

## To Our Stakeholders

### Through Our Business We are Working even Harder to Contribute to Solving Pressing Problems that Society Faces and to Building a Sustainable Society.

The efforts of the international community to build a sustainable society, as represented by the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), are gathering speed in earnest. In these circumstances, companies are expected to play a major role on both local and global levels, and particularly are being called upon to contribute as leaders in technological innovation to resolving a wide range of problems facing people around the world.

Based on Sumitomo's business philosophy, which emphasizes that our businesses must benefit society at large, not just our own interests, we at the Sumitomo Chemical Group have helped people to better their lives through continual technological innovation. In addition, we have striven to create new value by incorporating and integrating technologies and insights from various fields beyond the boundaries of chemistry.

Against the backdrop of technological advancement in areas such as IoT, robotics, and AI, a structural change is taking place in industry. The Sumitomo Chemical Group views these societal changes as new opportunities. By fully utilizing our core technologies developed over many years as a diversified chemical company, while also collaborating with other companies, universities, and research institutions in a variety of fields, we will continue to bring together technology and expertise from inside and outside the company and thereby create innovative products and technologies. Furthermore, we will work even harder to contribute through our business to solving pressing problems that society faces in the areas of health, food security, the environment, and global warming, and to building a sustainable society.

Thank you very much for your continued support and cooperation.

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