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Press Release

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Investment in HIF Global for building synthetic methanol (e-methanol) supply chain

First Japanese company to invest to promote synthetic methanol (e-methanol) business

Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd. (Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President and Chief Executive Officer: Shunichi Kito; hereinafter referred to as “Idemitsu”) makes investment (investment amount USD114M) in HIF Global (Headquartered in Texas, USA; hereinafter "HIF"), which manufactures synthetic fuel(e-fuel) and synthetic methanol (hereinafter “e-methanol”) in South America, North America, Australia, and elsewhere. This is the first investment in HIF by a Japanese company. Through the investment, Idemitsu will promote the establishment of a domestic and international supply chain and business for e-methanol which is highly versatile as a raw material of carbon-neutral fuel or carbon-neutral fuel itself, and e-fuel. Idemitsu will contribute to the establishment of a carbon neutral society.



Photograph of the investment ceremony with HIF

（From the left, Roberto Simon, CFO of HIF Global, Keitaro Sugihara, CEO & President of Idemitsu Americas Holdings Corporation,
Clara Bowman, COO of HIF Global, Susumu Nibuya, Representative Director Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer of Idemitsu Kosan, Cesar Norton, President & CEO of HIF Global, Hiroshi Tanaka, General Manager of Carbon Neutral Transformation
Department of Idemitsu Kosan, Meg Gentle, Executive Director of the Board of HIF Global, Naoki Oi, Vice President of Idemitsu Americas Holdings Corporation, Renato Pereira, CEO of HIF USA）

We are focusing on investing in e-methanol, along with blue ammonia and SAF* in order to establish a carbon neutral society by 2050.

E-methanol, which is produced by synthesizing CO_2 recovered from the atmosphere and other sources with hydrogen derived from renewable energy, can be used directly as marine fuel, for which demand is expected to continue to grow. E-methanol can also be used to selectively produce synthetic fuels such as synthetic gasoline, synthetic diesel, and synthetic SAF*, as well as synthetic chemicals. Based on these points, we position e-methanol as a strategically important product.

HIF is developing new energy businesses, including synthetic methanol, on a large scale at multiple locations in South America, North America, and Australia.

Idemitsu signed an MOU with HIF Global for a strategic partnership in the field of e-fuels in 2023 and after that began a joint study on e-methanol with HIF. Idemitsu has been working with the HIF group on various studies for early social implementation of synthetic fuel and e-methanol.

We invest in HIF to promote the production and development of e-methanol and synthetic fuels at our oversea locations.

We will dispatch a director to HIF, as well as our employees in the areas of marketing and project development, in order to acquire HIF's cutting-edge knowledge and expertise in the development and management of synthetic fuel and e-methanol projects.

Also, we aim for early implementation of developing the e-methanol market by utilizing our existing supply and sales network in the fuel oil business and aim to establish a supply for e-methanol at a scale of 500,000 tons at domestic and overseas locations by 2035.

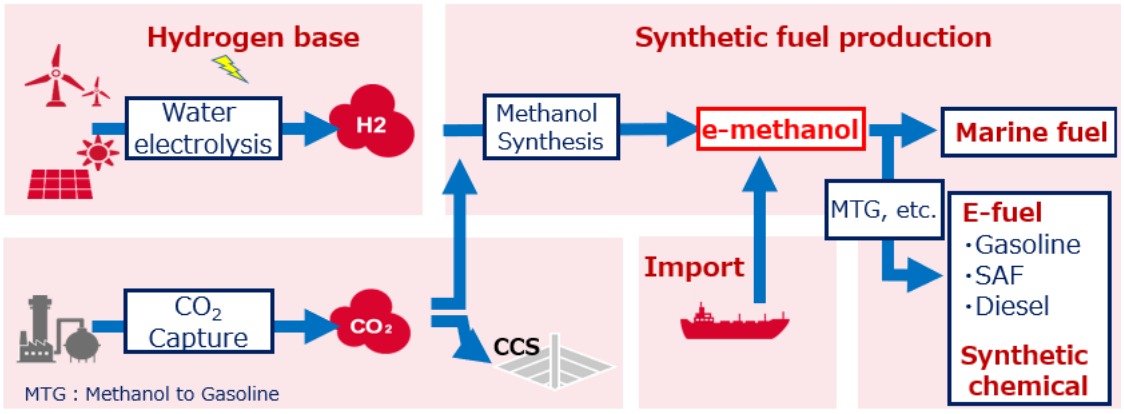

Image of e-methanol supply chain

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HIF Global is the world's leading eFuels company, developing projects to convert hydrogen using low-cost renewable power into carbon neutral liquid eFuels that can be transported and utilized in existing infrastructure. The name HIF represents the mission of the company: to provide Highly Innovative Fuels to make decarbonization of the planet possible. HIF Global is already producing eFuels in its Haru Oni eFuels Facility in Magallanes, Chile. HIF plans to construct commercial-scale plants in Matagorda, Texas, U.S.A.; Tasmania, Australia; Paysandú, in Uruguay; and Magallanes, Chile. For more information, please visit www.hifglobal.com

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HIF's Haru Oni demonstration plant (Chile)

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