



Sumitomo Chemical Group Statement against Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

1. About the Statement

This statement is made pursuant to Part 6, Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the United Kingdom), the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Australia), the U.S. California Transparency in Supply Chains Act of 2010 and the Canadian Fighting Against Forced Labor and Child Labour in Supply Chain Act with consideration for the requirements of the other laws and regulations in relation to modern slavery, human trafficking, forced labor, child labor and respect human rights and constitutes the slavery and human trafficking statement for Sumitomo Chemical (“SCC”) group of companies in scope for purposes of such Acts (“SCC Group”) for the financial year ending March 2025. The statement is approved by the board of directors of SCC.

2. Our Business

SCC Group, comprising of 160 subsidiaries, operates businesses worldwide, including the United Kingdom and Australia, in four sectors – Agro & Life Solutions Sector, ICT & Mobility Solutions Sector, Advanced Medical Solutions Sector, Essential & Green Materials Sector – and provides products worldwide that support a wide variety of industries and help people’s daily lives¹.

3. Our Supply Chain

As SCC Group’s supply chains span and cover worldwide, wherever it engages in business, SCC Group considers that an appropriate management of the supply chains is vital for operating its sustainable business.

4. Our Philosophy and Initiatives against Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

A. Our Philosophy

With the Sumitomo Spirit as its cornerstone, SCC Group has steadily forged ahead for more than one hundred years. Sumitomo Chemical’s Corporate Philosophy is based on Sumitomo’s Business Principles and is composed of the Business Philosophy, which integrates the company’s business principles, mission and values; the Corporate Slogan and Statement, which outlines the commitment and pride to be shared in common by directors, officers and employees; and the Sumitomo Chemical Charter for Business Conduct, which lays out the code of behavior serving as the basis for the Company’s compliance system.

B. Initiatives to Ensure Compliance by SCC Group and its Supply Chains

To ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations and ethical standards against modern slavery and human trafficking in SCC Group's operation or its supply chains, SCC Group has been vigorously carrying out the following initiatives.

(a) Policy

SCC Group has in place in each of the companies a code of conduct, which sets forth a requirement that all directors, officers and employees must respect human rights of others and comply with applicable laws, regulations and ethical standards.

In April 2019, SCC Group has established the "[Sumitomo Chemical Group Human Rights Policy](#)" based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Labor Organization Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, that includes the prohibition of forced labor and child labor.

(b) Risk Assessment and Due Diligence

SCC Group has been undertaking a human rights due diligence, assessing and rectifying the human rights violation risk within its business activities in accordance with the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights with the aim of ensuring respect for human rights through business activities. In the due diligence, human rights risk evaluations for SCC Group companies were conducted by external specialists in FY 2019, and in FY 2020, SCC Group conducted detailed surveys (written and on-site) for Group companies which were considered to have relatively high risk in human rights risk evaluations. In FY 2021, SCC Group conducted follow-up surveys to the detailed surveys after investigating the facts and background circumstances for the issues found. In FY 2022, because it is important to regularly conduct risk evaluations in response to changes in social circumstances, SCC Group added various indices published by the international organizations and implemented (the second round of) human rights risk evaluations for SCC Group companies including evaluation of our business activities that potentially procure and use high-risk raw materials such as conflict minerals from the perspective of supply chain risk evaluation and in FY 2023, SCC Group conducted detailed surveys (written and on-site) together with external specialists, of Group companies that were considered high priority based on human rights risk evaluations, taking into consideration the country where they operate, type of business and other factors. In FY 2024, SCC Group implemented preventative / rectifying measures after confirming the facts for the issues found during the detailed surveys. As a result, it was confirmed that the measures required by the laws and regulations in each country were being taken by Group companies where SCC Group conducted detailed surveys, and SCC Group did not detect any major risk that violate requirements by the international standards, such as the International Labor Organization's Core Labor Standards.

(c) Supply Chain Management

It is SCC Group's policy to procure raw materials, packaging materials and equipment from, or to request transportation/storage to, suppliers that operate their business in a socially responsible manner, including operating their business free from modern slavery or human trafficking. SCC Group has been encouraging the existing suppliers and future candidates to enhance their efforts on Sustainability activities through various initiatives.

As part of these initiatives, SCC Group has set a procurement standard under which SCC Group will preferentially procure from suppliers who are most active in Sustainability activities. This policy is set out in the Group Business Standard of Procurement, which provides guidelines for procurement operating activities for SCC Group companies in Japan and overseas. Also, SCC Group has compiled four categories in the Sumitomo Chemical Group Supplier Code of Conduct. The second category of this Code of Conduct expressly prohibits forced labor and child labor. This Code of Conduct address further issues such as “Respecting human rights, preventing complicity in human rights abuses,” “Regulating working hours,” “Provision of a living wages”. This Code of Conduct establishes the overarching guidelines encompassing our commitment to combating modern slavery and human trafficking.

Furthermore, SCC has formulated the Sumitomo Chemical Group Supply-Chain Sustainable Procurement Check Sheets to enable suppliers to demonstrate their consistency with our Sustainability policies. SCC monitors the implementation of Sustainability measures by suppliers via the Sustainable Procurement Check Sheets.

