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JCR Affirmed A/Stable Rating on Senior debts of Nissan Chemical Industries

Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR) announces the following credit rating.

Rationale

Nissan Chemical Industries, Ltd. is a specialty chemical manufacturer engaging in a wide spectrum of business areas. Its business portfolio is well balanced, and the core products of its flagship businesses have a strong position in their respective market.

The Company identifies the reinforcement of its R&D capabilities and the creation of new growth engines by leveraging such capabilities as top priorities, and is actively allocating management resources to these areas. JCR will keep an eye on the future progress and direction of its efforts. Its earnings will likely remain robust for the near term. Although changes in LCD and semiconductor-related demand and prior investment burden are expected, as the Company has several stable earnings sources, including agricultural chemicals and pharmaceuticals businesses, JCR thinks that the effect of such changes or burden will be limited.

Its financial structure is satisfactory, and JCR considers that it can maintain the financial structure at the current level for a while.

Rating

Issuer: Nissan Chemical Industries, Ltd. (security code: 4021)

<Affirmation>

Senior debts: A Outlook: Stable

Outline of the method for the determination of the credit rating is posted as "Rating Methodology (Corporate)" on JCR's home page (<http://www.jcr.co.jp>). The rating methodology is subject to additions and changes. In such cases, however, these additions and changes are shown in chronological order. Please check the release date of this press release against that of the rating methodology (i.e. the date when such methodology became effective) and then refer to the rating methodology above.

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