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NIPPON SHOKUBAI Announces Expansion of Acrylic Acid Production Capacity at Himeji Plant

—To meet the demand growth, NIPPON SHOKUBAI strengthens its core business steadily—

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD. [Headquarters: Chuo-ku, Osaka, President: Masanori Ikeda, TOKSE:4114.T] (“NIPPON SHOKUBAI”) announces that NIPPON SHOKUBAI determined to build a new acrylic acid (“AA”) plant as it expects remarkable demand growth of AA.

Worldwide demand for AA has been growing at about 6% annual reflecting the growth of acrylates and superabsorbent polymers (“SAP”), major applications of AA, NIPPON SHOKUBAI will build a new AA plant with an annual production capacity of 80,000 MT/Y in May 2013 at Himeji Plant, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan to satisfy the growing demand and to fulfill its duty to supply products. (See below)

In order to execute its AA business strategy; “Growth based on increasing demand”, NIPPON SHOKUBAI continues to strengthen global supply network. With this new plant at Himeji, NIPPON SHOKUBAI group’s global AA production capacity will be 780,000 MT/Y in summer 2013, including capacity expansion in Indonesia. (rif. Mar.31, 2011 News Release)

◆Feature of the investment

Production capacity:	AA 80,000 MT/Y
Schedule:	Mechanical completion – May 2013 Commercial operation – August 2013
Location:	Existing site of Himeji plant
Investment amount:	Approx. 11 billion yen

NIPPON SHOKUBAI group’s AA Production Capacity (MT/Y)

	Japan	Others	Total
Before 2013 summer	460,000	160,000	620,000
After 2013 summer	540,000	240,000	780,000

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