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Sale of Shares of Catalysts & Chemicals Industries Co., Ltd.

Asahi Glass Co., Ltd announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement with JGC Corporation on July 7th to sell to JGC Corporation the entire shares of Catalysts & Chemicals Industries Co., Ltd. (“CCIC”) held by Asahi Glass (49%)

1. Reason for sale

Catalysts & Chemicals Industries Co., Ltd. manufactures and markets various types of catalysts for plants and fine chemicals. As a minority shareholder, it is difficult for Asahi Glass to take the initiative in CCIC’s management.

The decision to sell the entire CCIC shares was made in accordance with Asahi Glass’ policy of concentrating management resources into its core businesses, and the efficient utilization of assets.

2. Outline of Catalysts & Chemicals Industries Co., Ltd.

- (1) Corporate name: Catalysts & Chemicals Industries Co., Ltd.
- (2) Representative: Kaisaku Fukuda, President
- (3) Location: 580 Horikawa-cho, Saiwai-ku, Kawasaki, Kanagawa Prefecture
- (4) Establishment: July 1958
- (5) Main business: Manufacturing and marketing of catalyst products, such as for oil refining and petrochemistry
- (6) Fiscal year-end: March
- (7) Number of employees: 363
- (8) Primary venue of business: Wakamatsu Plant (Kitakyushu, Fukuoka Prefecture)
- (9) Capital: 800 million yen
- (10) Number of shares issued: 1,600,000 shares
- (11) Shareholders & ownership ratio: 51% (JGC Corporation)
(before sale of shares) 49% (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.)

3. Buyer of shares

- (1) Corporate name: JGC Corporation
- (2) Representative: Shoji Morimoto, President & COO
- (3) Head office: 2-1 Ohtemachi 2-Chome, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo
- (4) Main business: Engineering and construction services
- (5) Relation with Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.: There is no capital relationship.

4. Number of shares sold, number of shares owned before/after the sale and the selling price(Non-consolidated)

- (1) Number of shares owned before the transfer:
784,000 shares (ownership ratio: 49%)
- (2) Number of shares sold: 784,000 shares
- (3) Number of shares owned after the transfer: 0 (ownership ratio: 0%)
- (4) Book value: 343 million yen
- (5) Selling price: 8,750 million yen
- (6) Profit on sale: 8,407 million yen

5. Future prospect

The profit on the sale of the shares will be recognized in the second half of this fiscal year (July 1 to December 31, 2004).