



# Petrochemicals & Plastics Sector

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# II-1 Major Products

## Polyethylene (PE)

Resin used as a packaging material, a major product of the petrochemical industry

【Our features】

- Strengths in high quality protective films
- 3 production bases in Japan/Singapore/Saudi Arabia



## Polypropylene (PP)

Widely used resins for automobile parts and packaging materials, etc.

【Our features】

- Global operation of PP compounds for automobiles
- Strong in high-performance packaging applications

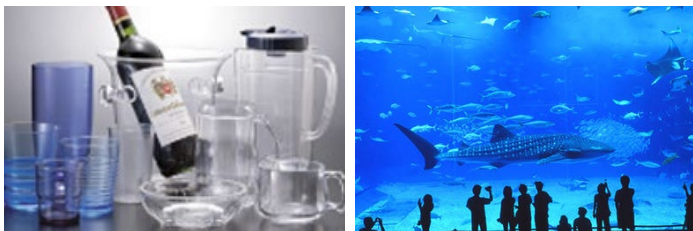


## MMA (MMA-m/PMMA)

Resins with high transparency and excellent weather resistance, and their raw materials

【Our features】

- 2nd largest market share in Asia, 4th in the world (MMA-m)

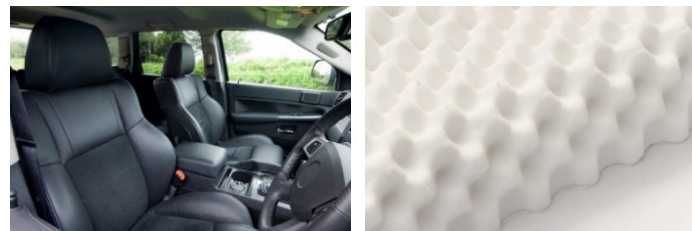


## Propylene Oxide (PO)

Raw material for urethane used in automobile seats and furniture

【Our features】

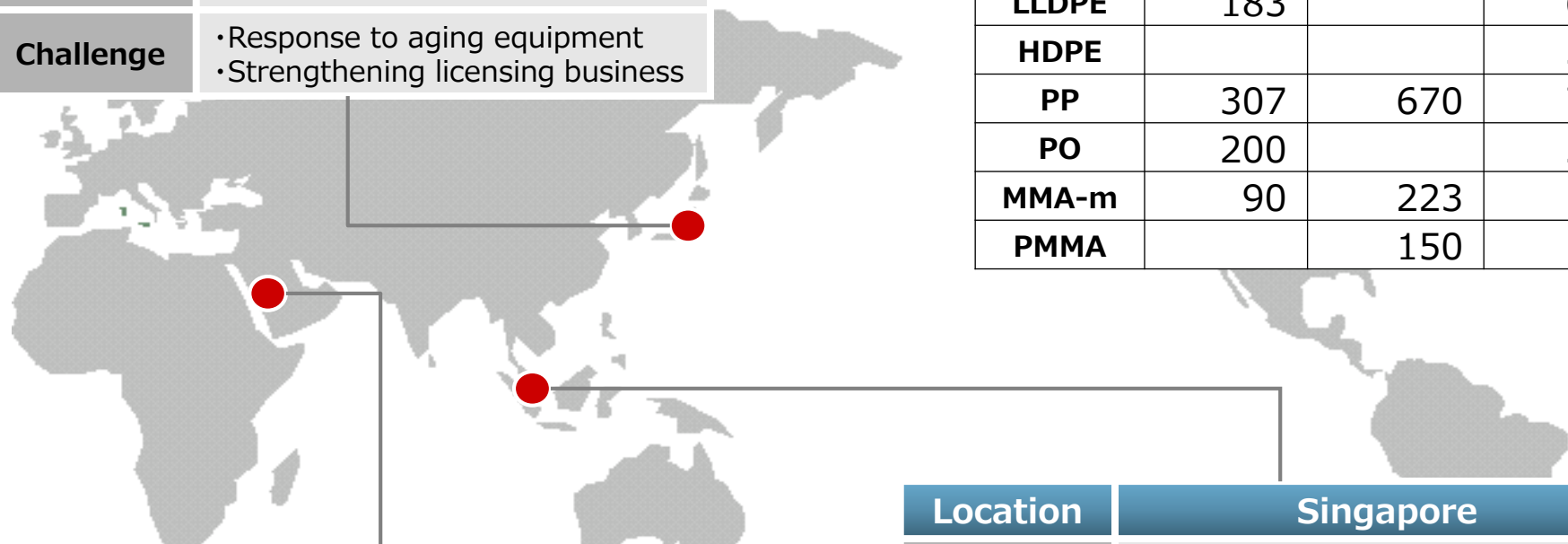
- Proprietary technology that does not produce co-products
- Promoting licensing of the proprietary technology



# II-1 Petrochemicals & Plastics Sector by Region

Location	Japan
Positioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Development base for new products &amp; technologies</li> </ul>
Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Response to aging equipment</li> <li>•Strengthening licensing business</li> </ul>

