

(English Translation)

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## Strategic Alliance with QUADRANT

Mitsubishi Plastics, Inc.

Mitsubishi Plastics, Inc. (headquartered in Chuo-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Hiroshi Yoshida, hereinafter "Mitsubishi Plastics") today announced that it has entered into a strategic alliance with certain members of the board of directors (the "Management") of QUADRANT AG (headquartered in Switzerland, hereinafter referred to as "QUADRANT"), the world's largest manufacturer of engineering plastic products (EPP). This alliance is part of Mitsubishi Plastics' world wide expansion strategy of the EPP business.

### 1. Background

Mitsubishi Plastics was incorporated on April 1, 2008 as a core business unit of the Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Group, with the purpose of handling the functional products business of the Group. The company vision was to establish "a development company that serves as a reliable partner to customers by offering optimal solutions".

In 2008, a mid term management plan was developed (hereinafter referred to as the "mid term management plan") that focused on a project portfolio comprised of four key areas ("nurturing project", "concentration project", "base project" and "reorganization and restructuring project"). These areas were selected on the basis of business scale, profitability, market share and growth prospects. The EPP business is the core project in this portfolio and it is currently only developed in Japan; however, global business development is considered to be vital for business expansion.

In 1966, Mitsubishi Plastics and The Polymer Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Polymer Corporation") of the U.S. established a joint venture company named Nippon Polypenco Limited. Its objective was to expand on the EPP business and focus EPP manufacturing and sales efforts on MC Nylon (monomer casting nylon) in Japan. In

1989, DSM B.V. purchased The Polymer Corporation. In 2001, Quadrant purchased the EPP business from DSM

The EPP business develops and manufactures products that are highly competitive for various industrial uses (mainly for industrial machinery parts). We expect further expansion in the applicability of EPP products and a growth in demand in the future.

Upon this strong foundation, Mitsubishi Plastics and the Management reached an agreement to establish a strategic alliance that furthers the company's EPP business expansion worldwide. In order to make this alliance actionable, Mitsubishi Plastics and the Management have established Aquamit B.V. in the Netherlands, a jointly owned holding company that will launch a public tender offer for all publicly held shares in QUADRANT.

QUADRANT was established in 1996 by the Management. Quadrant purchased the EPP business in 2001 and thereafter a fiber resin composites business etc, which transformed Quadrant into the world's largest resin processing manufacturer of EPP products, with manufacturing sites and sales networks spreading across 19 locations world wide.

Upon successful completion of the public tender offer, Mitsubishi Plastics' goal is to enter into enhanced strategic cooperation with Quadrant with the goal of advancing the EPP business and the high performance fiber composites business by utilizing the manufacturing technology, R&D capabilities, production facilities and sales routes of QUADRANT. A successful tender offer would also help us in our efforts to achieve a stronger profit disposition by promoting our products overseas and improving sales, profits and our overseas sales ratio. With the expected increase in overseas sales (consolidated), Mitsubishi Plastics aim to achieve an overseas sales ratio of 40% (FY2012 target), which is a key objective in our mid term management plan.

## 2. Benefits of the Strategic Cooperation in the Event of a Successful Tender Offer

### (1) Becoming a global leader in the EPP business

A strong leadership position in the EPP business globally, will also enhance the company's foothold and expansion opportunities within Asia.

### (2) Establishment of a world wide production structure and overseas expansion

Quadrant's manufacturing bases abroad will enhance our production sites and distribution networks with NPL's Japan based manufacturing sites. Through the additional channels of the EPP business, a larger, global customer base can be reached and products, including Mitsubishi Plastics' high performance resin composites, can be promoted internationally.

### (3) Expansion of cooperation across several business lines

Currently, Mitsubishi Plastics and Quadrant are developing their respective businesses by focusing on resin processing. In the future, we expect further manifestations of our business collaboration, expanding cooperation efforts in the injection molded products business in Europe and the US.

## 3. Strategic Cooperation Outline

### (1) Mitsubishi Plastics and the Management have established Aquamit B.V. as their joint venture company in the Netherlands.

(Outline of the holding company)

1) Company name: AQUAMIT B.V.

2) Paid-in Capital: 2,598 thousand Euro (about ¥0.3 billion)

(exchange rate converted into ¥130/Euro)

3) Address of headquarters: Strawinskylaan 3105, 1077 ZX Amsterdam, The Netherlands

4) Equity share: 50% Mitsubishi Plastics; 50% the Management

5) Aquamit B.V. will be consolidated into Mitsubishi Plastics

### (2) The holding company will launch a public tender offer for all publicly held shares of QUADRANT.

Budget for PTO (plan) : about 162 million CHF (about ¥14.6 billion)

PTO Price (Per Share): 86 CHF

Main PTO conditions: Aquamit to hold at least 66.7% of Quadrant shares after successful completion of the public tender offer; merger clearance

(3)Schedule

2009.05.01 Conclusion of an agreement of strategic alliance and a Joint Venture

2009 from late May to August (plan) Period of PTO

\*To be approved by Swiss Takeover Board committee.

[Reference]

Overview of QUADRANT

Representatives: Dr. Adrian Niggli

Address of headquarters: Hardstrasse 5, 5600 Lenzburg, Switzerland

Contents of main business: Manufacturing and sales of EPP products, fiber resin compound materials and other products

Accounting period: 31 December

No. of employees: 2,400 (as of the end of December, 2008)

Earnings performance in recent accounting period:

	Period ending December, 2006	Period ending December, 2007	Period ending December, 2008
Sales	804.3 (¥72.4 billion)	811.8 (¥73.1 billion)	733.4 (¥66.0 billion)
EBITDA	94.7 (¥8.5 billion)	98.4 (¥8.9 billion)	68.0 (¥6.1 billion)
Operating Profit	36.1 (¥3.3 billion)	39.6 (¥3.6 billion)	10.8 (¥1.0 billion)

(Unit: CHF1 million / exchange rate converted into ¥90/CHF)

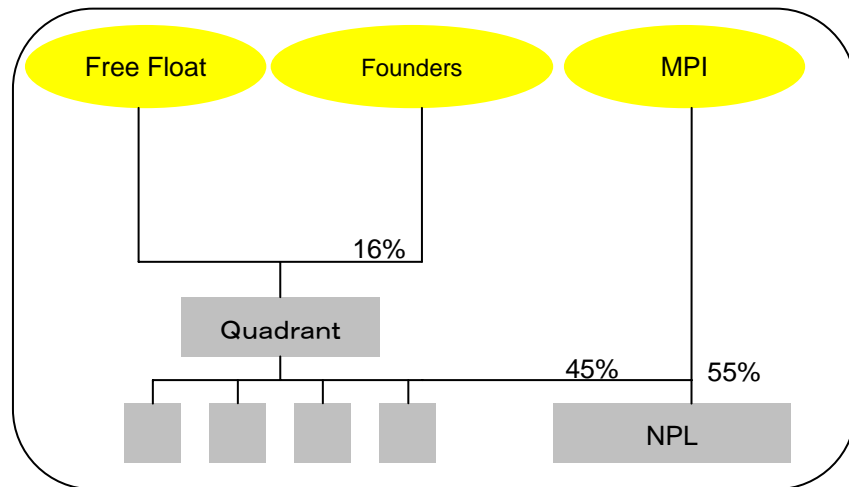
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(Appendix : Relation of present and in event of successful PTO)

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PTO

