

## **Regarding Outflow of Funds at Sumitomo Seika Chemicals' North America Subsidiary**

Sumitomo Seika Chemicals Company, Limited. (the“Company”) has announced a recent case involving fraudulent payment directions from a malicious third party that has resulted in a financial loss at our North America-based subsidiary (“Subsidiary”).

Together with the Subsidiary, we became aware that the directions were fraudulent after the leakage. Recognizing the high possibility of criminal activity, we promptly established a team comprising legal professionals, then reported the loss to local investigating authorities. While cooperating in all aspects of the investigation, we are devoting our utmost efforts to procedures for securing and recovering the leaked funds.

The Company expects to record an extraordinary loss on the consolidated financial results of fiscal year 2023, ending March 31, 2024, to cover the damage from this incident.

The company is unable to provide further details at this time to ensure the confidentiality of the investigation.

[Outline]

Expected financial loss: Approximately 270 million yen maximum (as of 9 June)

Incident date: The end of April

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