



Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company, Inc.

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**A.G. International Chemical Is Now a Wholly-owned Subsidiary of
Mitsubishi Gas Chemical
Enhancing the Purified Isophthalic Acid Business**

Beginning in September 2010, Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Co., Inc. (MGC) is integrating the sales function of the purified isophthalic acid (PIA) business that has been managed by A.G. International Chemical Co., Inc. (AGIC).

Earlier, at the end of June 2010, MGC made AGIC a wholly-owned subsidiary by obtaining 71,400 (8.4%) of AGIC's outstanding shares from Sojitz Corporation.

PIA, an aromatic dicarboxylic acid synthesized from meta-xylene, is used as an agent to alter the properties of PET resin for the production of soft drink bottles. It is also a raw material for paints and unsaturated polyester resin. Despite a decline in demand due to the worldwide recession, sales of the chemical material are now expected to achieve 7-8% annual growth in the coming years, especially in China and other Asian markets.

This organizational integration will facilitate cost management throughout the entire production process from meta-xylene, the raw material, to PIA, as well as the development of sales strategies that can quickly respond to changes in the market. MGC is confident that these advantages will in turn allow the company to make its PIA business even more competitive.

By drawing not only on AGIC's current sales capability, but also on its own selling power, MGC will promote the sale of PIA (annual production capacity: 220,000 tons) and further strengthen its integrated business management.

A further aim is to achieve greater cost reductions to improve the earnings of the PIA business. To this end, MGC will increase logistical efficiency and integrate the AGIC head office function into the parent company. This will also help ensure stable earnings from the entire MGC business for aromatic chemicals, including metaxylenediamine (MXDA), Nylon-MXD6, and aromatic aldehydes.

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