



## Transfer of Shares of Methylamine Derivatives Manufacturer in China

 MITSUBISHI GAS CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC.

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Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company, Inc. (MGC; Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Toshikiyo Kurai) reached a decision to sell 50% of the shares of Te An Ling Tian (Nanjing) Fine Chemical Co., Ltd. (Headquarter: Nanjing, China, hereinafter "TALT") which it holds together with other Japanese owners, to its joint venture partner, Taminco BVBA. (Headquarter: Belgium, currently a 100% subsidiary of Eastman Chemical Company) The terms and conditions have been agreed between MGC and Taminco.

MGC, the only methylamine manufacturer in the nation, has completed upgrade of methylamine production equipment in the Niigata plant in September 2016. The production capacity of the new facility is 40,000T/Y and commercial production has already begun.

By consolidating the management resources related to methylamine at the Niigata plant, MGC aims to maintain and strengthen stable supply system for domestic customers while promoting new development of methylamine derivatives. MGC will strive to further enhance our methylamine business.

### 1. Details of TALT

Company name : Te An Ling Tian (Nanjing) Fine Chemical Co., Ltd.  
Location : Nanjing Chemical Industry Park, Luhe District, Nanjing, China  
Established : November 2005  
Major products : Methylamine derivatives  
(Dimethylformamide, Dimethylacetamide, etc.)

### 2. Rationale for share transfer

MGC, as the only methylamine manufacturer in the nation, has been collaborating with TALT to further strengthen our presence in the growing Asian market by growing our methylamine derivatives businesses. However, due to a series of new entrants for upstream amines, especially for Dimethylformamide, in the Chinese market, MGC believes that continuing in the business has become less meaningful. As a result, MGC has decided to transfer 50% of the shares held by the Japan side to Taminco BVBA.

### 3. Schedule

Signing of share purchase agreement: December 9, 2016  
Share transfer: February 2017 (Estimate)

### 4. Future prospects

The impact from this transaction to MGC's March 2017 consolidated financial performance is minor.

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