

Notice of Payment of Dividends from Surplus

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (Tokyo: 4183; President & CEO: Tsutomu Tannowa; the “Company”) hereby announces that at the Board of Directors meeting convened today, it was resolved that the payment of year-end dividends from surplus with a record date of March 31, 2017 as detailed below.

Furthermore, the relevant proposal will be placed on the agenda for the 20th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, which will be held on June 27, 2017.

1. Cash Dividend

	Dividend for the Year Ended March 31, 2017	Previous forecast (announced February 2, 2017)	Dividend for the Year Ended March 31, 2016
Record Date	March 31, 2017	March 31, 2017	March 31, 2016
Dividends per Share (Yen)	9.0	6.0	4.0
Total Dividend (Million Yen)	9,003	-	4,002
Effective Date	June 28, 2017	-	June 27, 2016
Source of Funds	Retained earnings	-	Retained earnings

2. Reasons for Change

Due to profits reaching a record high in fiscal 2016, the Company has raised the regular year-end dividend, bringing it to ¥7 per share, or ¥1 higher than the most recent forecast. In addition, on October 1, 2017, the Company will celebrate its 20th anniversary. To show our appreciation to our shareholders, at the end of fiscal 2016 the Company will pay out a ¥2 per share memorial dividend.

The year-end dividend for fiscal 2016 is therefore expected to be ¥9 per share, comprising the ¥7 regular dividend and ¥2 memorial dividend.

In summary, the year-end dividend for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017 will total ¥9 per share, due to the regular dividend being ¥1 higher than previously announced and the inclusion of a ¥2 memorial dividend. As a result, coupled with a ¥5 interim dividend, annual dividends will total ¥14 per share.

(Reference) Cash Dividends for Fiscal 2016

	Annual Dividends per Share(yen)		
	Interim	Year-end	Annual Dividends
FY2016 Result	5.0 (5.0 regular dividend)	9.0 (7.0 regular dividend, 2.0 memorial dividend)	14.0 (12.0 regular dividend, 2.0 memorial dividend)
FY2015 Result	4.0 (4.0 regular dividend)	4.0 (4.0 regular dividend)	8.0 (8.0 regular dividend)