Capacity (KTA)	Japan	Singapore	Saudi Arabia
LDPE	172	255	150
LLDPE	183		600
HDPE			300
PP	307	670	700
PO	200		200
MMA-m	90	223	90
PMMA		150	50



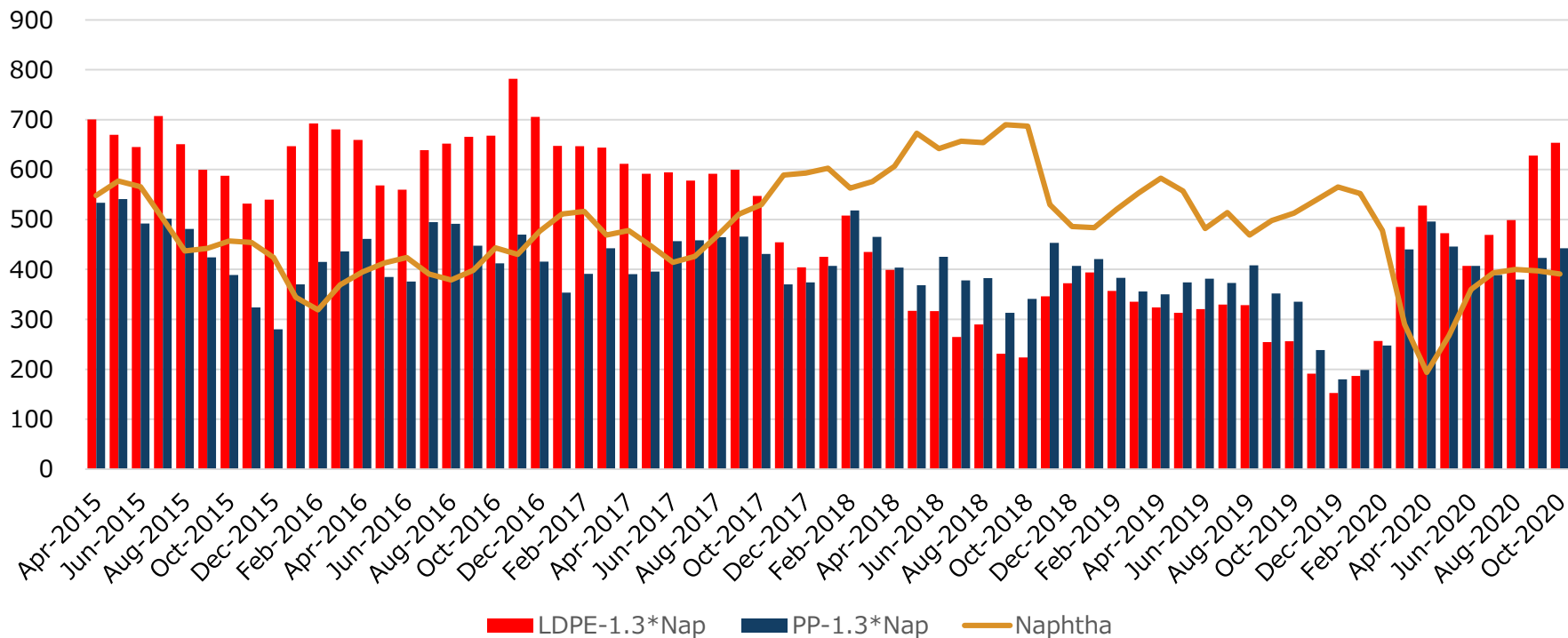
Location	Saudi Arabia
Major affiliates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Petro Rabigh (PRC)</li> </ul>
Positioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Refinery-Chemicals integration complex, taking advantage of low-cost feedstocks and fuels</li> </ul>
Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Unstable profit and loss trends due to fluctuations in oil refining margin</li> </ul>

Location	Singapore
Major affiliates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Petrochemical corporation of Singapore</li> <li>•The polyolefin company</li> <li>•Sumitomo chemicals Asia</li> </ul>
Positioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Petrochemical business hub with strong customer base</li> </ul>
Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Continue to add value to products</li> <li>•Maintaining high share for leading customers</li> </ul>

**Margins for petrochemical products peaked around 2016 and had been on a downward trend, but improved in 2020 despite COVID-19.**

