

Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company, Inc. August 9, 2013

## Regarding the conclusion of a lawsuit, etc. about Coenzyme Q10 filed in the U.S. against MGC

MITSUBISHI GAS CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC. (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, President, Representative Director: Toshikiyo Kurai (hereinafter called "MGC") had received a notice in 2011 from the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that Kaneka Corporation (Head Office: Kita-ku, Osaka, President: Kimikazu Sugawara) (hereinafter called "Kaneka") filed a petition with the ITC seeking an order prohibiting MGC from importing its Coenzyme Q10 product into the United States on the grounds that the production process for that product infringes Kaneka's U.S. Patent No. 7910340. In addition, a lawsuit was filed against MGC by Kaneka based on the above U.S. Patent in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. That lawsuit was stayed during the ITC proceeding.

MGC had been asserting through law firms in the United States and Japan that it does not infringe the Kaneka's U.S. Patent.

On November 29, 2012, the ITC issued its final determination which found that the production process used by MGC does not infringe Kaneka's U.S. Patent. The ITC's determination has become final and thus the ITC proceeding has been concluded.

In addition, the lawsuit filed against MGC by Kaneka based on the above U.S. Patent in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California was withdrawn by Kaneka. The Court Order dismissing the case was published on July 19, 2013. thereby ending said lawsuit against MGC.

As stated above, all the dispute and lawsuit about Coenzyme Q10 filed against MGC in the United States have been concluded.

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