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Shin-Etsu's Approach and Policy concerning Reduction of Trading Unit of Shares

a. Approach to reduction of trading unit of shares

Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd. (the "Company") recognizes that a reduction of the trading unit of shares is one of the effective measures to foster a climate that encourages investors to participate in the stock market.

b. Policy concerning reduction of trading unit of shares

The Company has kept the trading unit of shares of its stock at 100 since August 1, 2001, when it was reduced from 1000. The Company will continue to consider the necessity, timing, etc. of possible further reduction of the trading unit by taking into account the stock price level, market requirements and other factors in a comprehensive manner.