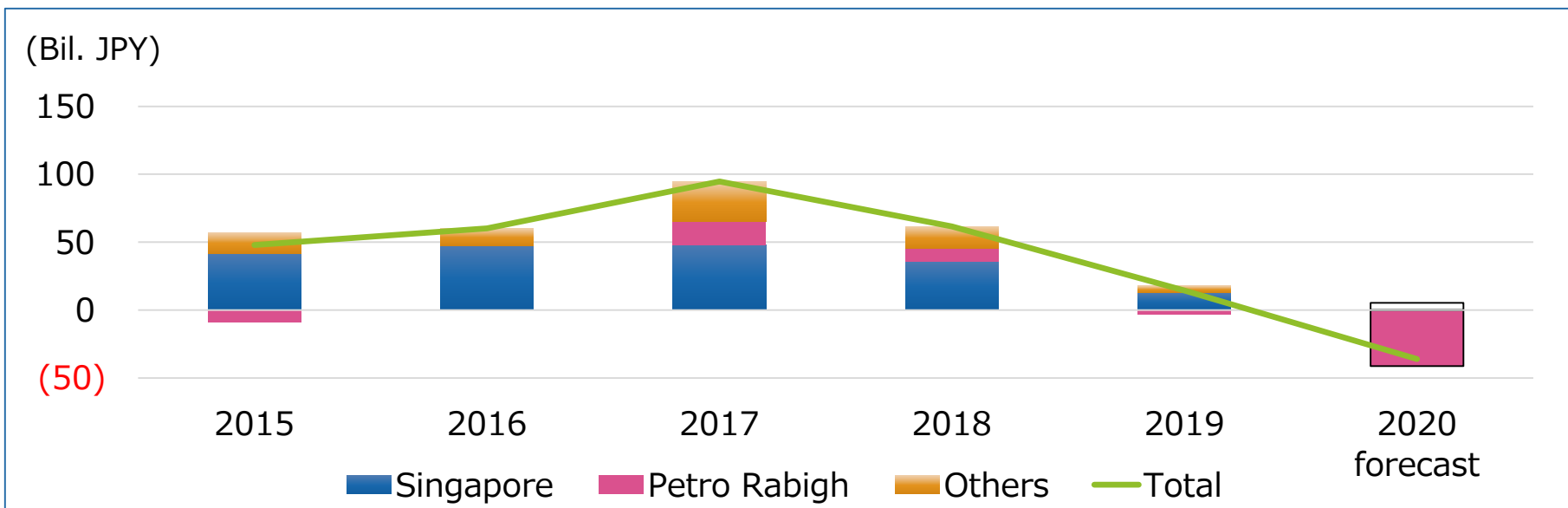
Margin trends – Polyolefin

(USD/MT)



Source: Sumitomo Chemical calculated from IHS Markit

# Performance Trends for the Petrochemicals & Plastics Sector



※ 2015, 2016: Operating Income + Equity in earnings (losses) of affiliates  
 2020 forecast: Petro Rabigh's figure shows Jan.-Sep. Actual

- The profit level of the Petrochemical & Plastics sector is affected heavily by petrochemical product market conditions.
- The profit and loss forecast for FY2020 is a large deficit, despite relatively favorable product market conditions, due to the deterioration of Petro Rabigh's business performance.

# II-1 Petro Rabigh's Performance

**FY2020**

(unit; USMM)

	Jan.-Mar.	Apr.-Jun.	Jul.-Sep.
Income before tax	-547	-304	-168

## Major causes for deterioration

Scheduled Maintenance

Crude oil price plunge

Margin reduction due to COVID-19

All these events hit during the scheduled maintenance period in Mar.-Apr.  
- unprecedented and extremely special situation



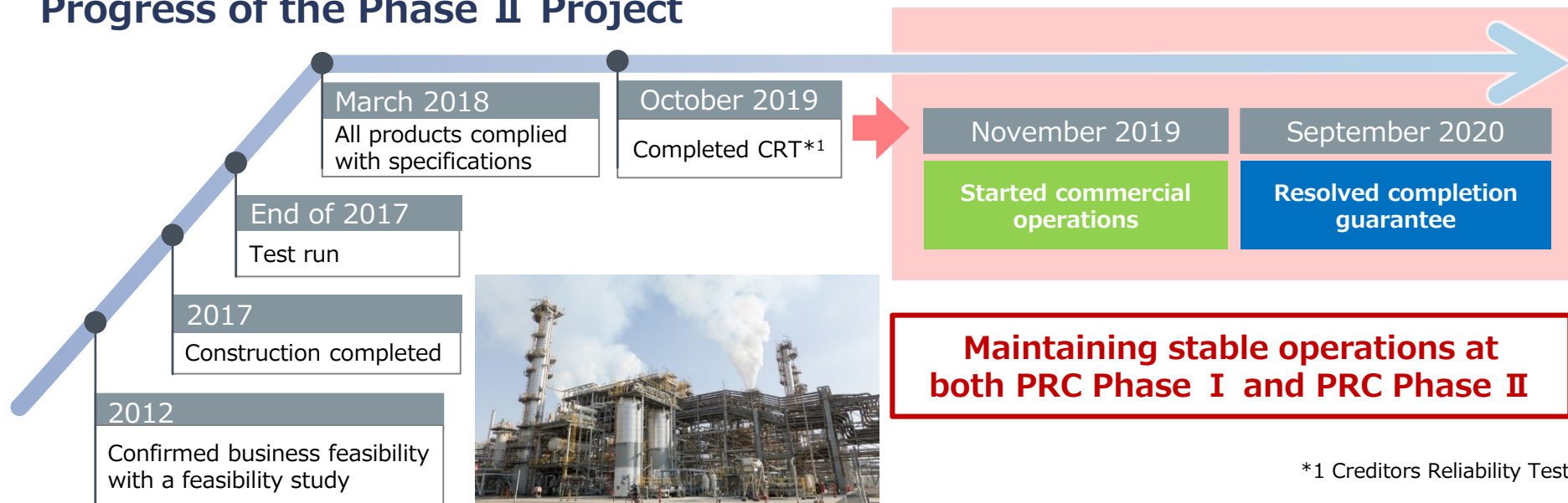
## Future outlook

- **FY2020: Scheduled maintenance completed.**  
Product margins recovering, deficit shrinking
- **FY2021: Impact from special events will diminish.**  
Improving profit & loss by continuing stable operations

