

## **Mitsui Chemicals Included on Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index for Third Straight Year**

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (Tokyo: 4183; President & CEO: HASHIMOTO Osamu) today announced that it has again been included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI)<sup>\*1</sup>, a global benchmark for measuring environmental, social and governance (ESG) investments. Having first been added to the DJSI Asia Pacific in 2018, the company has now managed to maintain its listing here for a third consecutive year following the index's annual review for 2020.



Developed by U.S.-based company S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, the DJSI evaluates corporate sustainability on the basis of economic, environmental and social factors to select the leading sustainability-driven companies. The DJSI Asia Pacific covers approximately 600 major companies in the Asia–Pacific region, with 158 companies – including 82 Japanese companies – having been selected in 2020.

On top of its inclusion here, Mitsui Chemicals has been selected as part of four other stock indices utilized by Japan's Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF), the world's largest retirement scheme. These are the FTSE Blossom Japan Index, the MSCI Japan ESG Select Leaders Index, the MSCI Japan Empowering Women Index (WIN) and the S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index.

Recognizing that the chemical industry shoulders the foundations of society and innovation – and as such has a major responsibility to work toward a sustainable society – the Mitsui Chemicals Group is actively endeavoring to employ ESG criteria within its management and strategies. To help realize a cohesive society in harmony with the environment, as well as health and well-being in an aging society, Mitsui Chemicals is deepening its efforts to create social value. This includes providing Blue Value™ products and services, which are aimed at contributing to the environment, and Rose Value™ products and services, which serve to improve quality of life (QOL).<sup>\*2</sup> It is all part of Mitsui Chemicals' endeavor to be a sustainable corporate group with a global presence.

Please see the ESG Indices<sup>\*3</sup> for more information on each ESG index including the Mitsui Chemicals Group, and the Mitsui Chemicals Group ESG Report 2020 on our sustainability site<sup>\*4</sup> for more information on the group's ESG initiatives.

\*1 **Dow Jones Sustainability Indices:**

<https://www.spglobal.com/esg/csa/csa-resources/djsi-csa-annual-review>

\*2 **Blue Value™ Environmental Contribution Value and Rose Value™ QOL Improvement Contribution Value:**

[https://jp.mitsuichemicals.com/en/sustainability/mci\\_sustainability/contribution\\_value/index.htm](https://jp.mitsuichemicals.com/en/sustainability/mci_sustainability/contribution_value/index.htm)

These measures help to visualize the contributions that the Mitsui Chemicals Group's products and services make to the environment and society, enabling us to share those values with stakeholders. This then aids us in our efforts to realize a future cohesive society in harmony with the environment, as well as health and well-being in an aging society. Using our own distinctive yardsticks, we evaluate our products and services according to application: offerings that make significant contributions to the environment are certified as Blue Value™ products, while those that make significant contributions to improving QOL are certified as Rose Value™ products.

\*3 **ESG Indices:** <https://jp.mitsuichemicals.com/en/sustainability/evaluation/index.htm>

\*4 **Mitsui Chemicals Group ESG Report 2020:** <https://jp.mitsuichemicals.com/en/sustainability/index.htm>