

To Whom It May Concern

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Notification Concerning Continuation of the Handling Policy (Anti-takeover Defensive Plan) Toward Large-scale Purchase of Our Company's Shares and Other Securities at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Our Company

At the board of directors' meeting held on May 21, 2009, Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd. ("our company") decided to continue the "Handling Policy (Anti-takeover Defensive Plan) Toward Large-scale Purchase of Our Company's Shares and Other Securities" (the "Handling Policy"), which was scheduled to expire at the end of the 132nd annual meeting of stockholders (the "Stockholders' Meeting") held today, conditional upon authorization by the stockholders present at the Stockholders' Meeting. We hereby give notice that the stockholders approved the continuation of the Handling Policy at the Stockholders' Meeting (6th Agenda Item).

Moreover, at the board of directors' meeting held after the close of the Stockholders' Meeting, the four individuals named in the attachment were appointed as members of the Independent Committee prescribed in the Handling Policy.

For details of the Handling Policy, please see the press release dated May 21, 2009 entitled "Notification of Continuation of Handling Policy (Anti-takeover Defensive Plan) Toward Large-scale Purchase of Our Company's Shares and Other Securities" (available on our homepage <u>http://www.shinetsu.co.jp</u>).

Based on the recent approval given by the stockholders, our company will continue to strive to maintain and improve our corporate value and/or the common interests of our company's stockholders.

Names and Brief Personal Histories of Members of Independent Committee

| Toshihiko Fukui | | |
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| Date of Birth: September 7, 1935 | | |
| April, 1958 | Joined the Bank of Japan | |
| December, 1994 | Deputy Governor of the above | |
| March, 2003 | Governor of the above | |
| November, 2008 | Special Advisor of our company | |
| June, 2009 | External Director of our company (to date) | |

| Shunji Kono | | |
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| Date of Birth : August 1, 1927 | | |
| June, 1990 | Representative Director and President of The Tokio Marine and Fire Insurance | |
| | Company, Limited (present Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.) | |
| June, 1996 | Representative Director and Chairman of the above | |
| June, 2001 | Counselor of the above | |
| June, 2003 | External Director of our company (to date) | |
| June, 2008 | Honorary Advisor of Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (to date) | |
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| Masashi Kaneko | | |
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| Date of Birth : March 2, 1939 | | |
| Oct., 2001 | Representative Director, Chairman and President of Nikko Cordial Corporation | |
| | (present Nikko Citi Holdings Inc.) | |
| June, 2005 | Director and Chairman of the Board of Executive Officers of the above | |
| June, 2006 | External Director of our company (to date) | |

| Tsuyoshi Miyazaki | | |
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| Date of Birth : December 16, 1931 | | |
| March, 1990 | Representative Director and President of Mitsubishi Logistics Corporation | |
| June, 1998 | Representative Director and Chairman of the above | |
| June, 2003 | Counselor of the above (to date) | |
| June, 2007 | External Director of our company (to date) | |