Mitsui Chemicals Wins International Environmental, Quality and Occupational Health & Safety Management Certification for All Industrial Sites

Japan's Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (MCI) has completed its objective of obtaining international certification of its environmental, quality and occupational health & safety (hereinafter "EQS") management systems for all its industrial sites in Japan by winning the ISO14001 certification for its Nagoya Works on September 22, the company announced today.

The latest outcome of the certification results are shown in the Attachment hereto.   MCI's industrial sites are Ichihara Works and its Mobara Annex, east of Tokyo, Nagoya Works, Nagoya, Osaka Works, Osaka, Iwakuni-Ohtake Works near Hiroshima, and Omuta Works in southern Japan.

In leading up to the latest achievement, MCI has been pushing ahead with its efforts to obtain international certifications for environmental, quality and occupational health & safety management systems under ISO14001, ISO9001:2000 and OHSAS standards, respectively, in its endeavors to strengthen EQS management in line with its Responsible Care (RC) ideals.

MCI is pushing ahead with a company-wide RC initiative based on "harmony with the global environment" comprising a part its corporate vision and its pursuit of "assurance of environment, safety and quality" as one of the mainstays of the corporate strategy under its Medium-term Corporate Plans.

MCI intends to achieve "sustainable development" by aiming for an ever higher level of RC management by actively utilizing and deploying the three EQS management systems.

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Current Certificaiton Status at MCI's Works in Japan		
Works	International Standard	Certification Date
Ichihara Works and Mobara Annex	ISO 9001:2000 ISO14001 OHSAS18001	Dec. 1993 Mar. 2002 Mar. 2003
Nagoya Works	ISO 9001:2000 ISO14001 OHSAS18001	Dec. 1996 Sep. 2004 Jun. 2002
Osaka Works	ISO 9001:2000 ISO14001 OHSAS18001	Jan. 1994 Mar. 2002 Jun. 2004
Iwakuni-Ohtake Works	ISO 9001:2000 ISO 9001:2000 ISO 9001:2000 ISO14001 OHSAS18001	Oct. 1993 (Petrochemicals) Apr. 1996 (Piping Systems) Mar. 2000 (Pellicles) Apr. 2002 Feb. 2004
Omuta Works	ISO 9001:2000 ISO14001 OHSAS18001	Mar. 1998 Mar. 2002 Oct. 2003

<Reference: Explanation of Acronyms>

ISO 9001 ISO14001	Both are international standards established by International Organization for Standardization, with respect to Quality (9001) and Environmental (14001) management systems, respectively.
OHSAS18001 (Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series)	This is currently the only international standard for assessing occupational health & safety management system that was developed by a representative certification organization. This standard does not envision an countering an accident ex post facto, but instead serves as a systematic management approach for preventing accidents and preemptively eliminating the causes and sources of accidents.