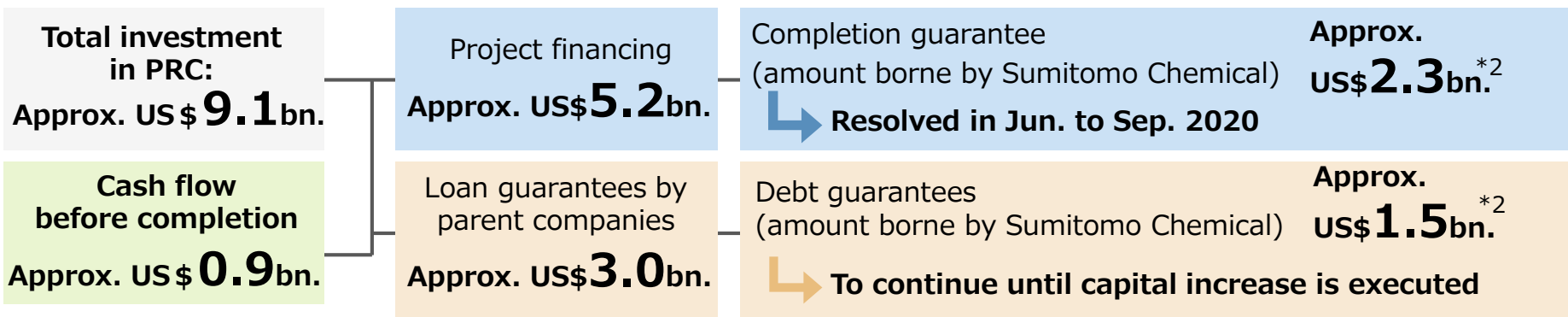


# Rabigh Phase II Project – Resolved completion guarantee in Sep. 2020

## Progress of the Phase II Project



## Investment and Completion Guarantee



\*2 As of Sep. 2020

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## Expansion of Technology Licensing Business

### Propylene Oxide Technology

Licensed to 4 Plants at 4 Companies  
(As of 2020)

- Energy saving & environmental-friendly
- World's first co-product-free process

### HCl Oxidation Technology

Licensed to 10 Plants at 6 Companies  
(As of 2020)

- Recycling of by-products
- Significant energy savings

### PE & PP Technology

- Wide range of polymer grades and portfolio
- High performance catalyst

### Caprolactam Technology

**2020: Entry to Licensing Business**

- World's first vapor-phase Beckman rearrangement process
- Ammonium sulfide free
- High performance catalyst

### Catalyst Manufacturing Plant (Chiba Works)



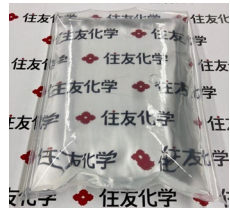
Started-up

PE·PP Cat.	2019 3Q
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PO Cat.	2019 4Q
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**Stable profit through technology licensing and catalyst sales**

# High Value-Added Polymers



**Mono-material film**  
Contribution to materials recycling



**5G materials**  
Contribution to achieving an IoT society



Flexible Displays

## Commodity polymers

**High performance retort pouches**  
Reducing food loss, reducing packaging weight



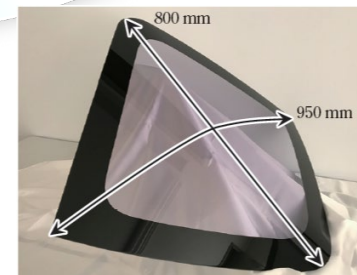
Microwaveable retort pouches

**New resin heat storage material**  
Contribution to energy saving



HEATORAGE®

**Highly rigid and tough materials for automobiles**  
Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by reducing weight



Prototype PMMA rear window for cars

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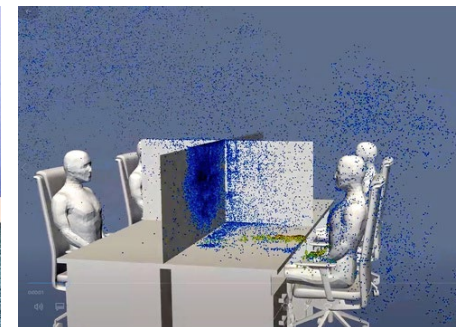
# II-3 COVID-19 Countermeasure Products

