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Acquisition of Shares of Nippon Unicar Company Limited

TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; president: Jun Mutoh; herein referred to, along with its affiliates, as “the TonenGeneral Group”) announces the completion of the acquisition of shares of Nippon Unicar Company Limited (head office: Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo; president: Keiki Satoh; herein referred to as “NUC”). It was previously announced in a press release dated January 31, 2013 that the TonenGeneral Group had entered into an agreement with Union Carbide Corporation (herein referred to as “UCC”) to purchase UCC’s entire 50% share interest in NUC, a 50/50 joint venture between the TonenGeneral Group and UCC, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Dow Chemical Company (head office: Midland, Michigan, USA; chairman and CEO: Andrew N. Liveris).

The completion of the purchase, in which NUC became a wholly owned company of the TonenGeneral Group, will enable the TonenGeneral Group to achieve integrated manufacturing and sales operations, from crude procurement through ethylene manufacturing and polyethylene manufacturing and sales, enabling optimal operations for more prompt, flexible response to customer and market needs.

For reference, NUC has changed its company name in English to “NUC Corporation” as of today, and is expected to change its company name in Japanese to “Kabushiki Kaisha NUC” effective January 1, 2014.

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