

Sumitomo Chemical Contributes to the Asian Tsunami Relief Effort

All the Board members and employees of Sumitomo Chemical would like to express our heartfelt sympathies to those who suffered as a result of the earthquake and subsequent tsunamis that struck the nations surrounding the Indian Ocean on December 26, 2004. We extend our sincere condolences to the families of those who lost their lives, and we hope for the swiftest possible recovery of those injured, as well as for the quick reconstruction of the areas damaged in the tragedy.

Aside from donating an emergency supply of pesticides to the afflicted area to assist in pest control efforts, under the auspices of Nippon Keidanren, Sumitomo Chemical announced a pledge of 10 million yen in charitable aid to Japan Platform, an international humanitarian organization, on January 4, 2005. The funds will be used for on-site relief and reconstruction efforts.

Additionally, individual contributions from executives and employees of Sumitomo Chemical and its group companies both in Japan and overseas will be made to support UNICEF in their relief efforts.

Group companies based in Singapore; Sumitomo Chemical Singapore (SCS), Petrochemical Corporation of Singapore (PCS) and The Polyolefin Company (TPC) have already made contributions of SG\$50,000 respectively and SG\$20,000 of individual contributions from employees, amounting to a collective pledge of SG\$170,000 (approximately US\$104,000), to fund relief efforts by the Red Cross Society.