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Sumitomo Seika Chemicals Co., Ltd.
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A Lawsuit filed against Sumitomo Seika

Osaka, Japan, February 8, 2016 – Sumitomo Seika Chemicals Co., Ltd. (“Sumitomo Seika”) today announced that a lawsuit has been filed against Sumitomo Seika with the Osaka District Court as follows:

1. Date of the lawsuit filed

January 29, 2016

2. Plaintiff

Nippon Shokubai Co., Ltd. (“Nippon Shokubai” headquartered in Chu0-ku, Osaka)

3. Defendant

Sumitomo Seika Chemicals Co., Ltd. (headquartered in Chuo-ku, Osaka)

4. Cause and description of the lawsuit

In the lawsuit, Nippon Shokubai claims that Sumitomo Seika’s manufacture, sale or offer of sale of super absorbent polymers (“Product” or trade name “Aqua Keep”), a material for diapers, has infringed a certain patent right (“Patent”) owned by Nippon Shokubai, calling for (i) cessation of manufacturing the Product, (ii) destroying all quantities of manufactured Product in stock, and (iii) payment of 1 billion (1,000,000,000) Japanese yen and related interests.

Separately, Sumitomo Seika had filed an action with the Intellectual Property High Court in Japan, asserting the Patent to be invalid (rescinding the trial decision of the Patent and Trademark Office). In the present Osaka District Court lawsuit, Sumitomo Seika will also assert that the Patent is invalid with due reasons and Nippon Shokubai's claim lacks legitimacy. At the moment, Sumitomo Seika finds it difficult to estimate a possible adverse impact of the lawsuit on its earnings. If there occurs any development that warrants disclosure of information, we will make another announcement without delay.