



## Sumitomo Seika Integrated Report 2023 Statement of Opinion Regarding the Third-Party Verification

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### ■ Purpose of the Verification

In this Responsible Care Verification Report, the Responsible Care Verification Center aims to express the opinions of chemical industry experts concerning the following items presented in the Sumitomo Seika Integrated Report 2023 (hereinafter “the Report”) prepared by Sumitomo Seika Chemicals Company, Limited. The scope of the verification does not include financial information.

- 1) Rationale behind the collection, compilation, and methods of calculating performance indices (numerical data) and the accuracy of the data
- 2) Accuracy of the information (other than numerical data) presented in the Report
- 3) Evaluation of Responsible Care and CSR activities
- 4) Characteristics of the Report

### ■ Verification Procedure

- At the corporate head office, we evaluated the rationale for the methods used to collect and compile the numerical data reported from each site (office and works), as well as the accuracy of the information (other than numerical data) presented in the Report. This was done by interviewing those personnel responsible for the relevant business operations and those in charge of preparing the Report about its contents, and asking them each to provide supporting materials, and hearing their explanations of those supporting materials.
- At Befu Works, we evaluated the rationale for the methods used to calculate the numerical data reported to the corporate head office and the accuracy of the data, as well as the accuracy of information (other than numerical data) presented in the Report. This was done by interviewing those personnel responsible for the relevant business operations and those in charge of preparing the Report, as well as asking them to provide supporting materials, hearing their explanations of those supporting materials, and cross-checking the data and information with evidence, including on-site confirmation of actual items.
- We used a sampling technique to review the numerical data and other information presented in the Report.

### ■ Opinions

- 1) Rationale behind the collection, compilation, and methods of calculating performance indices (numerical data) and the accuracy of the data
  - Rational methods have been employed at the corporate head office and Befu Works to calculate and compile the numerical data.
  - Performance indices that came under the scope of this survey were accurately calculated and compiled.
- 2) Accuracy of the information (other than numerical data) presented in the Report
  - We confirmed that the information presented in the Report is accurate. Although we made several comments about the appropriateness of some expressions and the consistency of some terms at the draft stage, these were all corrected in the current Report, and we have found no items that currently require correction.

3) Evaluation of Responsible Care and CSR activities

- In fiscal 2022, the Basic Policies on Sustainability were formulated, and RC activities were conducted, including into quality. We highly evaluated the wide-ranging effective activities being developed. In particular, for climate change, the Carbon Cycle Society Task Force has been implementing specific initiatives. Other activities include responding to each country's equivalent of Japan's Chemical Substances Control Law regarding the manufacture and evaluation of chemical substances using external consultants, as part of chemical substance management; holding a monthly RC Liaison Meeting; communicating and sharing ideas throughout the entire group; working to prevent reoccurrence of accidents/disasters; and for quality, carrying out plant quality audits and QC patrols to maintain and manage the quality assurance system.
- In addition to responding to the latest revisions to the Industrial Safety and Health Act, energy has clearly been put into risk assessments, with risk assessments carried out for chemical substances that are handled and for manufacturing processes.
- At Befu Works, we laud both the proactive actions to address near-misses, including hypothetical ones, and the RB (Reformation Befu) activities, which have entered their seventh year and have taken root. The OPLS (One Point Lesson Sheets) are also characterized by their ease of use and employees' willingness to use them, and they are being effectively used in the workplace.

4) Characteristics of the Report

- As an integrated report, it is fully featured, with an easy-to-understand overall layout covering business activities, the medium-term business plan, and corporate governance, as well as details of individual RC activities as non-financial data.

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