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Sumitomo Chemical Recognized by CDP for Climate Change Disclosure Leadership

Sumitomo Chemical has been highly commended by the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), an international not-for-profit organization, for its excellent approach to the disclosure of climate change information, and is featured in CDP's "Carbon Disclosure Leadership Index."

CDP, which works on behalf of 655 institutional investors holding US\$78 trillion in assets, sends a questionnaire on climate change initiatives to about 5,000 companies worldwide every year. Based on analysis of the responses to the questionnaire, CDP selects companies that display a strong approach to information disclosure for listing in the Carbon Disclosure Leadership Index.

Of 500 major Japanese companies surveyed this year, Sumitomo Chemical is the only one among general chemical companies to have been selected for the Carbon Disclosure Leadership Index, with the highest score in the materials sector.

Paul Simpson, chief executive officer of CDP, commented:

"Companies that make the Carbon Disclosure Leadership Index have demonstrated strong internal data management practices for the measurement of greenhouse gas emissions and energy use. They are also giving clear consideration to the business issues related to climate change and their exposure to climate-related risks and opportunities. This is vital to realizing greater efficiencies, protecting the business from risk and capitalizing on opportunities."

Sumitomo Chemical has constantly made active efforts toward environmental protection and promoted information disclosure. In 2008, Sumitomo Chemical became the first general chemical company in Japan to be certified under the Eco-First Program^(*1) by the country's Ministry of the Environment. Sumitomo Chemical will continue to strive to gain greater social trust through appropriate information disclosure as it develops Responsible Care^(*2) activities.

(*1) The Eco-First Program, launched by Japan's Ministry of the Environment, is aimed at encouraging leading companies in industries to promote efforts toward

environmental protection. Under the program, companies make commitments to the Minister of the Environment by setting goals for their plans on such issues as climate change, wastes management and recycling. Companies approved under the Eco-First Program publicly announce their commitments and regularly report on progress in the fulfillment of their commitments to the Minister of the Environment.

(*2) Voluntary initiatives of companies handling chemical substances to improve the environment, safety and human health throughout the entire life cycles of products, and to communicate with society by disclosing the results of their activities.