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Mitsui Kinzoku to sell business of manufacture of urea identification sensors for diesel-powered vehicle emission control systems

At a meeting held today (Thursday, July 16, 2009), the Board of Directors of Mitsui Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd. (Mitsui Kinzoku) decided to sell the Company's operations involving the manufacture of urea identification sensors for diesel-powered vehicle emission control systems to SUN-A Corporation.

Background to decision

In 2003 Mitsui Kinzoku became the world's first company to commercialize urea identification sensors for use in diesel-powered vehicle emission control systems. Then in 2007 the Advanced Sensor Division was set up to develop commercial products and market applications.

However, in view of the severe business operating conditions under which Mitsui Kinzoku is currently laboring, it has become a matter of urgent importance to restructure the Company's entire business portfolio, and it is against this backdrop that the decision was made to sell off the urea identification sensor operations.

Counterparty to business transfer, and schedule

Mitsui Kinzoku has reached an agreement with SUN-A Corporation on the transfer of the urea identification sensor operations. SUN-A Corporation has up to now acted as an outsourced production supplier for these products. The production and delivery of orders for these products that have already been received will be honored through collaboration between Mitsui Kinzoku and SUN-A Corporation, and the two sides will generally cooperate in ensuring the smooth continuation of the business.

The sale of the operations to SUN-A Corporation will take place late this month.

Other related matters

This transaction is not expected to have any material effect on the business performance of Mitsui Kinzoku.

Additional Information

1. Outline of SUN-A Corporation

Representative: Tomihisa Yamada, President

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2. Recent sales revenue from urea sensor business

	FY2007	FY2008
Sales	¥953 mn	¥558 mn

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