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Mitsui Chemicals, Inc.

Former Employee Charged with Criminal Negligence in Iwakuni-Ohtake Works Accident  
(Explosion and Fire at Iwakuni-Ohtake Works #17)

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (Tokyo: 4183; President & CEO: Tsutomu Tannowa; "MCI") announced that one of its former employees was found criminally negligent in the April 22, 2012 accident at its resorcinol plant at the Iwakuni-Ohtake Works.

The Mitsui Chemicals Group accepts its responsibility in the accident and has conducted extensive safety investigations with participation of external specialists to analyze causes of the accident. The Group has implemented sweeping groupwide measures to prevent recurrences and commits itself to fulfilling the industry's highest standards and reserving no effort to restore society's confidence in its safe business activities.