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Notification with Respect to the Progress Towards Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares of Mitsubishi Rayon Co., Ltd.

Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Corporation (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Yoshimitsu Kobayashi; hereinafter, "Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings") and Mitsubishi Rayon Co., Ltd. (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Masanao Kambara; hereinafter, "Mitsubishi Rayon") previously announced, in the press release entitled "Announcement of Memorandum of Understanding for Management Integration" dated November 19, 2009, their plan to conduct a management integration (the "Management Integration"). As the method of Management Integration, Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings announced that it will initiate a tender offer (the "Tender Offer") for all of the issued and outstanding shares of Mitsubishi Rayon with a target date of the beginning of February 2010 at the latest and planned completion by the end of March 2010, subject to the completion of all necessary procedures and responses pursuant to relevant laws in Japan and overseas (the "Procedures for the Tender Offer").

We are working towards the commencement of the Tender Offer by proceeding with the Procedures for the Tender Offer. However, as of the date of this press release, the Procedures for the Tender Offer are not yet complete.

We will provide further updated information with respect to the status of the Procedures for the Tender Offer and the expected commencement date of the Tender Offer by the end of February at the latest.

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