## 1) Product introduction

Transparent acrylic cast sheet: Sumipex

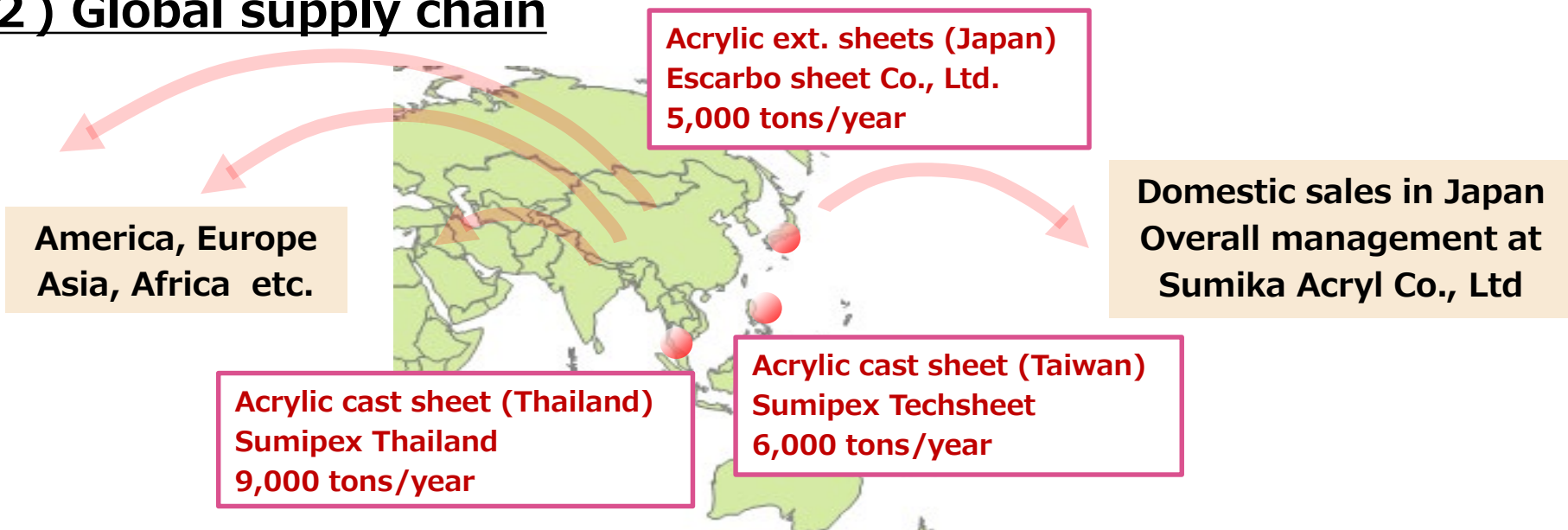
Transparent acrylic ext. sheet: Sumipex E

Features: Excellent transparency,  
scratch resistance,  
weather resistance, suitable for long-term use.



Example uses: Store/reception counters, restaurants, hospitals, schools, etc.

