



MITSUBISHI GAS CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC.

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MGC Contributes Peracetic Acid for China's SARS Measures

Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Co., Inc. (Headquartered in Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Mr.

Hideki Odaka) has decided to provide the People's Republic of China in donation with disinfectant agent, namely peracetic acid (Trade name: Diapower[®]) to help the country step up its measures against the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

The peracetic acid is highly efficacious in quick sterilization and disinfection under normal temperature in a wide area ranging from virus and staphylococcus to colon bacillus and mold. Thus, the Chinese government has legalized its use for sterilization. The WHO has recognized its effectiveness as well.

Its shipment from Yokohama is scheduled in early June for mid-June arrival in Chongqing and Ordos City (Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region). It will be used mainly for sterilization and disinfection.

The total quantity donated this time is around 20 tons, which will be diluted to the concentration of 0.1 to 0.5% for an actual use.

While the peracetic acid is used in various fields such as in dairy production factories, beer breweries, marine processing factories, food-related factories, and breeding farm, this Company has principally specialized in sales for medical use. It is in consideration of such advantage in our core field that we have decided on the donation to China.

This Company started the production of peracetic acid in 1964 at the Yamakita Factory (in Ashigara-gun, Kanagawa Prefecture). The efficacy of peracetic acid in sterilization and disinfection has been broadly recognized by specialists, and for this reason, we received many inquiries on the outbreak of anthrax in the United States in 2001.

The peracetic acid is made from hydrogen peroxide, of which we take pride in having the largest production share in Japan. Accordingly, we view it as one of prominent inductors when we plan in the future to develop overseas operations for the production of hydrogen peroxide.

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