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Selected as a component of FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD. (Headquarters: Osaka, Japan, President: Kazuhiro Noda, hereinafter “Nippon Shokubai”) announces that we have been selected as a constituent of FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index.

The FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index is designed as a sector neutral benchmark that reflects the performance of companies demonstrating strong Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices in Japan. The index selects companies with higher ESG Ratings within the top 50% of each sector and supports climate transition to a low carbon economy by evaluating companies’ climate governance and climate change efforts via the Transition Pathway Initiative’s Management Quality Score.

The Index is used as an important criterion in ESG investment, with the Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF) adopting it as one of the general indices for Japanese equities.

Nippon Shokubai is working to solve social issues through business activities, under the Group Mission "TechnoAmenity - Providing prosperity and comfort to people and society, with our unique technology." Going forward, we will continue to strengthen our ESG initiatives and develop with our stakeholders, thereby contributing to the realization of a sustainable society.

About NIPPON SHOKUBAI: Since 1941, Nippon Shokubai has grown up its business with unique catalyst technology. Nippon Shokubai has supplied, for example, ethylene oxide, acrylic acid, automobile catalysts, process catalysts and so on. Among all, our global market share of superabsorbent polymers is the largest in the world now (according to Nippon Shokubai research). Nippon Shokubai is a global chemical company operating under its corporate mission "TechnoAmenity - Providing prosperity and comfort to people and society, with our unique technology."

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