

NEWS RELEASE

SHOWA DENKO K.K.

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Changes in Representative Director

Showa Denko (SDK) (TOKYO:4004) decided at its board meeting today on changes in representative director.

Akira Koinuma, Director, Senior Managing Corporate Officer, and Chief Technology Officer (Officer in charge of Production Technology, Energy & Electricity, SPS Innovation, and CSR departments; Chairman, Safety Measures Committee) has been appointed Representative Director, effective immediately. Biographical information of the new representative director is attached to this news release.

Meanwhile, Shinji Sakai, Representative Director and Executive Vice President (Officer in charge of Ceramics and Carbons divisions; Yokohama, Shiojiri, and Omachi plants; and Corporate R&D and Corporate Strategy departments) will resign as Representative Director effective May 31, 2015. Sakai expressed his intention to resign as Representative Director, and Director, for personal reasons, and the Company accepted his resignation. He will resign as Corporate Officer as well on May 31.

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Attachment: Biographical Information

Akira KOINUMA

Date of birth: August 20, 1951
Education: Graduated from the Department of Ship Machinery Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, The University of Tokyo, in March 1975

Professional Career

April 1975 Joined Showa Denko K.K.

June 1999 General Manager, Production Technology Department, Oita Plant, Japan Polyolefins Co., Ltd. (JPO)

October 2001 Plant Manager, Oita Plant, JPO

August 2003 Transferred back to Showa Denko, and appointed Production Group Leader, Oita Plant, Petrochemicals Sector

July 2005 General Manager, Production Technology Department, Technology Headquarters

January 2006 General Manager, Production Technology Office and Production Technology Center, Technology Headquarters

January 2008 Corporate Officer; Deputy Executive Officer, Technology Headquarters

January 2010 Corporate Officer; Executive Officer, Production Technology Headquarters

March 2011 Director & Corporate Officer; Executive Officer, Production Technology Headquarters

January 2012 Director & Managing Corporate Officer; Executive Officer, Production Technology Headquarters

January 2013 Director & Managing Corporate Officer

January 2015 Director & Senior Managing Corporate Officer

May 2015 Representative Director & Senior Managing Corporate Officer; Chief Technology Officer (CTO); Officer in charge of Production Technology, Energy & Electricity, SPS Innovation, and CSR departments; Chairman, Safety Measures Committee

Shares Owned 236,000 shares