

# NEWS RELEASE

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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.

Tadahiro Hashimoto, Managing Director and Executive Officer of Electronics Sector, will resign from the current position on January 3 and become Senior Chief Technologist as from January 4. He will be responsible for establishing a strategy for the rare earth business.

Hiroshi Ito, Managing Director and Executive Officer of Business Support Center, and director in charge of Audit Office, will also resign on the day of the general meeting of shareholders scheduled for late March next year. He will then assume the post of Standing Statutory Auditor.

Koji Kudo, Senior Corporate Officer and Oita Complex Representative, will be elected Director at the same general meeting of shareholders. He will be promoted to Managing Director at the subsequent board meeting on the same day. He will also serve as Executive Officer of Technology Headquarters and Chairman of Safety Measures Committee. Tetsuo Tamada, Director and Executive Officer of Inorganic Materials Sector, will also be promoted to Managing Director as of January 4.

Naoaki Yokobori will resign as Standing Statutory Auditor at the coming general meeting of shareholders. Hideshi Iwai, Director of Mizuho Financial Strategy, will be elected Auditor on the same date.

Masayoshi Okamoto (General Manager, Heat Exchanger Division), Kouichi Sekiya (General Manager, Chemicals Production Center), and Yoshikazu Watanabe (General Manager, Rolled Products Division) will resign as corporate officers. Okamoto will become Advisor to the Heat Exchanger Division. Sekiya will be appointed President of Showa Engineering Co., Ltd. and Watanabe will become President of Showa Denko Aluminum Trading K.K., both on January 4, 2006.

Meanwhile, five new corporate officers will be appointed on January 4. They are, Eiichi Sato, General Manager, Tokuyama Plant; Yasumichi Murata, General Manager, General Affairs Group and Secretariat; Shunichi Shiraishi, *Shotic* Division; Kenichi Izumi, General Manager, HD Division; and Hideo Ichikawa, General Manager, Corporate Strategy Department. Sato will take up the post of Oita Complex Representative while Murata will be appointed General Manager, General Affairs Office. Shiraishi will become General Manager, *Shotic* Division.

Yorikatsu Hohokabe will resign as Senior Chief Technologist on January 3 and become advisor to the Intellectual Property Office as of January 4.

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