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## **PP Compounds Capacity Augmented to 1.05 Million Tons in FY2017**

~ World Top Strategy Backed by Eight Strong Global Hubs ~

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (Tokyo: 4183; President & CEO: Tsutomu Tannowa) and Prime Polymer Co., Ltd. (President: Takeshi Kaide; JV: Mitsui Chemicals 65%, Idemitsu Kosan 35%) announced production augmentation, to strength the Group's position in growth markets, at three of its global PP compound hubs – United States, Mexico, and India – in response to growing demand for automotive use polypropylene.

The Group currently has 8 global production sites (Japan, USA, Mexico, Europe, Thailand, China, India, and Brazil) and R&D facilities in 5 areas (Japan, USA, Europe, Thailand, and China) for automotive use polypropylene (PP) and has continued to enhance its production system for premium-quality products.

While needs to reduce environmental load and regulatory constraints expand, the demand for lighter weight automobile parts which do not require paint processing, such as bumpers and instrument panels, is also expected to grow.

In fiscal 2017, the Group will strengthen its production capacity by 5% in North America, Europe, and Asia bringing the production capacity to 1.05 million from the current 1 million tons, thereby securing its position as the world's top class provider of PP compounds for automotive use.

The Mitsui Chemicals Group will continue to bolster its manufacturing, sales, and technical service system to supply high-quality products and actively strengthen and expand its PP compound business.

### Augmentation Outline

Company (location)	Augmented Lines & Operation Date
Advanced Composites, Inc. (America)	2 lines / July FY2017
Advanced Composites Mexicana, S.A. de C.V. (Mexico)	1 line / July FY2017
Mitsui Prime Advanced Composites India PVT. LTD. (India)	1 line / July FY2017

### PP Compound Production Capacity

Unit x1000 tons

Area	FY2015	FY2016	FY 2017
<b>Global</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,050</b>
North America	410	410	440
Europe	15	15	20
Asia (incl Japan)	575	575	590
(Japan)	(310)	(310)	(310)



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### 《Company Outlines》

#### Advanced Composites, Inc. (America)

- (1) Establishment : June 1986
- (2) Capital : US\$ 14.1 million
- (3) Ratio : Mitsui Chemicals America 59.8%, Prime Polymer 3.0%, Other 37.2%
- (4) Head Office : Ohio, USA
- (5) Production Facilities : Ohio & Tennessee, USA

#### Advanced Composites Mexicana, S.A. de C.V. (Mexico)

- (1) Establishment : February 1994
- (2) Capital : US\$ 2.6 million
- (3) Ratio : Advanced Composites Inc. 100%
- (4) Head Office : Aguascaliente, Mexico

#### Mitsui Prime Advanced Composites India PVT. LTD. (India)

- (1) Establishment : September 2007
- (2) Capital : 2.5 billion rupees
- (3) Ratio : Mitsui Chemicals 70.96%, Prime Polymer 20%, Other 9.04%
- (4) Head Office & Production Facility : Neemrana, India