NIPPON SHOKUBAI Filed a Patent Infringement Lawsuit against SUMITOMO SEIKA CHEMICALS CO., LTD., regarding Superabsorbent Polymers

On January 29, 2016, NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD. ("NIPPON SHOKUBAI") filed a lawsuit at Osaka District Court in Japan against SUMITOMO SEIKA CHEMICALS CO., LTD. (a Japanese manufacturer of superabsorbent polymers), seeking injunctions and damages against infringement of NIPPON SHOKUBAI's Japanese patent relating to superabsorbent polymers.

NIPPON SHOKUBAI has been engaged, for years, in the research and development activities aiming to achieve improved performance, quality and productivity of superabsorbent polymers known as AQUALIC CA. NIPPON SHOKUBAI recognizes the intellectual properties generated and obtained through such long-term and continuous activities as one of the most important and valuable managerial resources. In the above-mentioned lawsuit, NIPPON SHOKUBAI seeks the judicial remedies under the Japanese Patent Law in order to protect such highly important and valuable intellectual

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