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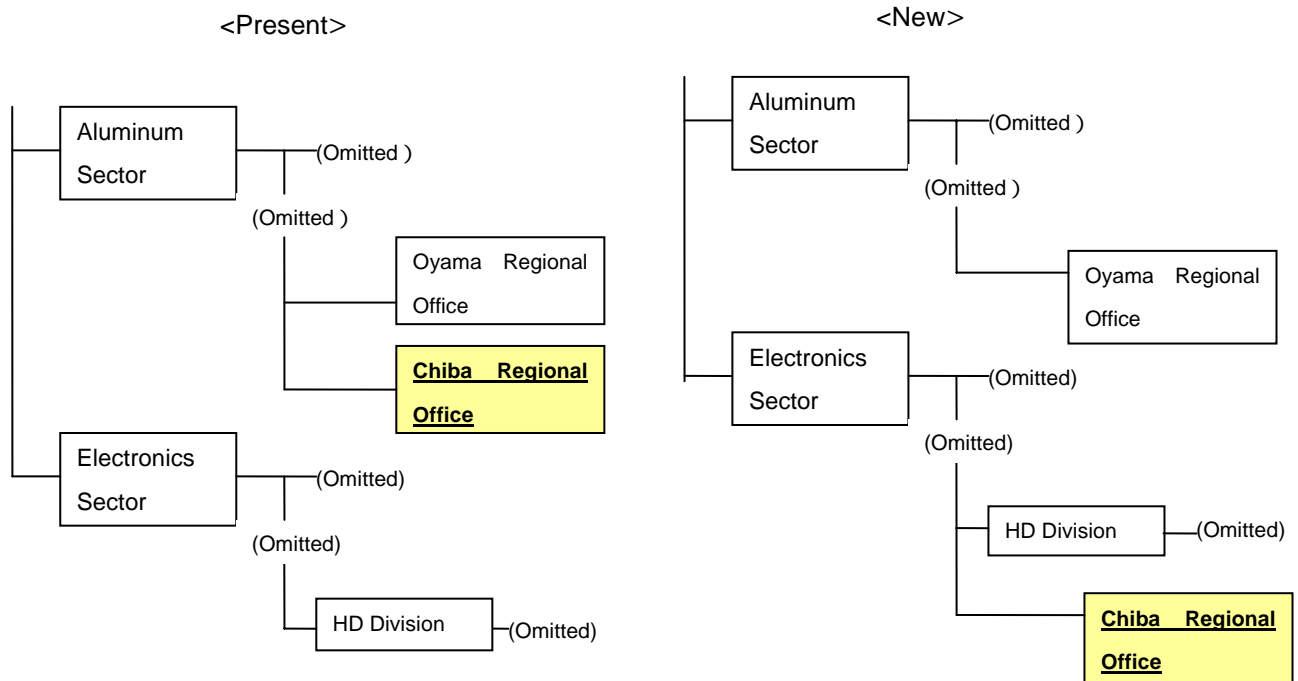
SDK to Change Jurisdiction over Chiba Regional Office

Showa Denko K.K. (SDK) has decided to transfer the control of Chiba Regional Office from Aluminum Sector to Electronics Sector effective January 4, 2008.

Chiba Regional Office has served as one of the aluminum operation sites since 1962, when SDK began aluminum smelting there. In recent years, however, Chiba Regional Office is mainly serving Electronics Sector, producing hard disk media—the core of SDK's growth businesses—and gallium-nitride-based LEDs—one of the next-generation growth businesses.

Under the circumstances, SDK decided to transfer the control of Chiba Regional Office to Electronics Sector.

[Relevant organization chart]



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