Formation of Accident Investigative Committee Concerning the Pipe Burst Accident at Omi Plant

Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with the worker who lost their life in the accident that occurred at Denka's Omi Plant (Itoigawa, Niigata Prefecture) on June 14, and with the worker's surviving family during this harrowing time. We also offer our heartfelt sympathies to the workers who were injured. We would like to deeply apologize to residents around the plant, our business partners and other stakeholders, for the inconvenience and great concerns this incident has caused.

The relevant authorities are currently investigating the cause of the accident, and Denka is fully cooperating with the investigation. We have been undertaking our own internal investigation in parallel with the investigation conducted by the relevant authorities. However, with an aim of conducting a more expert investigation, looking into the cause more exhaustively and formulating measures to prevent any recurrence, we have decided to form an Accident Investigative Committee consisting of invited external experts and specialists.

1.Date of Establishment

July 11, 2023

2. Purpose of Establishment

Investigation into the cause of the accident and formulation of measures to prevent recurrence

3. Members

[External Experts and Specialists]

- Masayoshi Nakamura, Representative Director and Chairman of the Keiyo Personal Development Association Part-time lecturer at School of Engineering, the University of Tokyo
- · Kazuhiko Suzuki, Professor Emeritus at Okayama University
- Katsuhiko Takenaka, Professor, Department of Materials Science and Bioengineering, Nagaoka University of Technology
- · Masaji Fujita, Representative of Fujita Technical Safety Consultant Office

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- Kazuo Takahashi, Representative Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer, Chief Technical Officer and Chief Compliance Officer
- Ikuo Ishida, Director, Managing Executive Officer, Chief Human Resource Officer, Corporate Planning Dept. and Corporate Communications Dept.
- · Masanobu Kosaka, Executive Officer, Supervisor of Environmental Measures Promotion
- Ken Watanabe, Executive Officer in charge of Administrative Dept., Legal Dept., Internal Control Dept. and Secretary Dept.

4. Schedule

- The chairperson will be selected at the first meeting of the Accident Investigative Committee
- As soon as the Committee finalizes the accident report, it will be disclosed.

[Overview of Omi Plant]

• Location: Omi District: 2209 Omi, Itoigawa, Niigata Prefecture

Tomi District: 1110 Tomi, Itoigawa, Niigata Prefecture

- Production items: Carbide, Fertilizer, Special Cement Additives, Alumina Fiber, Poval, Chloroprene Rubber, Ultra High Purity Monosilane Gas, etc.
- · Number of Employees: Approx. 1,250

[References: Previous press releases related to the announcement (Denka's official website)]

 June 14, 2023 Notice Concerning an Accident at Omi Plant https://www.denka.co.jp/eng/storage/news/pdf/454/20230614_denka_omi_en.pdf

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