



Independent Assurance Report

To the Board of Directors of Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd.,

1. Purpose and Scope of our Review

We have been engaged by Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd. ("the Company") to perform limited assurance procedures on the Company's Environmental & Social Report 2009 ("the Report") for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009. The purpose of our assurance engagement was to express our conclusion, based on our assurance procedures, on whether the environmental and social performance indicators and the environmental accounting indicators ("the Indicators") for the period from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 included in the Report are fairly generated, aggregated and reported, in all material respects, in accordance with the Company's reporting standards; and whether all the material sustainability information defined by the Japanese Association of Assurance Organizations for Sustainability Information ("J-SUS") is included in the Report.

The content of the Report is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express our conclusion to the Company, based on our independent assurance engagement.

2. Criteria

The Company applies its own reporting standards, derived, among others, from Environmental Reporting Guidelines 2007 of the Ministry of the Environment. We used these standards as the criteria for evaluating the Indicators. A major part of the Company's reporting standards is described in the Report.

3. Procedures Performed

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Practical Guidelines of Sustainability Information Assurance (revised February 2008) issued by J-SUS. We have performed the following review procedures:

- Interviewed the Company's responsible personnel to obtain an understanding of the Company's policy for the preparation of the Report.
- Reviewed the Company's reporting standards.
- Obtained an understanding of the systems used to generate, aggregate and report the Indicators, and of the internal controls at corporate and site level.
- Performed an analytical review of the Indicators aggregated at corporate level.
- Examined, on a test basis, evidence supporting the generation, aggregation and reporting of the Indicators in conformity with the Company's reporting standards, and also recalculated the Indicators.
- Made an on-site inspection of the Company's domestic facility.
- Assessed whether all the material sustainability information defined by J-SUS is included in the Report.
- Evaluated the overall statement in which the Indicators are expressed.

4. Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Indicators in the Report are not fairly generated, aggregated and reported, in all material respects, in accordance with the Company's reporting standards, and that all the material sustainability information defined by J-SUS is not included in the Report.

5. Independence

We have no conflict of interest relationships with the Company that are specified in the Code of Ethics of J-SUS.

KPMG AZSA Sustainability Co., Ltd.

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Tokyo, Japan
September 30, 2009

Comment from an Independent Assurance Provider

This year's report has been prepared with closer attention to the reader, as evidenced by the redesigning of the page content and layout from a universal design perspective and publication of the report at an earlier date. On the other hand, the number of indicators disclosed in this report is fewer than in the previous year's report. Your website could perhaps be better used in tandem with this report so as to continually improve the readability of the report without compromising the amount of information available to the reader.

Also, since some of the environmental performance data in the *Environmental & Social Report* are periodically reported to the relevant government authorities, centralized management

of the data is becoming more important. I believe there is room for further improvement in this area.

In addition, as mentioned in my comment on the previous year's report, almost all of the initiatives disclosed in the *Environmental & Social Report 2009* are related to activities in Japan. Since your initiatives and their results overseas are growing in importance, I would like to suggest again this year that disclosing information on overseas activities remains an important issue for the Sumitomo Bakelite Group to address in its CSR reporting activities.



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