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Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.

## **Accident at Iwakuni-Ohtake Works First Meeting of Accident Investigation Committee**

On April 22 (2:15am), a tragic explosion and fire occurred at Mitsui Chemicals' Iwakuni-Ohtake Works claiming the life of one employee and injuring persons from the local community and Works employees.

Mitsui Chemicals extends heartfelt sympathy to the family of the deceased and sincerest apologies to all persons injured in the accident, residents suffering damages to homes and property, persons of the local community, persons working at nearby companies, the authorities, our customers, and all stakeholders.

To ensure that this tragedy will not be repeated, the Company formed an [Accident Investigation Committee] to investigate causes of the accident and develop preventive measures for the future. The Company announced that the Committee held its first meeting at the Iwakuni-Ohtake Works today.

Additionally, members of the Committee selected Dr. Terushige Ogawa (Emeritus Professor, Yokohama National University and Executive Director, Research Institute for Safety Engineering) to serve as Chair of the Committee.

Mitsui Chemicals will reserve no effort in determining causes of the accident and will cooperate with investigative authorities and the Committee.