

February 1, 2019

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Sumitomo Chemical Appoints New Chairman and New President

Sumitomo Chemical today announced that, at a Board of Directors meeting held on February 1, 2019, it has appointed a new Chairman of the Board and a new Representative Director and President, as detailed below.

At Sumitomo Chemical, when selecting a new chief executive officer, the Nomination Advisory Committee (currently comprised of four Independent Outside Directors as well as the Chairman of the Board and the Representative Director and President, for a total of six members) deliberates for a sufficient amount of time and then makes its recommendation to the Board of Directors.

In accordance with these policies, the Nomination Advisory Committee met several times to discuss the business environment surrounding the Sumitomo Chemical Group and the qualities needed in the next president. As a result, a consensus was reached acknowledging that, in the midst of a business environment that is undergoing significant changes, the next president would need the ability to steer the company boldly and precisely, with a resolute ability to execute. Accordingly, as a result of deliberating over multiple candidates, the committee came to the conclusion that Keiichi Iwata would be the most appropriate candidate to be the next president, and this decision was made through a resolution at the recent Board of Directors meeting.

1. Executive Changes (as of April 1, 2019)

Name	New Position	Current Position
Osamu Ishitobi	Director and Counselor	Chairman of the Board
Masakazu Tokura	Chairman of the Board	Representative Director and President
Keiichi Iwata	Representative Director and President	Representative Director and Senior Management Executive Officer

Note: At the General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held in June, 2019, Osamu Ishitobi is expected to resign as Director with the expiration of his term of office.

2. Career History of the New President

Please reference the Career Overview attachment.

Biographical Information

As of February 1, 2019

Name Keiichi Iwata

Date of Birth October 11, 1957

Education

March 1982 Bachelor of Laws, University of Tokyo

Professional Experience

April 1982 Joined Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.
Administrative & Planning Sec., General Affairs Dept., Ehime Works

January 2002 On loan to Sumitomo Chemical Belgium S.A./N.V.

July 2004 General Manager, IT-related Chemicals Sector Planning & Coordination Office, Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.

April 2010 Executive Officer
IT-related Chemicals Sector Planning & Coordination Office, Quality Assurance Office

October 2012 Executive Officer
Corporate Planning & Coordination Office, New Business Development Office, PLED Business Planning Office, IT-related Chemicals Sector Planning & Coordination Office, Semiconductor & Display Materials Div., Electronic Materials Div.

April 2013 Managing Executive Officer
Corporate Planning & Coordination Office, Office for Asia Business Headquarters, PLED Business Planning Office

April 2014 Managing Executive Officer
PLED Business Planning Office, Electronic Materials Div., Battery Materials Div.

April 2015 Managing Executive Officer
Energy & Functional Materials Sector Planning & Coordination Office, PLED Business Planning Office, Electronic Materials Div., Battery Materials Div.

April 2017 Managing Executive Officer
Energy & Functional Materials Sector Planning & Coordination Office, PLED Business Planning Office, IT-related Chemicals Sector Planning & Coordination Office

April 2018 Senior Managing Executive Officer
Energy & Functional Materials Sector, PLED Business Planning, Electronic Devices Development Center

June 2018 Representative Director

April 2019 To be appointed Representative Director & President