

Building and maintaining fair relationships with suppliers

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Hitachi Chemical procures materials based on our Primary Concepts of Purchasing Business, which sets the rules for building and maintaining fair relationships with suppliers and safeguarding impartiality in the selection of suppliers with priority on environment-friendly products, the protection of human rights and full compliance.

Hitachi Chemical's website provides information on worldwide procurement sites and includes a procurement list to facilitate preparation of product proposals from suppliers. Upon receiving proposals, we investigate quality, safety, price, delivery and stability of supply, data related to the supplier's capabilities in technology and quality control, and corporate data. Sample products are evaluated before any decision to purchase is made.

In fiscal 2008, we plan to send our Primary Concepts of Purchasing Business to all suppliers to promote CSR activities across the supply chain. We will also request their understanding of our approach and cooperation with our initiatives.

Furthermore, with the start of registration of substances

subject to REACH*, we plan to request the cooperation of our suppliers in a questionnaire concerning registration, and in disclosing information on chemical substances.

* REACH (Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemicals): EU law under which all chemical substances are registered by usage and assessed for risk; only those products confirmed to be safe may be imported and used while those of high risk are subject to approval and restriction.

Our Primary Concepts of Purchasing Business can be found on our website.



<http://www.hitachi-chem.co.jp/english/purchase/policy.html>

Strengthening partnerships with suppliers

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The Hitachi Chemical Group implements SCM (Supply Chain Management) and reinforces partnerships with raw materials suppliers to enhance the quality of products delivered to our customers.

We proactively communicate with suppliers by holding presentation meetings, taking the initiative to disclose information on our website and conducting surveys of our suppliers, while supporting suppliers that seek to develop their own environment management systems.

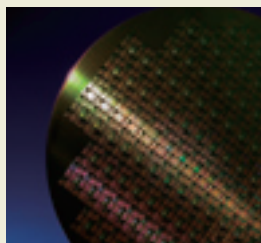
Working to provide high-quality, high-performance products that meet customer demands

The following positive feedback is commonly expressed with regard to our development proposals with customers related to CMP slurry for semiconductor production: "It's improved now; we can make further tune-ups on our own, but could you please improve this property?"

To provide the best products in response to the rapid development of semiconductors, we must continuously test products using our own equipment, which is similar to that used by customers, and then repeatedly visit customers' production lines to ensure performance requirements are met.



CMP slurry



Semiconductor wafer
(Courtesy of CASMAT)

CMP slurry has been used by a large number of semiconductor manufacturers since it was introduced. We will continue working meet customer demands and further enhance quality and performance.



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