



## MITSUBISHI GAS CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC.

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### Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Conducts Exploration Drilling in Higashi Niigata Gas Field.

Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company, Inc. (Headquartered in Tokyo; President: Hideki Odaka; hereafter called "MGC") has confirmed the production of natural gas upon drilling its exploratory wells located in Higashi Niigata (Niigata City, Niigata Prefecture). Following last year's discovery at the MG-39 well in the 1,150m formation, MGC conducted this drilling with an aim for the westward expansion of prospecting.

At the present exploration well, MG-40 (2,110m in drilling depth), the test production test was conducted from July 26 to 28 with a result of confirming natural gas producing at the maximum rate of 60,000 m<sup>3</sup> per day.

Using natural gas as materials, MGC was the first in Japan to have succeeded in synthesizing methanol (in 1952) and ammonia (in 1957). Thereafter, the Company has industrialized a number of products ranging from commodity chemicals such as methanol and ammonia made from natural gas, to derivatives, using those materials, such as formalin, methyl-amine, DMF, DME, MMA and urea.

The natural gas produced in the Higashi Niigata gas field is used for material and fuel at the Niigata Plant (Niigata City, Niigata Prefecture), using natural gas of 700,000 to 800,000 m<sup>3</sup> per day, part of which comes from the natural gas discovered this time.

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