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## Completion of Production Capacity Expansion in Exhaust Emission Catalysts for Automobiles

commercial operation start-up with increased production capacity of exhaust emission catalysts for automobile applications

Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co. Ltd. (President: Keiji Nishida; “Mitsui Kinzoku,” hereinafter) is pleased to announce that it has completed the expansion of the production capacity of its Catalyst Div. for exhaust emission catalysts for automobiles as scheduled in its 3year strategic business plan for 2016-2018 and that commercial production with the increased capacity has been commenced.

Under the 3year strategic business plan for 2016-2018, Mitsui Kinzoku’s Catalyst Div. planned to increase production capacity at five production facilities for automobile catalysts, in Japan (Kamioka), China (Zhuhai), Indonesia (Karawang Regency), USA (Kentucky) and India (Gujarat). And all locations have now commenced commercial operations. With these expansions, production capacity has now increased from 3.7 million units/year in fiscal 2015 (prior to the 3year strategic business plan for 2016-2018) to 6.2 million units/year.

Under its slogan of Material Intelligence, Mitsui Kinzoku will continue to ensure stable quality and sufficient supply for its customers by utilizing catalyst activity mechanism analysis, catalytic particle control technologies, slurry technologies and Precious metal loading technologies and will take necessary actions for future market demand.

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[List of catalyst production locations]