With these initiatives, since FY 2021, SCC has sequentially conducted human rights due-diligence process against its main suppliers by way of "Human Rights Questionnaire" in order to assess and rectify the risk of human rights abuse by suppliers. If, as the result of this human rights due-diligence process, it is determined that the suppliers' business activities may be causing or contributing to adverse human rights impact, we will engage with such suppliers, and rectify and remediate such impact through appropriate measures.

Every year, SCC monitors around 100 suppliers in cooperation with each group company. For suppliers who need to follow-up on problems revealed by the monitoring (this monitoring process is not an independent and unannounced audit), SCC Group provides feedbacks, including focused requests for improvement and providing guidance and training. By seeking to raise awareness and cooperate in ensuring responsible procurement, SCC Group aims to prosper alongside our suppliers.

Recognizing the principles set out in the Sumitomo Chemical Group Human Rights Policy, SCC Group formulated Sumitomo Chemical Group Policy for Responsible Procurement of Minerals/Raw Materials, and defined and identified the raw materials that involve a high risk of having a negative impact on human rights including modern slavery, human traffic, forced labour and child labour (including but not limited to Tentorium, Tin, Gold, Tungsten, Cobalt, Mica, Graphite, Pulps etc.) as high-risk raw materials. With respect to the identified high-risk raw materials, in accordance with the essence of the standards set out in the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas, SCC Group has been undertaking the activities such as establishment of management system, identification and assessment of risks in the supply chain. etc., in order to recognize and address the adverse impact against human rights, which may be associated with mining, extracting, refining, manufacturing, trading, handling and/or importing/exporting of them.

SCC developed our standard contractual terms to incorporate a human rights clause that requires to promise and certify to comply with laws and regulations in respect of management of human rights risk including prohibition of modern slavery, human trafficking, forced labor and child labor, and is sequentially implementing the standard contractual terms

into the contracts with suppliers. Furthermore, SCC is encouraging each SCC Group company to use the standard contractual terms.

(d) Compliance Education and Training

All companies of SCC Group have been devoting earnest efforts to ensure strict compliance with applicable laws, regulations and ethical standards on modern slavery and human trafficking, and periodically providing their officers and employees with educational training sessions by utilizing both face to face seminars and e-learning. In this FY, SCC Group promoted understanding of human rights issues in the business activities and conducted training to explain the importance of respecting human rights.

(e) Speak-up System

SCC Group places high importance on building an internal system, in order to capture at an early-stage sign of compliance violation, including any concern of SCC Group's business having been involved in modern slavery or human trafficking, and to make those issues detected are removed promptly and appropriate measures are taken swiftly. SCC Group has adopted a dual-channel Speak-Up System equipped with an internal Speak-Up hotline and an external Speak-Up hotline, which accept reports not only from a headquarter of Sumitomo Chemical Company, but also, all Group companies as long as relevant laws of their respective countries permit it. Under the System, any director, officer or employee can report any violation or suspected violation of compliance to his or her company's compliance committee or other similar governing committee via either its internal hotline, or an external hotline. External hotline is usually operated by an outside lawyer appointed by the company. Suppliers in our supply chains or anyone having any involvement in the company's business activities can also report their concerns. SCC Group, all combined, receive approximately 190 cases of speak-up reporting in total.

C. Corporate Social Responsibility Initiatives

To resolve serious global issues such as modern slavery and human trafficking, SCC Group believes that it is important to collaborate with international institutions along with promoting its own sustainability initiatives against modern slavery and human trafficking. For that reason, since 2005, SCC Group has been participating in the UN Global Compact, an initiative that seeks to advance universal principles (the "Ten Principles") on human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. Through these initiatives, SCC Group will contribute to the sustainable development of society, and also help achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that are to be resolved across the globe by 2030, which includes taking immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labor and end modern slavery and human trafficking as one of the goals.

5. Looking Ahead

SCC Group believes that the promotion of respect for human rights and ensuring compliance with applicable laws, regulations and ethical standards, including those relevant to modern slavery and human trafficking, is vital for operating its business in a sustainable manner. As such, SCC Group will continue its initiatives as described above, to identify and address any issues associated with modern slavery and human trafficking throughout its global operations and supply chains.

6. Process of Consultation

SCC Group's overall human rights program including modern slavery and human trafficking initiatives are developed and implemented group-wide under the leadership of the Human Rights Promotion Committee, which reports to the Board of Directors. Through the committee, a cross-functional team together with the respective internal business units representing each business sectors works closely together to integrate group level measures of accountability for promoting respect for human rights including prohibition of modern slavery, forced labor and child labor and to embed our initiatives and supporting processes across SCC Group.

In accordance with the requirements of the Canadian Fighting Against Forced Labor and Child Labour in Supply Chain Act, and in particular section 11 thereof, I attest that I have reviewed the information contained in the report for Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited, Sumika Agrotech Co.,Ltd., Sumitomo Chemical Advanced Technologies LLC, Sumika Polymers North America LLC, Valent U.S.A. LLC, Valent Canada Inc., Valent Biosciences LLC, McLaughlin Gormley King Company, Sumitomo Chemical Asia Pte, Ltd., Botanical Resources Australia Pty Ltd. for the purposes of the Canadian Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act.

Based on my knowledge, and having exercised reasonable diligence, I attest that the information in the report is true, accurate and complete in all material respects for the purposes of the Canadian Fighting Against Forced Labor and Child Labour in Supply Chain Act, for the reporting year listed above.

1st April 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keiichi Iwata". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Keiichi Iwata

Representative Director & Chairman of the Board, Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited