

November 9, 2009  
Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.

Statement on Accident at Production Facilities at Shimonoseki Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.  
(100% Subsidiary of Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.)

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the “parent company”) with its Head Office in Tokyo, Japan (Toshikazu Tanaka, President & CEO) extends sincere apologies to all parties concerned and affected by the November 4<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday, 13:30 hours) explosion and fire at Shimonoseki Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (100% subsidiary) production facilities which manufacture nitrogen trifluoride for the parent company.

Attached, please find details of the accident and injuries/damages as reported by Shimonoseki Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

November 6, 2009  
Shimonoseki Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.

### Explosion and Fire at Production Facility for Nitrogen Trifluoride (NF3)

Shimonoseki Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "SMCI") (Tadayoshi Kishimoto, President) extends sincere apologies to all parties concerned and affected by the November 4<sup>th</sup> explosion and fire at its nitrogen trifluoride (NF3) production facilities.

Following the accident, SMCI and Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "MCI") (Head Office: Tokyo) respectively formed task forces to investigate the cause of the accident and to implement appropriate safety measures for the community residents.

The police and the fire department are investigating the cause with the full cooperation of both SMCI and MCI.

The cause of the explosion and preventive measures will be announced as soon as such information becomes available.

Currently available information is as follows;

1. Address: 7-1-1, Hikoshima-sakomachi, Shimonoseki, Yamaguchi 750-0092  
Shimonoseki Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. production facility for nitrogen trifluoride (possibly filling area)  
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2. Substance: nitrogen trifluoride (NF3) gas
3. Date: November 4, 2009 (Wed) 13:30
4. Cause (as of November 6, 2009):  
Unknown and under investigation by the regulators.  
"Joint Committee for Investigation" was formed by SMCI and MCI on November 5<sup>th</sup> to investigate the cause, promptly develop and implement necessary counter measures.

5. Injuries and Damages (as of November 6, 2009)

Injuries; Community residents :2 persons (minor cuts), 2 person (sore throat),  
1 person (defective hearing and headache)  
1 person (tinnitus)  
Subcontractor employees:1 person (burns)  
SMCI employees :1 person (bruising and minor cuts)

Damages (as of November 6):

75 houses/buildings and 33 cars suffered damage from the explosion/fire.

6. Production:

Production has been voluntarily suspended since November 4<sup>th</sup> at the NF3 production facility.