solvinaward.com.

Please send it back to: SolVin Award - SOLVIN S.A. - rue de Ransbeek, 310 - 1120 Bruxelles – Belgium or by e-mail to: award.solvin@solvay.com

Do not hesitate to contact your SolVin delegate for more information or help.

In the submission you should:

- Explain how and why the innovation complies with the above mentioned combined criteria.
- Describe it accurately, please attach, if possible, a prototype or a sample and a high definition picture.
- Offer a practical usage for the product.

Please note that any submissions made will be considered by SolVin to contain information that is available to the open market and that there will be no restriction for SolVin to use the file's contents in publications, symposia, etc. Therefore, where appropriate, candidates should ensure that arrangements have been made to protect their innovation through the normal channels. The candidates alone are responsible for their project and the information communicated in this regards.

The candidates expressly release SolVin from any responsibility linked to these projects or the information provided in connection with them.

THE JURY

The Jury will consist of 5 representatives independent of SolVin. Any decision of the Jury is final. The candidates waive any recourse against SolVin, its employees, the Jury or its members by reason of any decision taken by the Jury.

THE AWARDS

In September 2010, SolVin will inform the finalists of their participation to the ceremony which will take place in Düsseldorf on Thursday 28th, October 2010 in the evening, on the occasion of the fair K 2010.

Three finalists will be rewarded with the following prizes:

- The Gold SolVin Award for a value of 50.000 EUR.
- The Silver SolVin Award for a value of 25.000 EUR.
- The Bronze SolVin Award for a value of 10.000 EUR.

On the occasion of the SolVin Award 2010, the Jury will also reward special prizes:

- The SolVin Award for Recycling for a value of 7.500 EUR.
- The SolVin Award for Design for a value of 7.500 EUR.

The intention of SolVin is to reward the winners in order to boost their innovation process. The value of the Prizes should ideally be used by the winners to foster their innovation and can be converted into R&D projects, marketing studies, brain storming or creativity sessions, collaborations with academics like Universities, in partnership with SolVin.

THE AGENDA

- Entries will be called for between 1st January 2010 and 30th April 2010.
- The Jury will select the Finalists in September 2010.
- SolVin will officially present the awards on Thursday 28th, October 2010 during the Kunststoffe Messe 2010 in Düsseldorf.

