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NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD

## Establishment of Committee to Investigate Causes of the Accident at Himeji Plant

NIPPON SHOKUBAI is deeply saddened by the loss of life resulting from the explosion and fire at the Himeji Plant on September 29 and extends its sincere condolences to family members. In addition, NIPPON SHOKUBAI extends its sincere apologies to the individuals who were injured by this accident and to the enormous problems this incident caused for people living near the plant and to other people associated with this incident.

In relation to this accident, NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD [Headquarters: Chuo-ku, Osaka, President: Masanori Ikeda, TOKSE:4114.T] (“NIPPON SHOKUBAI”) announces the establishment of an accident investigation committee, with members of the academia and external specialists, to investigate causes of the explosion and fire accident at Himeji Plant.

- Establishment: October 5, 2012
- Purpose of the committee: To investigate the causes of the accident and to develop preventive measures against recurrences

- Committee members:  
< academia and external specialists >

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