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SHOWA DENKO K.K.

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SDK Nominates K. Morikawa as New President and CEO

Showa Denko (SDK) (TOKYO:4004) announces that Hideo Ichikawa will resign as President and CEO to become Representative Director and Chairman of the Board, of the Company, and that, Kohei Morikawa, Director, Managing Corporate Officer, and Chief Technology Officer, will succeed Ichikawa, effective January 4, 2017.

Morikawa is currently in charge of Electronic Chemicals and Functional Chemicals divisions, Business Development Center, Isesaki and Tatsuno plants, and Corporate R&D Department.

The change in the presidency has been decided at SDK's board of directors meeting today.

Through generational change in top management, SDK aims to vitalize the organization and pursue further growth opportunities from a new viewpoint.

Kyohei Takahashi will resign as Chairman of the Board on January 4, 2017. He will also resign as Director at the ordinary general meeting of shareholders in late March 2017, and assume the post of Advisor.

Biographical information on the new President and CEO is attached.

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Public Relations Office (Phone: 81-3-5470-3235)

Attachment

Biographical Information

Kohei MORIKAWA

Date of birth: June 6, 1957

Education: Graduated from the Department of Synthetic Chemistry, Faculty of Engineering, The University of Tokyo, in March 1982

Professional career:

April 1982	Joined Showa Denko K.K.; Assigned to Technology Department, Oita Works
June 2003	General Manager, Fine Chemicals Department, Specialty Chemicals Division, Chemicals Sector
June 2005	General Manager, Specialty Chemicals Department, Chemicals Division, Chemicals Sector
January 2010	General Manager, Chemicals Development Department, Chemicals Sector
January 2012	General Manager, Electronic Chemicals Division, Chemicals Sector
January 2015	Corporate Officer; General Manager, Electronic Chemicals Division; in charge of Functional Chemicals Division, Tokuyama, Iseaki and Tatsuno plants
January 2016	Managing Corporate Officer; Chief Technology Officer; in charge of Electronic Chemicals and Functional Chemicals divisions, Business Development Center, Iseaki and Tatsuno plants, and Corporate R&D Department.
March 2016	Director; Managing Corporate Officer; Chief Technology Officer; in charge of Electronic Chemicals and Functional Chemicals divisions, Business Development Center, Iseaki and Tatsuno plants, and Corporate R&D Department

Number of SDK shares held by Morikawa: 4,400 (as of October 25, 2016)

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