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Changes in Representative Director

Showa Denko (SDK) (TOKYO:4004) decided at its board meeting today on changes in representative director.

Akira Koinuma, Director, Senior Managing Corporate Officer, and Chief Technology Officer (Officer in charge of Production Technology, Energy & Electricity, SPS Innovation, and CSR departments; Chairman, Safety Measures Committee) has been appointed Representative Director, effective immediately. Biographical information of the new representative director is attached to this news release.

Meanwhile, Shinji Sakai, Representative Director and Executive Vice President (Officer in charge of Ceramics and Carbons divisions; Yokohama, Shiojiri, and Omachi plants; and Corporate R&D and Corporate Strategy departments) will resign as Representative Director effective May 31, 2015. Sakai expressed his intention to resign as Representative Director, and Director, for personal reasons, and the Company accepted his resignation. He will resign as Corporate Officer as well on May 31.

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Attachment: Biographical Information

Akira KOINUMA

Date of birth:	August 20, 1951
Education:	Graduated from the Department of Ship Machinery Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, The University of Tokyo, in March 1975

Professional Career

April 1975	Joined Showa Denko K.K.
June 1999	General Manager, Production Technology Department, Oita Plant, Japan Polyolefins Co., Ltd. (JPO)
October 2001	Plant Manager, Oita Plant, JPO
August 2003	Transferred back to Showa Denko, and appointed Production Group Leader, Oita Plant, Petrochemicals Sector
July 2005	General Manager, Production Technology Department, Technology Headquarters
January 2006	General Manager, Production Technology Office and Production Technology Center, Technology Headquarters
January 2008	Corporate Officer; Deputy Executive Officer, Technology Headquarters
January 2010	Corporate Officer; Executive Officer, Production Technology Headquarters
March 2011	Director & Corporate Officer; Executive Officer, Production Technology Headquarters
January 2012	Director & Managing Corporate Officer; Executive Officer, Production Technology Headquarters
January 2013	Director & Managing Corporate Officer
January 2015	Director & Senior Managing Corporate Officer
May 2015	Representative Director & Senior Managing Corporate Officer; Chief Technology Officer (CTO); Officer in charge of Production Technology, Energy & Electricity, SPS Innovation, and CSR departments; Chairman, Safety Measures Committee

Shares Owned 236,000 shares