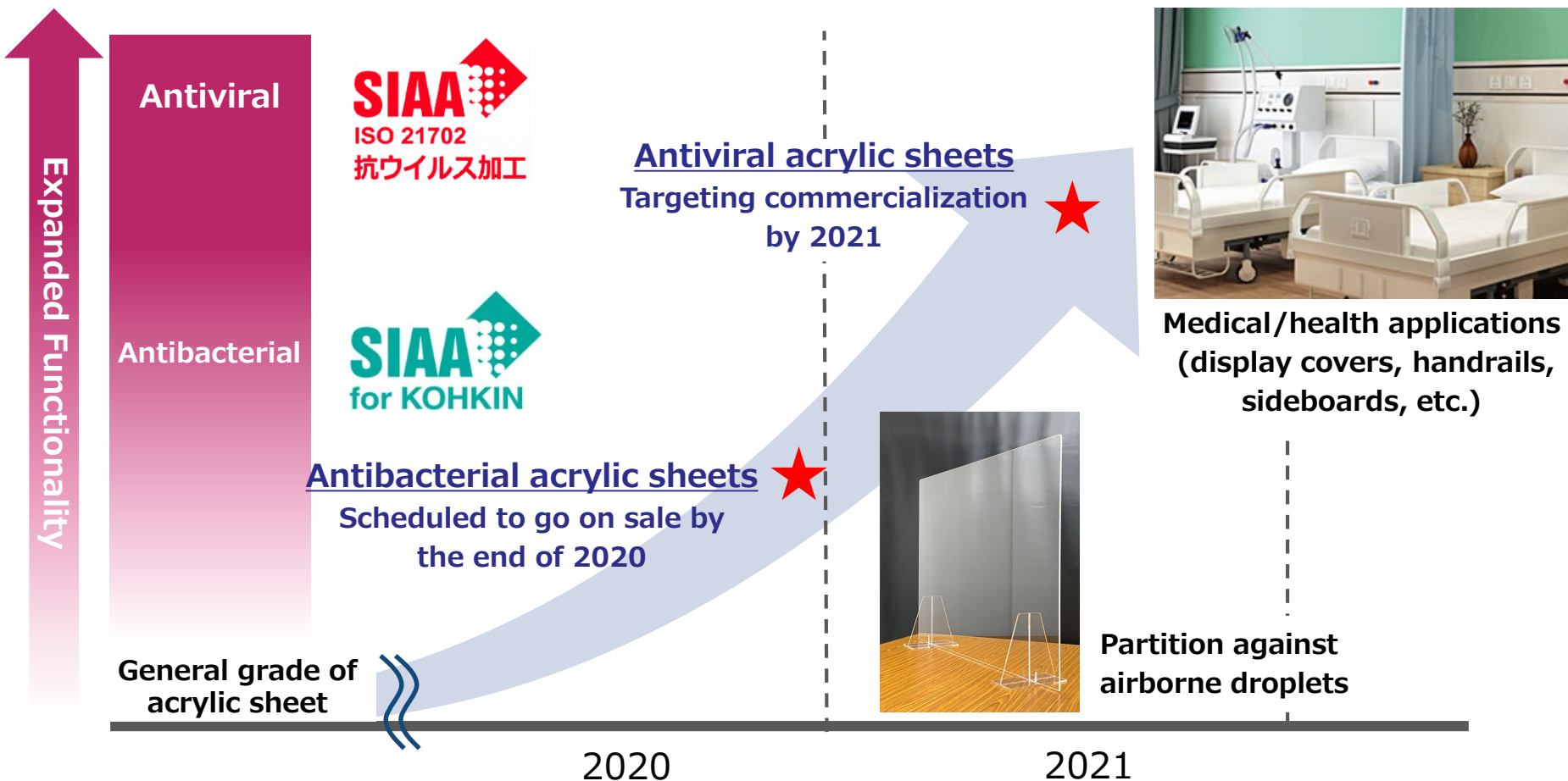
## 2) Global supply chain



# II-3 COVID-19 Countermeasure Products

## 3) Expanding the functionality of acrylic sheets

- > Increased demand for antibacterial and antiviral materials due to COVID-19 situation
- > Providing solutions through technical collaboration with Sumika Environmental Science Co., Ltd. (antiviral agent).



# II-3 Global Warming Initiatives ①

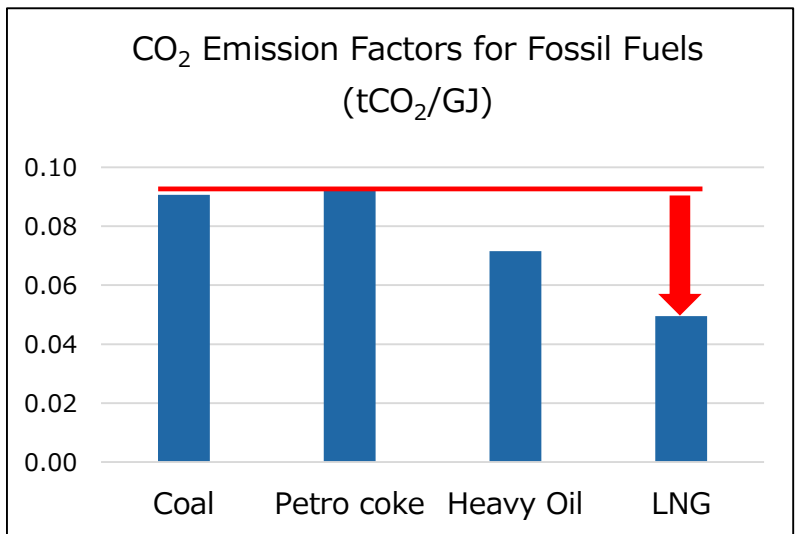
Promote fuel conversion to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in major domestic production bases (Ehime & Chiba)

- Build LNG terminal in Ehime through joint investment by 5 firms
- Introduce high-efficiency gas turbine power generators
- Replace some of the existing boilers



Composite image: LNG terminal at the Ehime works

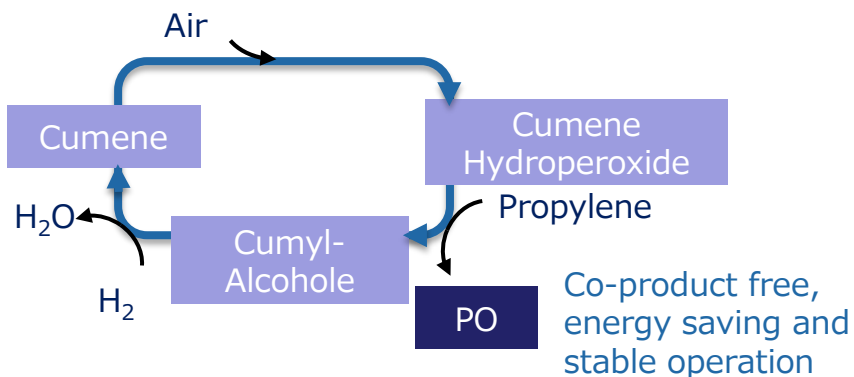
<b>Fuel conversion</b>	Shift from coal, petroleum coke and heavy oil to LNG
<b>Thermal efficiency</b>	Supply steam, using high-temperature exhaust gas from gas turbines



