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Sumitomo Chemical to integrate its Environmental Health and Vector Control Businesses

Sumitomo Chemical today announced that it will integrate the businesses of the Environmental Health Division and the Vector Control Division into a reorganized Environmental Health Division, effective April 1, 2015.

Sumitomo Chemical's current Environmental Health Division conducts business primarily in household insecticides and other insect control products, including those for pest control operators (PCO's), as well as the animal health field. The Vector Control Division was created in 2008 specifically to respond to the rapid business expansion of Olyset® Net, a long lasting insecticidal mosquito net accredited as a core tool for fighting against malaria. The Division has actively promoted the Olyset® Net and public health businesses ever since mainly in the areas that require vector borne disease control.

The operations of both Divisions are commonly based on Sumitomo Chemical's highly advanced insect control technology and have fully shared the benefits from ample expertise and resources of the Company's relevant R&D. The business integration will stimulate product innovations even further in the public health and PCO fields as well as the household insecticides business and enable the new Environmental Health Division to expand its market coverage into various downstream arenas.

"The Environmental Health field is one of the core businesses in Sumitomo Chemical's Health & Crop Sciences Sector. We are committed to making a positive contribution to the improvement of global health conditions through offering our innovative technologies. The reorganization of the Environmental Health Division will help us take great steps forward to this end. The unified business directions and strategies resulting from the integration will not only strengthen our existing businesses further, but also create new business opportunities we can seize", said Ray Nishimoto, Managing Executive Officer, Health & Crop Sciences Sector of Sumitomo Chemical.

The new Environmental Health Division, consisting of four departments – Business Planning & Administration, Global Marketing, Development, and Regulatory Affairs & Chemical Safety – will continue working closely with relevant affiliates around the world, such as Valent BioSciences, MGK, Sumitomo Chemical Asia-Pacific, Sumitomo Chemical UK, Sumitomo Chemical America and Sumitomo Chemical do Brasil.