



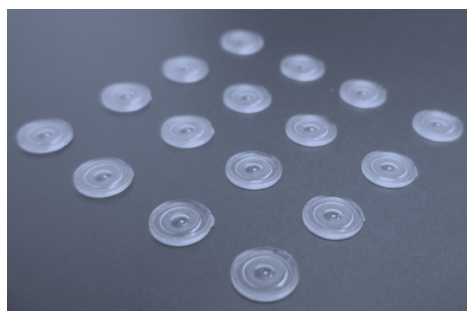
MGC Now Has a Two-site Production Network for Specialty Polycarbonates As the Niigata Plant Joins Kashima

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Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company, Inc. (MGC; Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Toshikiyo Kurai) has started producing specialty polycarbonates at the Niigata Plant, establishing a two-site mass-production network for these chemicals, which have until now been produced at the Kashima Plant. The new additional production in Niigata increases MGC's production capacity of these chemicals by twofold.

MGC has been producing the lupizeta[®] EP, a series of specialty polycarbonate resins with high refractive indices and low birefringence for use in compact high-resolution camera lenses. In recent years, this series has found increasing use especially in camera lenses fitted in smartphones, feature phones, and tablet computers. Against this backdrop and with the aim of achieving the business continuity plan (BCP), MGC has established the two-site mass-production network consisting of Kashima and Niigata, both of which are now producing specialty polycarbonates successfully. The company is also studying the feasibility of increasing the capacity at Kashima to accommodate the continued market growth expected in the future.



Smartphone camera lenses made of lupizeta[®] EP

By developing new applications such as other camera lenses and optical films, MGC aims to strengthen and expand its specialty polycarbonate operations even further.