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 Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.

Mitsui Chemicals to Increase PP Compound Production Capacity in Thailand

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (Tokyo: 4183; President & CEO: Tsutomu Tannowa) has decided to expand its production facilities at Grand Siam Composites Co., Ltd. (Head office: Thailand; President: Kazunori Asami) in Thailand to meet growing global demand for polypropylene (PP) compounds.

Mitsui Chemicals Group currently operates eight production bases around the world (Japan, USA, Mexico, Europe, Thailand, China, India and Brazil) and research bases in five areas (Japan, USA, Europe, Thailand and China). The Group has continued to enhance its production systems, sales and R&D of high-performance PP compounds, which can be used to help reduce the weight of automobiles.

Recently strengthened environmental regulations have driven an increasing global need for lighter automobiles. As a result, demand for PP compounds is rising each year to meet lightweighting needs in bumpers, instrument panels and more.

This increase in capacity will not only strengthen the Mitsui Chemical Group's supply capabilities in the growing Asian market, but it will also expand the Group's global supply system and ensure the stable provision of premium-quality products to automakers and parts manufacturers with bases in Asia.

The Mitsui Chemicals Group aims to achieve further business expansion in mobility, a key sector for the company, by continuing to correctly gauge global growth in demand.



Grand Siam Composites Co., Ltd.

◆ Outline of Production Capacity Increase

Factory Location	Map Ta Phut Industrial Estate, Thailand
Capacity	13,000 tons/year
Schedule (tentative)	Completion in May 2020 Operations commence in June 2020

◆ Overview of Grand Siam Composites Co., Ltd.

Established	February 1996
Capital and Stakes	63.7 million baht Mitsui Chemicals: 45.2%, SCG Chemicals: 46.2% Prime Polymer: 3%, Other: 5.6%
President	Kazunori Asami
Business	Manufacture and sale of PP compounds