

## Sumitomo Chemical Announces Revisions to its Financial Forecast for the Half-year Ended September 30, 2017

Based on recent performance trends, Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd. has revised its consolidated financial forecast for the half-year ended September 30, 2017, previously announced on May 16, 2017, as detailed below.

Revisions to Consolidated Financial Forecast for the Half-Year Ended September 30, 2017

(Millions of yen)

	Sales	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Net income attributable to owners of the parent	Earnings per Share (yen)
Previous Forecast (A)	1,020,000	65,000	75,000	40,000	24.48
Revised Forecast (B)	1,050,000	92,000	115,000	68,000	41.61
Variance in Amount (B-A)	30,000	27,000	40,000	28,000	
Variance in Percentage (%)	2.9	41.5	53.3	70.0	
Results for Half-Year ended September 30, 2016	900,512	47,254	50,608	19,234	11.77

(Reasons for the Revision)

Sales and operating income are expected to exceed the previous forecast due mainly to higher selling prices of products in the Petrochemicals & Plastics Sector and brisk shipments of products in the Pharmaceuticals Sector and the Energy & Functional Materials Sector, despite a drop in selling prices of the feed additive methionine in the Health & Crop Sciences Sector. Ordinary income and net income attributable to owners of the parent are also anticipated to exceed the previous estimate due to an increase in operating income as well as higher equity in earnings of affiliates and other factors.

Earnings projections for the full year ending March 31, 2018, are now being prepared and will be presented at the time of the announcement of half-year financial results slated for November 1.

**Cautionary Statement**

Statements made in this document with respect to Sumitomo Chemical's current plans, estimates, strategies and beliefs that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements about the future performance of Sumitomo Chemical. These statements are based on management's assumptions and beliefs in light of the information currently available to it, and involve risks and uncertainties.

The important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, general economic conditions in Sumitomo Chemical's markets; demand for, and competitive pricing pressure on, Sumitomo Chemical's products in the marketplace; Sumitomo Chemical's ability to continue to win acceptance for its products in these highly competitive markets; and movements of currency exchange rates.