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Announcement Regarding the Schedule of Business Integration with Showa Shell Sekiyu K.K. and Acquisition Schedule of Showa Shell Sekiyu K.K. Shares (33.3% of the voting rights) from Royal Dutch Shell plc

Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd. (3-1-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo: CEO, Representative Director, Takashi Tsukioka) ("Idemitsu"), as announced in the press release "Announcement Regarding Acquisition of Showa Shell Sekiyu K.K. (Daiba 2-3-2, Minato-ku, Tokyo: Group CEO, Representative Director, Tsuyoshi Kameoka) ("Showa Shell") Shares (33.3% of the voting rights) from Royal Dutch Shell plc" on July 30, 2015, has entered into a Share Purchase Agreement for Idemitsu to acquire 125,261,200 Showa Shell shares (33.3% of the voting rights) from subsidiary companies of Royal Dutch Shell plc (the "Share Acquisition").

The effective date for the Share Acquisition needed to be changed as stated below, considering the time needed to complete further procedures as the Japan Fair Trade Commission's review of the business combination, upon which the Share Acquisition is conditioned, currently remains ongoing.

Along with the change in the schedule of the Share Acquisition, the schedule of the business integration with Showa Shell announced in the "Execution of Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Business Integration of Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd. and Showa Shell Sekiyu K.K." on November 12, 2015 is changed as stated below.

1. Reasons for Changing the Acquisition Schedule

The Share Acquisition is contingent upon the completion of the Japan Fair Trade Commission's review of the business combination and reviews in other jurisdictions where review of the business combination (or integration) is required. Upon reviewing the current progress of the Japan Fair Trade Commission's review of the business combination, the Share Acquisition schedule is amended as stated below. Please note that all reviews in other jurisdictions where review of the business combination (or integration) is required have been completed. The schedule for the business integration has also been changed accordingly to account for the extra time required to prepare for the integration as shown below.

2. Amended Schedule for the Share Acquisition and the Business Integration

	Before the amendment	After the amendment
Date of share transfer	The first half of 2016 (planned)	September, 2016 (planned)
Effective date of business integration	October, 2016–April, 2017	April 1, 2017 (planned)

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