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Mitsui Chemicals Announces Revised Performance Outlook for Fiscal 2004

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (MCI) of Japan has announced as follows its revised financial performance outlook for Fiscal 2004, taking into account the factors explained below.

1. MCI's Consolidated Financial Performance Outlook for Fiscal 2004 ending March 31, 2005

(April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005)

Consolidated, Unit: million yen

	Net Sales	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Net Income
Previous Estimate (A) (announced on November 17, 2004)	1,260,000	72,000	70,000	15,000
Revised Estimate (B)	1,260,000	72,000	70,000	20,000
Difference (B-A)	0	0	0	5,000
Ratio	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%
Fiscal 2003 Actual (Reference) (April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004)	1,089,518	53,942	47,694	12,466

2. MCI's Non-consolidated Financial Performance Outlook for Fiscal 2004 ending March 31, 2005

(April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005)

Non-consolidated, Unit: million yen

	Net Sales	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Net Income
Previous Estimate (A) (announced on November 17, 2004)	880,000	38,000	38,000	0
Revised Estimate (B)	880,000	38,000	38,000	5,000
Difference (B-A)	0	0	0	5,000
Ratio	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-
Fiscal 2003 Actual (Reference) (April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004)	718,405	28,246	30,849	6,909

3. Factors Underlying the Revised Outlook for Fiscal 2004

MCI will assign a part or all of the shares MCI owns in its Japanese affiliate companies "Mitsui Chemicals Air Water, Inc.", "Nippon Fine Gas, Inc." and "Senboku Oxygen Co., Ltd.", as the case may be, to a

Japanese corporation Air Water Inc. effective March 31, 2005, and MCI expects to record share sales income as a result of such transactions.

Moreover, as for the petition for protection under the Japanese Rehabilitation Law which was filed with Tokyo District Court by another MCI subsidiary “Kuko Enterprise Co., Ltd.” (KEC) on December 17, 2004, the rehabilitation plans under such petition were approved at the creditors’ meeting held at the district court on March 16, 2005, so that under the approved arrangement, KEC would repay one-half of the creditor claims. As a result, the amount of the one-time “Loss on Restructuring of Subsidiaries and Affiliates” would be less than originally anticipated in MCI’s interim settlement of accounts for 1st Half Fiscal 2004 (April 2004 – September 2004) as announced on November 17, 2004.

As a result, MCI’s After-tax Net Income for the entire Fiscal 2004 is expected to exceed the previously projected amount by ¥5 billion on independent as well as consolidated bases.

Note: The above-mentioned outlook constitutes projection based on information available at this point in time, and therefore involves certain risk and uncertainty. Therefore, there is a possibility that actual performance figures would differ largely from the outlook due to various factors that may arise henceforth.

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