

Prime Polymer Secures DBJ Sustainability Linked Loan With Engagement Dialogue

Loan secured based on an evaluation of environmental efforts throughout the Mitsui Chemicals Group

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (Tokyo: 4183; President & CEO: HASHIMOTO Osamu) today announced that its subsidiary Prime Polymer Co., Ltd. (Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: FUJIMOTO Kensuke) recently secured financing from the Development Bank of Japan Inc. (DBJ; Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: JIGE Seiji) via a DBJ Sustainability Linked Loan With Engagement Dialogue.

This loan provided by DBJ is the first loan model to evaluate not only the borrower's own efforts to reduce the environmental burden of business but also those efforts made by its parent company. Mitsui Chemicals and Prime Polymer intend to devote the full resources of the Mitsui Chemicals Group to make wide-ranging contributions to society.

■ Features of the DBJ Sustainability Linked Loan With Engagement Dialogue

Based on DBJ's Sustainability-Linked-Loan Principles and Green Loan and Sustainability-Linked Loan Guidelines, this loan program allows the bank to engage in dialogue to help borrowers establish optimal key performance indicators (KPIs) and sustainability performance targets (SPTs) that will motivate improvements to sustainability management. Regular dialogue throughout the loan term ensures that DBJ accompanies the borrower on their journey to achieving their SPT goals.

■ KPI and SPT set for this loan

The VISION 2030 Long-Term Business Plan for the Mitsui Chemicals Group established the non-financial metric of a 40 percent reduction in GHG emissions (Scope 1+2) over fiscal 2013–2030. Based on this, the following KPI and SPT have been set as key measures to assist in achieving this goal. Focus will be on taking a scrap-and-build approach to polypropylene (PP) production facilities in order to reduce CO2 emissions from PP production, which is the principal business of key group company Prime Polymer.

KPI	CO2 emissions from PP production at Prime Polymer's Ichihara, Osaka and Anesaki Works
SPT	Achieving a 23.8 percent reduction in the above KPI over fiscal 2013–2030

■ Outline of the loan

Date of agreement	October 31, 2022
Lender	Development Bank of Japan Inc.
Loan amount	10 billion yen
Borrower	Prime Polymer
Link to dialogue report (published edition)	https://www.dbj.jp/topics/dbj_news/2022/html/20221031_204052.html * Sorry, Japanese version only.

■ DBJ

DBJ's [Fifth Medium-Term Management Plan](#) commits to promoting the bank's GRIT Strategy*¹ in order to contribute to a sustainable society via investments and loans. DBJ intends to continue working to create a sustainable society and promote regional revitalization.

*1 The "GRIT Strategy" refers to the following: G: Realization of a green society; R: Construction of a flexible, strong, safe and secure regional, social and industrial infrastructure; I: Initiatives for innovation that can be evaluated as feasible for commercialization; and T: Strategic initiatives for transition based on current business fundamentals. These are the areas on which the DBJ Group will focus under the Fifth Medium-Term Management Plan.

Reference:

Sustainability in the Mitsui Chemicals Group

<https://www.mitsuichem.com/en/sustainability/index.htm>