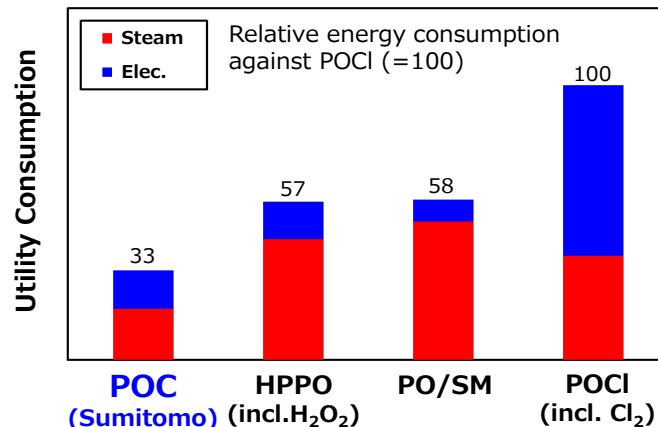
**Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**  
 Ehime: 650 thousand tons/ year  
 Chiba: 240 thousand tons/ year



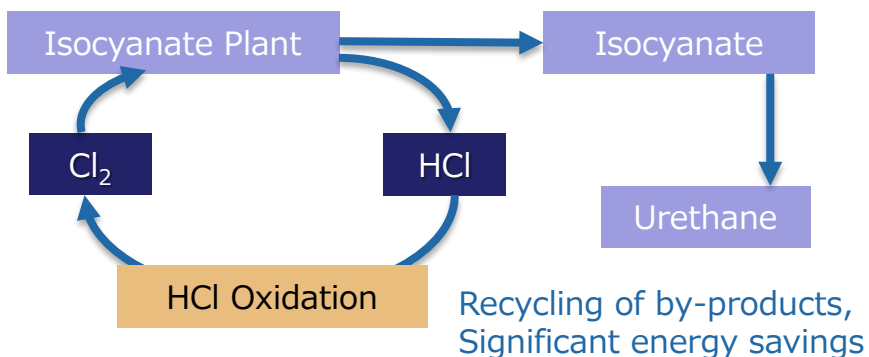
## Propylene Oxide-only Method (Cumene Method)



## Comparison with typical PO technologies



## HCl Oxidation Technology



## Comparison with typical alternative

	Sumitomo HCl Oxidation	NaCl Electrolysis
Electricity [kWh/t-Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	<b>165</b>	2,500
CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions* <sup>1</sup> [t/t]	<b>0.08</b>	1.3

\*1 The value was calculated with CO<sub>2</sub> emission factors from the Japanese Ministry of the Environment

**Contributing to reducing global warming by licensing energy-saving processes**

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## II-4 Prospective business

### Aiming at a Decarbonized Society, Circular Economy

Plastic products make our lives richer and more convenient, but there are issues with both the carbon footprint caused by consuming petroleum as a raw material and with how to handle and reuse waste plastic products.

Area	Direction of business
Addressing Climate Change	Contribute to reducing GHG emissions
	Use biomass-derived raw materials
Reducing Environmental Impact	Contribute to reducing waste plastics
	Contribute to reducing impact in food production
Effective Use of Resources	Implement carbon resource recycling
	Expedite carbon capture and utilization technology

#### Direction of R&D

We strive to promote R&D in plastics products that contribute to the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), and to enhance their environmental friendliness and utility value.

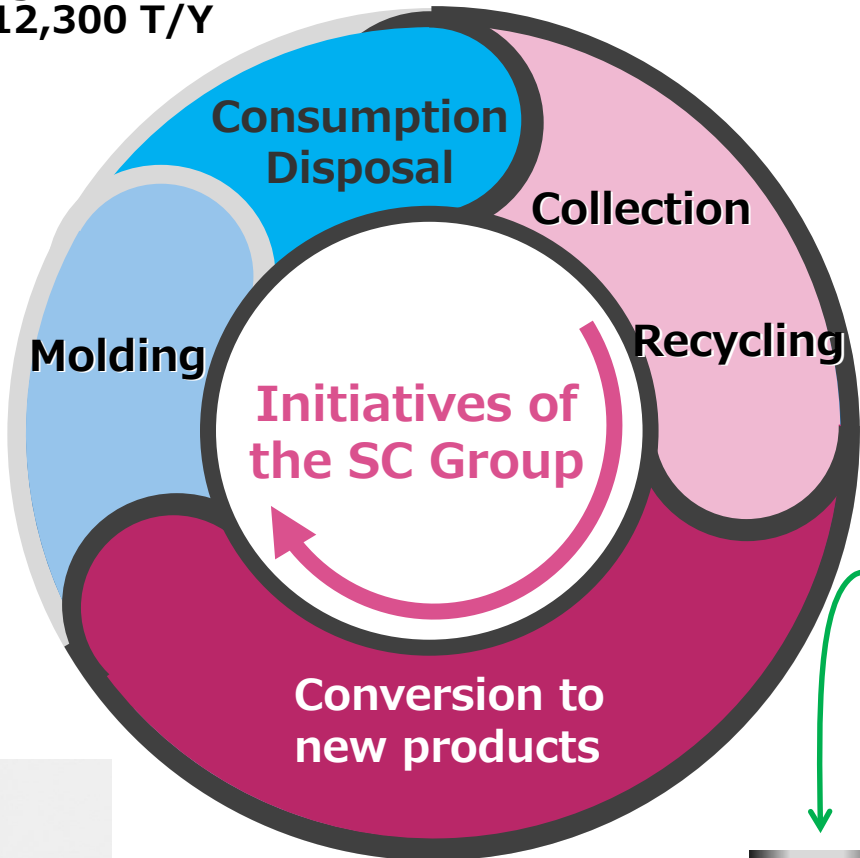
#### Lighter Packaging

#### Promotion of Reusable Products

#### Development of technology to utilize waste plastics and captured carbon

# II-4 Materials Recycling Technology Automotive materials

**Environmental Contribution Results (FY2018)**  
**Reduction of Virgin PP usage: 4,700 T/Y**  
**GHG emission reduction: 12,300 T/Y**

