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Changes in Corporate Management

Showa Denko K.K. (SDK) at its board of directors meeting today decided on changes in corporate management that will take effect early next year.

Kensuke Onishi, Managing Director and concurrently President of Showa Aluminum Can Corporation, will resign as Managing Director on January 3 and serve exclusively as President of Showa Aluminum Can Corporation as from January 4.

At the general meeting of stockholders scheduled for late March 2005, two new directors will be elected. They are, Ichiro Nomura, Corporate Officer, Chief Manager, Planning Department, Aluminum Sector; and Shinji Sakai, Corporate Officer, Chief Manager, Planning Department, Electronics Sector.

Meanwhile, four new corporate officers will be appointed on January 4. They are, Takao Fujiwara, General Manager, Ceramics Division; Masayuki Miyauchi, Chief Manager, Production & Technology Control Department, Carbons & Metallic Materials Division; Yoshikazu Watanabe, General Manager, Rolled Products Division; and Toshio Nishide, Director, Showa Aluminum Can Corporation.

Eiji Ogata will resign as Chief Technologist on January 3 and become advisor to the Technology Headquarters as of January 4. Chief Technologist Yorikatsu Hohokabe will be promoted to Senior Chief Technologist on January 4.

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