



Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company, Inc.

April 21, 2011

Regarding a lawsuit filed against us by KANEKA CORPORATION

It has been reported in the news that on March 22, 2011 (local date) KANEKA CORPORATION (Head Office: Kita-ku, Osaka, President: Kimikazu Sugawara) (hereinafter called "KANEKA") filed a lawsuit against us, MITSUBISHI GAS CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC. (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, President, Representative Director: Kazuo Sakai) in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Although we have not yet received the complaint of said U.S. lawsuit, we understand that KANEKA asserts that U.S. sales of coenzyme Q10 products by a number of companies including us infringe on a U.S. patent owned by KANEKA relating to a process for making an oxidized form of coenzyme Q10.

MGC has been making its coenzyme Q10 product by its own process and selling coenzyme Q10 in the United States for over 20 years, long before KANEKA applied for its patent. We are of the opinion that we do not infringe any valid claim of the U.S. patent owned by KANEKA. We have retained leading U.S. and Japanese legal counsel, who will prepare to make an appropriate response to said lawsuit.

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