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Sumitomo Chemical to Reorganize its U.S. Group Companies in the Agro & Life Solutions Sector and Establish a Global Hub for its Biorational Business

Sumitomo Chemical has decided to implement a reorganization of the Group aimed at further strengthening and growing its biorationals* business. Valent BioSciences LLC (“VBS”), McLaughlin Gormley King Company (“MGK”), and Valent North America LLC (“VNA”)—Sumitomo Chemical’s U.S. subsidiaries—will be integrated into the surviving company VBS, which will be renamed Sumitomo Biorational Company LLC (“SBC”). SBC will commence operations in Libertyville, Illinois, starting April 2026, as the Group’s global hub driving innovation in this field, and it will provide comprehensive and sustainable biorational solutions across the world.

Sumitomo Chemical’s Agro & Life Solutions Sector operates with crop protection chemicals and biorationals as its two pillars of business. The biorationals market is expected to continue to expand as demand is growing among producers and consumers for products that have a lower environmental impact. By further enhancing its product portfolio and stepping up sales efforts, the Company aims to drive its biorationals sales to approximately 150 billion yen by fiscal 2030, more than double from fiscal 2024.

Under these circumstances, Sumitomo Chemical has decided to establish SBC as its Global Center of Excellence for Biorational Innovation. It will integrate all the functions, including research, manufacturing, and sales, of the biorationals business that have been carried out by several individual Group companies into one entity, SBC, to build a lean and efficient business operation structure that takes full advantage of the strengths of its world-leading biorationals business. Going forward, SBC will become the global hub for this business and work to create new value that will contribute to society’s sustainable development and living in harmony with the environment in a wide range of fields, from agriculture to public health, forest health, pest control, and animal health.

Through this reorganization, the Sumitomo Chemical Group will strive to achieve the following goals in its biorationals business:

- To develop and rapidly bring to market innovative and sustainable agricultural and environmental health technologies
- To consolidate and more effectively use the expertise and human resources in the Group
- To globally deploy comprehensive solutions that meet customer needs
- To increase Sumitomo Chemical’s global brand value and enhance the Group’s business competitiveness

In addition, Valent USA LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of VNA, will become a wholly owned subsidiary of SBC and will continue to be responsible for the development, sales, and marketing of crop protection products in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

In the Agro & Life Solutions Sector, the Sumitomo Chemical Group aims to advance regenerative agriculture and help achieve a sustainable society by delivering unique products and solutions to global markets. As a global leader in the biorationals business, the Group will further strengthen its industry-leading technological and service capabilities to contribute to solving social issues such as improving agricultural productivity and enhancing environmental health.

(Post-Integration: Company Overview)

Company name	Sumitomo Biorational Company LLC
Location	1910 Innovation Way, Suite 100, Libertyville, IL 60048, U.S.A
Representative	Shinsuke Shojima
Establishment	April 1, 2026
Major Business Fields	R&D, manufacturing, and sales of biorational products Development, manufacturing, and sales of insecticide products for household and public health uses in North America
Shareholder	Sumitomo Chemical America, Inc. (100%)

(Pre-Integration: Overviews of U.S. Subsidiaries)

Company name	Valent North America LLC
Location	1910 Innovation Way, Suite 100, Libertyville, IL 60048, U.S.A.
Representative	Andrew Lee
Establishment	April 2022
Major Business Fields	Offering corporate services to the Sumitomo Chemical Group companies in North America
Capital	409,574,000 USD
Shareholder	Sumitomo Chemical America, Inc. (100%)

Company name	Valent BioSciences LLC
Location	1910 Innovation Way, Suite 100, Libertyville, IL 60048, U.S.A
Representative	Salman Mir
Establishment	January 2000
Major Business Fields	R&D, manufacturing, and sales of biorational products
Capital	269,344,000 USD
Shareholder	Valent North America LLC (100%)

Company name	McLaughlin Gormley King Company
Location	7325 Aspen Lane North Minneapolis, MN 55428 U.S.A
Representative	Steve Gullickson
Establishment	April 1908
Major Business Fields	Development, manufacturing, and sales of insecticide products for household and public health uses in North America
Capital	180,000 USD
Shareholders	Valent U.S.A. LLC (76.6%) and Valent BioSciences LLC (23.4%)

* The Sumitomo Chemical Group defines biorationals as microbial pesticides, plant growth regulators, rhizosphere microbial products, botanical insecticides derived from natural sources, and solutions that use them to (1) protect crops from pests and diseases, (2) enhance crop quality and yield, and (3) contribute to public health and environmental health. While it previously defined botanicals as insecticidal ingredients derived from plants and used in household and professional insecticides, the definition has been updated since October 2025 to include botanicals among biorationals.



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