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Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.

Mitsui Chemicals Group's SDC Technologies
Makes Additional Investment in Startup flō Optics
Accelerating commercialization of digital lens coating technology and creating new value
in the ophthalmic lens market

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (Tokyo: 4183; President & CEO: ICHIMURA Satoshi) today announced that its wholly owned subsidiary SDC Technologies, Inc. (Irvine, California, USA; President and CEO: Richard Chang; "SDC") has made a significant follow-on investment in flō Optics Ltd. (Israel; CEO: Jonathan Jaglom; "flō Optics"), a company with proprietary digital lens coating technologies, through the execution of a SAFE (Simple Agreement for Future Equity).

This additional investment further strengthens the strategic partnership initiated through Mitsui Chemicals' investment in flō Optics in July 2025^{*1}. Through SDC, Mitsui Chemicals will combine flō Optics' proprietary digital coating platform with SDC's extensive expertise in ophthalmic lens coating technologies to drive the creation of new value in the ophthalmic lens market.

As a strategic lead investor, SDC has increased its investment in flō Optics and will appoint a non-executive director to the company. Through this expanded investment and board participation, the Mitsui Chemicals Group and flō Optics will further strengthen their strategic collaboration, accelerating the commercialization and market adoption of digital coating technologies.



Lens Tinting Using Digital Coating Technology

■About flō Optics

flō Optics is a technology company developing a proprietary digital coating platform that enables highly precise, scalable lens processing. Founded by veterans of digital manufacturing and 3D printing, flō Optics is working to transform the coating processes for optical lenses.

Company Overview

Company name	flō Optics Ltd.
Headquarters	Israel
CEO	Jonathan Jaglom
Main business	Development of digital lens coating technologies
Website	http://www.flo-optics.com

■About SDC

SDC is a global developer and manufacturer of high-performance specialty coating systems for a wide range of materials, including plastics and glass. SDC serves global markets including ophthalmic, mobility, aerospace and electronics. Since joining the Mitsui Chemicals Group in 2008, SDC has leveraged the Group's materials science expertise and global network to expand its business and deliver innovative coating solutions.

Company Overview

Company name	SDC Technologies, Inc
Established	1986
Headquarters:	Irvine, California, USA
CEO	Richard Chang
Ownership	Mitsui Chemicals (Mitsui Chemicals America): 100%
Main business	Development, manufacture and sale of high-performance coating materials and coating equipment
Website	http://www.sdctech.com

Reference

*1 : SDC Technologies press release dated July 1, 2025:

<https://sdctech.com/sdc-technologies-enters-strategic-investment-and-collaboration-agreement-with-flo-optics/>

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