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## **SDK and SDMC Nominate H. Takahashi as New President and CEO**

Showa Denko (SDK) (TOKYO: 4004) announces that Kohei Morikawa will resign as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to become Representative Director and Chairman of the Board, of SDK, and that, Hidehito Takahashi, Representative Director, Managing Corporate Officer, Chief Strategy Officer, and General Manager, Preparation Office for Group Chief Strategy Officer (CSO), of SDK, will succeed Morikawa, effective January 4, 2022.

Takahashi is currently in charge of Carbon and Ceramics divisions, Coating Materials Department, Yokohama and Shiojiri plants, and Corporate Strategy Department, of SDK.

SDK also announces that, at Showa Denko Materials Co., Ltd. (SDMC), which is a consolidated subsidiary of SDK, Hisashi Maruyama will resign as President and CEO to become Representative Director and Chairman of the Board, of SDMC, and that, Hidehito Takahashi, Director of SDMC, will succeed Maruyama, effective January 4, 2022.

These changes in the presidencies have been decided at SDK's board of directors meeting today.

Through unification of the presidencies and generational changes in top management, SDK and SDMC aim to accelerate integration of the two companies and foster speedy management of the Showa Denko Group as a whole.

Hideo Ichikawa, who is currently Director, Chairman of the Board, of SDK, will resign as Chairman of the Board on January 4, 2022. He will also resign as Director at the ordinary general meeting of shareholders in late March 2022, and assume the post of Advisor.

Biographical information on the new President and CEO is attached.

For further information, contact:  
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## Attachment

### Biographical Information

#### **Hidehito TAKAHASHI**

Date of birth: July 21, 1962

Education: Graduated from the Faculty of Economics, The University of Tokyo, in March 1986

### **Professional Career**

April 1986	Joined The Mitsubishi Bank, Ltd. (current MUFG Bank, Ltd.)
February 2002	General Manager, Business Development Department, GE Japan Holding Corporation
October 2004	Asia Pacific President, GE Sensing & Inspection Technologies, GE Japan Holding Corporation
October 2008	President and CEO, Silicones Business, Momentive Performance Materials Japan Inc.
January 2013	President and CEO, GKN Driveline Japan plc
October 2015	Joined Showa Denko K.K. (SDK); Senior Corporate Fellow
January 2016	Corporate Officer; General Manager, Corporate Strategy Department
January 2017	Managing Corporate Officer
March 2017	Director; Managing Corporate Officer
July 2017	Director; Managing Corporate Officer; General Manager, Carbon Division
January 2020	Director; Managing Corporate Officer; Chief Strategy Officer (CSO)
March 2020	Representative Director; Managing Corporate Officer; CSO
June 2020	Representative Director; Managing Corporate Officer; CSO, of SDK Director, of Showa Denko Materials Co., Ltd. (SDMC)
July 2021	Representative Director; Managing Corporate Officer, in charge of Carbon Division, Ceramics Division, Coating Materials Department, Yokohama Plant, Shiojiri Plant and Corporate Strategy Department; CSO, of SDK Director, of SDMC

Number of SDK shares held by Takahashi: 7,600 (as of September 22, 2021)