



# Eco-First Commitments

Updated Version

To **Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi**  
Minister of the Environment

November 29, 2021  
President of Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.  
**Keiichi Iwata**

As a leader in the chemical industry, Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd. not only observes strict compliance with all relevant laws and regulations, but also works to ensure safety, environmental protection, health and product quality throughout the life cycle of chemical products. The Company also strives to gain the further trust of society through continuous dialogue, and undertakes voluntary initiatives (Responsible Care activities) to contribute to the sustainable development of society.

## 01 We will promote efforts toward the realization of a carbon-neutral society.

- 1 As a company that agrees with the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures and has acquired SBT certification, we will actively promote various measures such as low-carbon fuel conversion and energy saving to prevent global warming, and work to reduce GHG emissions.
- 2 In addition to 1, we will proceed with the formulation of strategies for achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 through the development of innovative technologies and products.
- 3 In order to contribute widely to society through the power of chemistry (business), we will actively invest in research and development of products and technologies that contribute to climate change, and carry out in-house certification. In addition, we will quantitatively grasp the GHG reduction effect of these certified products and technologies and publish information.

## 02 We will work to realize the circulation of plastic resources and solve the problems of plastic waste through our business, such as the provision of technologies, products, and services that can demonstrate the strengths of chemistry.

- 1 In collaboration with other companies and academic institutions, we will promote technological development and construction of recycling systems, and work toward further social implementation of plastic material recycling and chemical recycling.
- 2 We will conduct in-house education and enlightenment so that the recycling of plastic resources can be regarded as one's own responsibility and lead to changes in one's own behavior, promote the separate collection of waste in the offices and facilities, and carry out social contribution activities such as cleaning the area around the offices and facilities, including rivers and coasts (aiming to be carried out at least once a year at each office or facility). In addition, through participation in various alliances, we will collaborate with others involved in the plastic value chain and actively work to respond to a wider range of social issues.

## 03 We will continue to manage chemical substances and risk communication appropriately and positively.

- 1 We will carry out a re-inspection of the risk assessment for all chemical substances handled by our company that have completed the risk assessment based on the latest knowledge after setting priorities, and will disclose the results to the public.
- 2 We will collaborate with chemical companies around the world on studies of the impact of chemical substances on human health and the environment (Long-range Research Initiative), in order to continuously improve the safety of chemical substances.
- 3 All the offices and facilities at Sumitomo Chemical will strive to communicate effectively with and promote information disclosure to local residents and other stakeholders in creative and voluntary ways that suit the needs of the local community, and continue activities to deepen mutual understanding.

The Company will monitor the progress made in the above initiatives, make the results publicly available, and report them to the Ministry of the Environment on a regular basis.