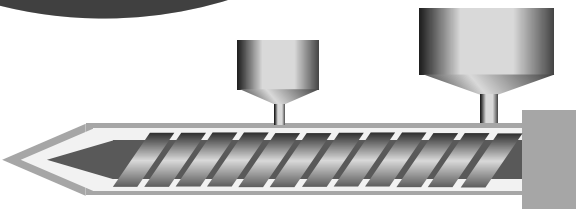


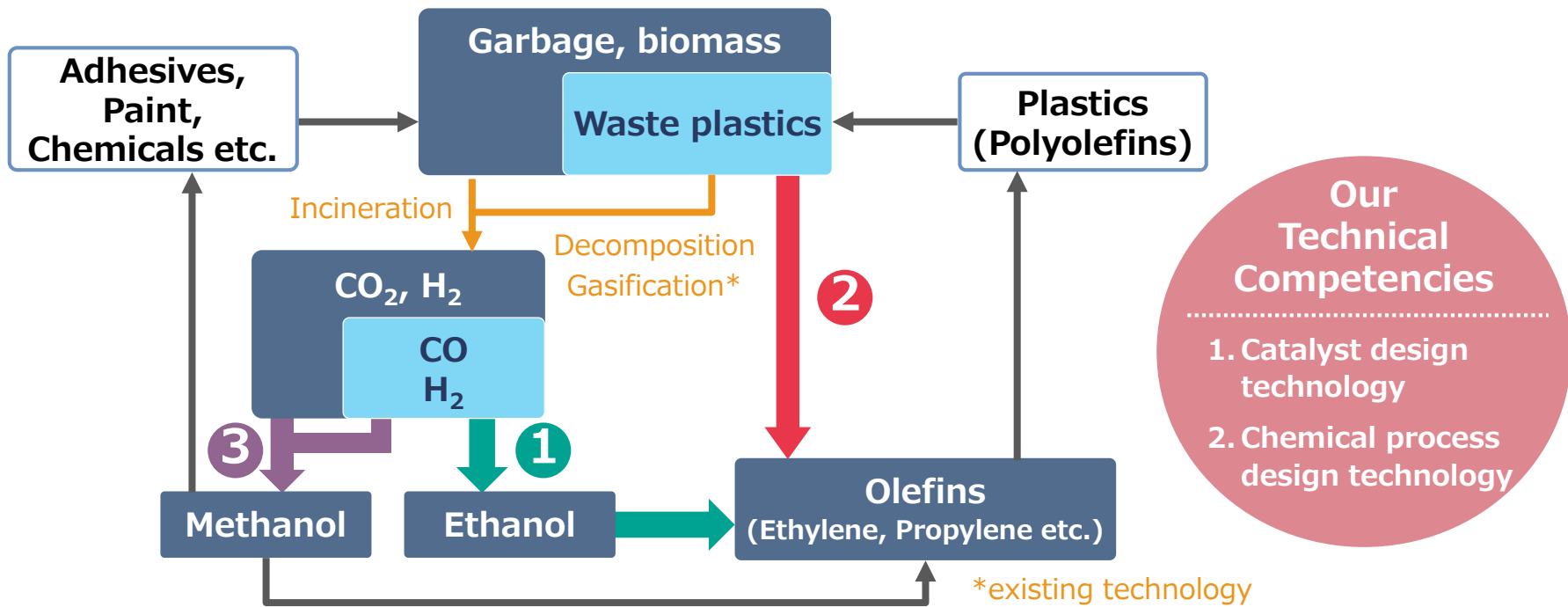
**Commercialization through Sumika Polymer Compounds Europe Ltd.**

**Glass fiber reinforced PP compound (pellets)**  
**Regenerated PP rate: Over 60%**



**Advanced manufacturing and quality control technology, and abundant know-how**





## Produce plastics from waste plastics or garbage instead of fossil resources

**① Alliance with SEKISUI CHEMICAL**

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RM	Garbage, waste plastics, biomass
Prod.	Polyethylene
React.	Gasification → ethanol (by microbes) → PE

**② Joint research with Muroran Inst. Tech.**

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RM	Waste plastics
Prod.	Ethylene, propylene
React.	Catalytic cracking

**③ Joint research with Shimane Univ.**

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RM	Garbage, waste plastics, biomass
Prod.	Methanol
React.	Catalytic synthesis of CO <sub>2</sub> and H <sub>2</sub>

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