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Notice Regarding the Commencement of Preparations for the Stock Listing (IPO) of a Consolidated Korean Subsidiary

We are pleased to announce that our consolidated subsidiary, SFC CO., LTD. (hereinafter referred to as "SFC"), has entered into lead manager agreements with two securities firms and has commenced preparations for the stock listing (IPO) on the "Korea Exchange Securities Market (KOSPI)." The details of the stock listing (IPO) are as outlined in the attached document.

Please note that the stock listing is subject to approval from the relevant Korean authorities, and the schedule, market, and other specific details of the stock listing have not yet been determined. We will make further announcements as necessary based on the progress of the preparations and when there are developments that require disclosure.

※The above is conditional upon approval by the relevant authorities and remains preliminary.

The stock listing preparations

Listing Schedule: Within 2026

Listing Market : Korea Exchange (KOSPI)

Lead Underwriters:

- Lead Manager: Mirae Asset Securities
- Co-Manager: Korea Investment & Securities

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SFC Company Overview

Representative: Kim, Yong-Kwan, Ph.D.

Businesses : OLED Materials, Bio Materials, Semiconductor Materials
(Development, manufacturing, and sales)

Locations : • Headquarters, R&D Center, and Second Plant
• BioPark • Chungju Campus 1 and Campus 2
• Eumseong Campus

(All located within the Foreign Investment Zone in Chungcheongbuk-do)

Major Shareholders: Hodogaya Chemical, Samsung Group

Financial Highlights (Fiscal Year 2024):

- Sales: ¥17.2 billion
- Net Profit: ¥3.5 billion
- Total Assets: ¥21.7 billion
- Net Assets: ¥19.5 billion

Number of Employees: 325 (including REXCEL CO., LTD. as of FY2024)

SFC History

1998: Established

2001: Started R&D for developing OLED Materials

2005:

- Developed fluorescent materials for white OLEDs.
- Developed fluorescent blue materials with world-class performance (SH1, SD1)

2010: Hodogaya acquired 33.8% of SFC's shares

2011:

- Became a consolidated subsidiary of Hodogaya.
- Entered into a shareholder agreement regarding SFC between Hodogaya and Samsung Group.
(Hodogaya's shareholding ratio: 51.9%)

2014: Started R&D for developing fluorescent materials for Bio-applications

(2017: REXCEL CO., LTD. was established by Kim, Yong-Kwan and others. Subsequently, hodogaya also invested in REXCEL, making it a consolidated subsidiary.)

2019: Expanded the Ochang R&D Center

2020: • Achieved sales exceeding 100 billion KRW. • Developed and mass-produced fluorescent materials for COVID-19.

2022: Hodogaya acquired additional shares (56.4%)

2024: Established BioPark (with R&D and production functions)

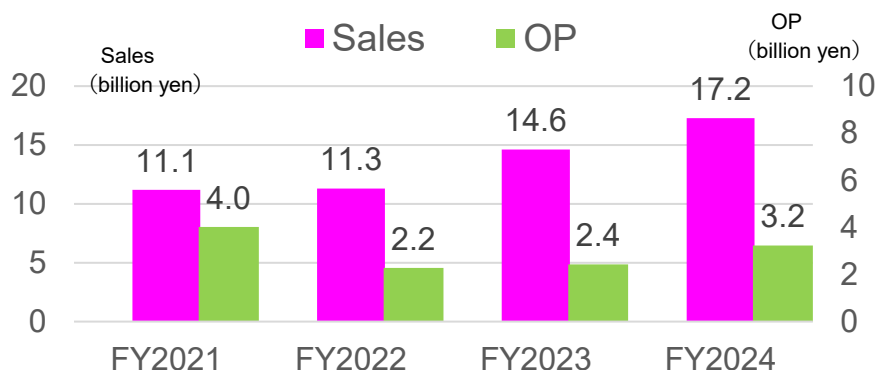
2025: Absorbed and merged REXCEL CO., LTD., a consolidated subsidiary of Hodogaya (covering OLED Materials, Semiconductor Materials, etc.)

