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Mitsui Chemicals Named as Thomson Reuters 2015 Global Top 100 Innovators ～High marks for company's global intellectual property efforts～

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (Tokyo:4183; President & CEO: Tsutomu Tannowa) is proud to announce it has been named by Thomson Reuters (New York, USA) as one of the top global 100 innovators in 2015. Thomson Reuters highly evaluated Mitsui Chemicals' investment in innovations and its efforts to protect intellectual property rights both domestically and overseas. This is the first time Mitsui Chemicals has been named for this honor.

Mitsui Chemicals will continue to strengthen its intellectual property activities to protect its global business while respecting intellectual property rights of colleagues around the world.



Awards ceremony

Ms. Yoshiko Tanahashi, Vice President, Japan Sales IP & Science, Thompson Reuters (center) and Shigeru Isayama, Managing Executive Officer (second from left)

The Mitsui Chemicals Group has continued to strengthen its efforts related to acquisition of intellectual property rights not only in Japan but around the globe while placing top priority on respecting and preserving intellectual property rights of third parties.

Thomson Reuters 2015 Top 100 Global Innovators

For the fifth consecutive year, Thomson Reuters, one of the world's leading information service companies, analyzed the relationships between patent protection, innovation, and economic success of companies around the globe. Based on analysis of overall patent volume, patent-grant success rates, global reach, and invention influence as evidenced by citations,

Thomson Reuters selected this year's Top 100 Global Innovators. (For details, see <http://thomsonreuters.com/en/press-releases/2015/november/2015-top-100-global-innovators.html>)

Reason for Mitsui Chemicals' Selection

Mitsui Chemicals was named as one of Thomson Reuters 2015 Global Top 100 Innovators for its high marks in all selection criteria with exceptional growth in “global reach” and “invention influence”. Thomson Reuters recognized Mitsui Chemicals' strong intellectual property strategy which focuses on the international market and commercialization of its innovations that have had profound effects on the global market.

Comment by Shigeru Isayama, Managing Executive Officer

“We are pleased that Thomson Reuters gave high marks to our efforts targeting the “creation of new customer value through innovation” through close collaboration of business, research & development, and intellectual property activities, which has resulted in a successful transformation of our business portfolio, by highly evaluating our “global reach” and “invention influence” and recognizing our company as a “Top 100 Global Innovator”. Mitsui Chemicals aims to “enhance its intellectual property portfolio to maintain a sustainable competitive advantage”. We appreciate Thomson Reuters' recognition of our efforts in this connection. We will continue to pursue the creation of new customer value through research & development and intellectual property activities to contribute to the welfare of people around the world.