Purpose of the stock listing (IPO)

- Since its establishment in 1998, SFC has rapidly expanded its business scale through proprietary technology and strong collaborative relationships with market-leading customers. The organic EL (OLED) and blue-emitting materials, which are among SFC's key strengths, are currently in high demand for OLED displays primarily used in smartphones. This demand is expected to grow further as OLED displays are increasingly applied to medium-sized devices such as tablets and personal computers. To meet the growing demand, various investments will be necessary. Through the stock listing, SFC will secure the flexibility to raise funds for planned production capacity expansions and other strategic initiatives. Furthermore, by enhancing corporate recognition—built upon SFC's track record of growth—the company will continuously attract top talent and accelerate research and development of new materials and technologies.

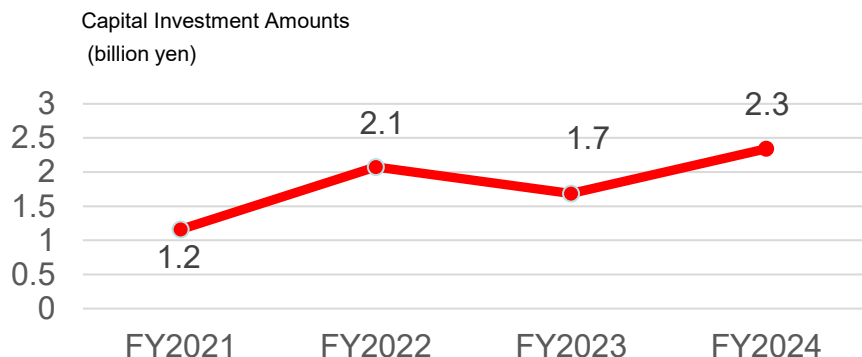
【Sales and Operating Profit of SFC since FY2021】

In fiscal year 2021, sales of proprietary Bio Materials developed in-house expanded for use in COVID-19 test kits. In fiscal year 2025, we completed the absorption-type merger of REXCEL CO., LTD., which promotes the semiconductor Materials business. These businesses are currently being developed as new core pillars, following the OLED business.



【Capital investment amounts of SFC since FY2021】

To address the increasing demand, we have undertaken a phased expansion of facilities. While driving the growth of the OLED business, we have also made capital investments in Bio Materials to foster the development of new businesses.



Positioning in Our Group's Medium-Term Management Plan "SPEED 25/30"

[Strengthening the Business Portfolio]

We aim to further drive growth in our Group's OLED business, with SFC at its core, while promoting new developments in the "BIO Materials Business" and the "Semiconductor Materials Business" in Japan. Centered on the "Functional Dyes Segment," we plan to reinvest in "Next-Generation Businesses."

Business Domains Prior to FY2021

OLED, Functional Colorants, Imaging materials
PTG, Adhesives, Waterproof materials,
Phosgene derivatives
Hydrogen peroxide and its derivatives
Herbicides, Pesticides
Warehousing
(Hazardous substances and chemicals)



New Business Domains Introduced in "SPEED 25/30 - Phase 1"

BIO materials, Semiconductor materials,
Metal-free Aluminum coloring dyes
BIO-PTG,
Newly developed Polyols (PTG-SOFTENA)
Peracetic acid
Oxygen supply materials (Agricultural materials)
ISO tank container storage services

[SPEED 25/30 Phase 2]

In addition to ensuring that the achievements of the business initiatives realized in Phase 1 are fully materialized, we will accelerate the expansion of the "BIO Materials" and "Semiconductor Materials" businesses in Japan

[Enhancing Corporate Value and Shareholder Returns]

By effectively capturing business opportunities through investments in growth areas, we aim to enhance the corporate value of our Group. Following the listing, we will continue to expand shareholder returns across the entire Group, including our consolidated subsidiary, SFC.

[Basic Policy on Capital Management]

Maximizing capital efficiency by emphasizing a balanced approach to "Growth Investments," "Shareholder Returns," and "Internal Reserves."



[Achievements in Phase 1]

- Aggressive business investments in South Korea
- Annual dividend increases during the period:
+66% growth in dividends (FY2021 → 2025), and
+38% growth in DOE (2021 → 2024 actual)
- Consolidated equity ratio: 60.9% (FY2024)



[SPEED 25/30 Phase 2]

We aim to drive further business growth and profitability through proactive investments in Japan, focusing on high-potential areas, while striving to expand shareholder returns based on these achievements.