

NEPIC Clean Growth Conference 2022

# **Sustainability in the Mitsubishi Chemical Group**

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# Agenda

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2. Sustainability Initiatives in Mitsubishi Chemical Methacrylates
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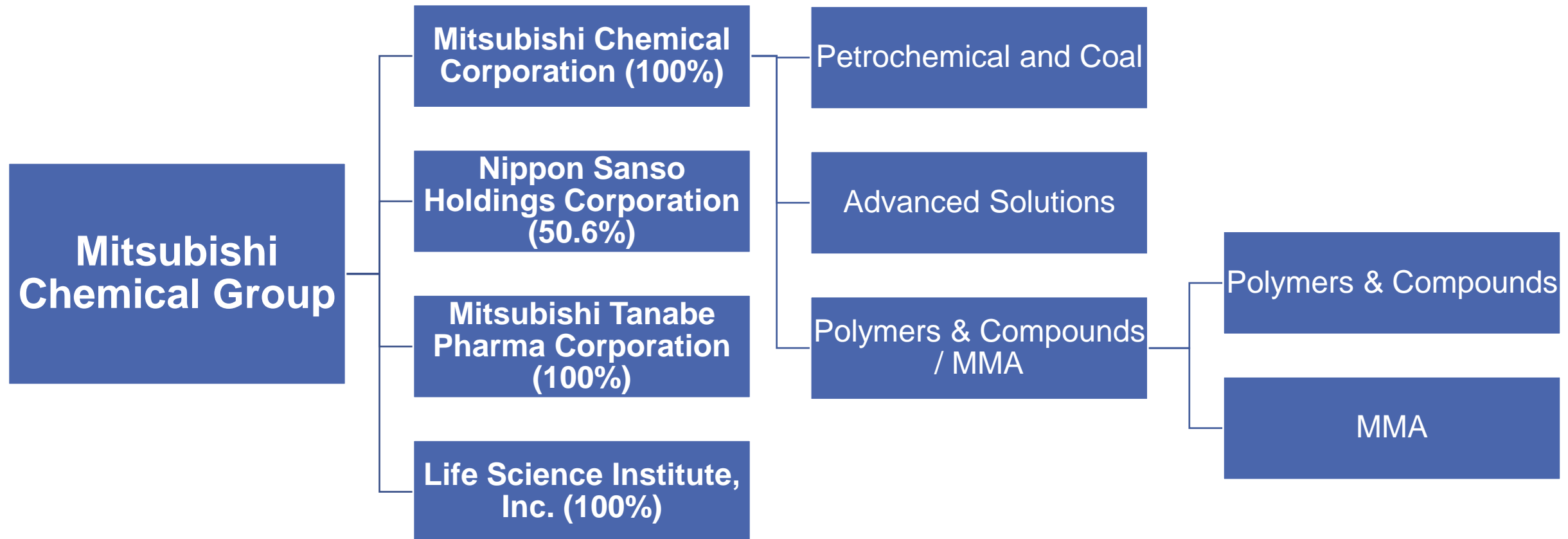
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# Mitsubishi Chemical Group

## Group Structure



Fiscal Year 2021 Revenue ¥3976B / £26.4B



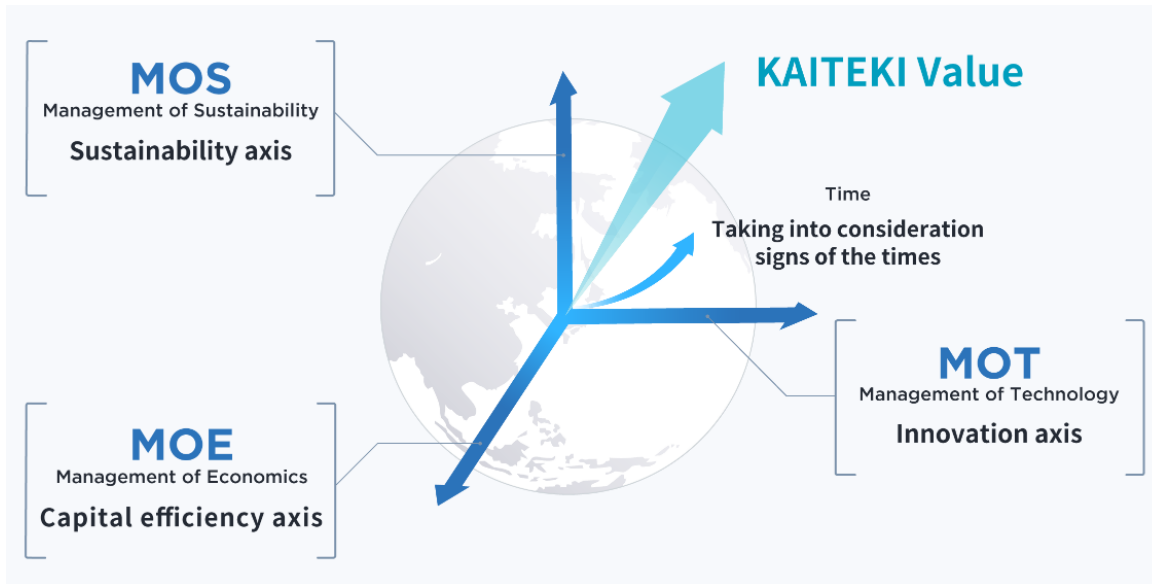
Our business – MMA – Mitsubishi Chemical Methacrylates (MCM) - <https://mcc-methacrylates.com/>

# Mitsubishi Chemical Group

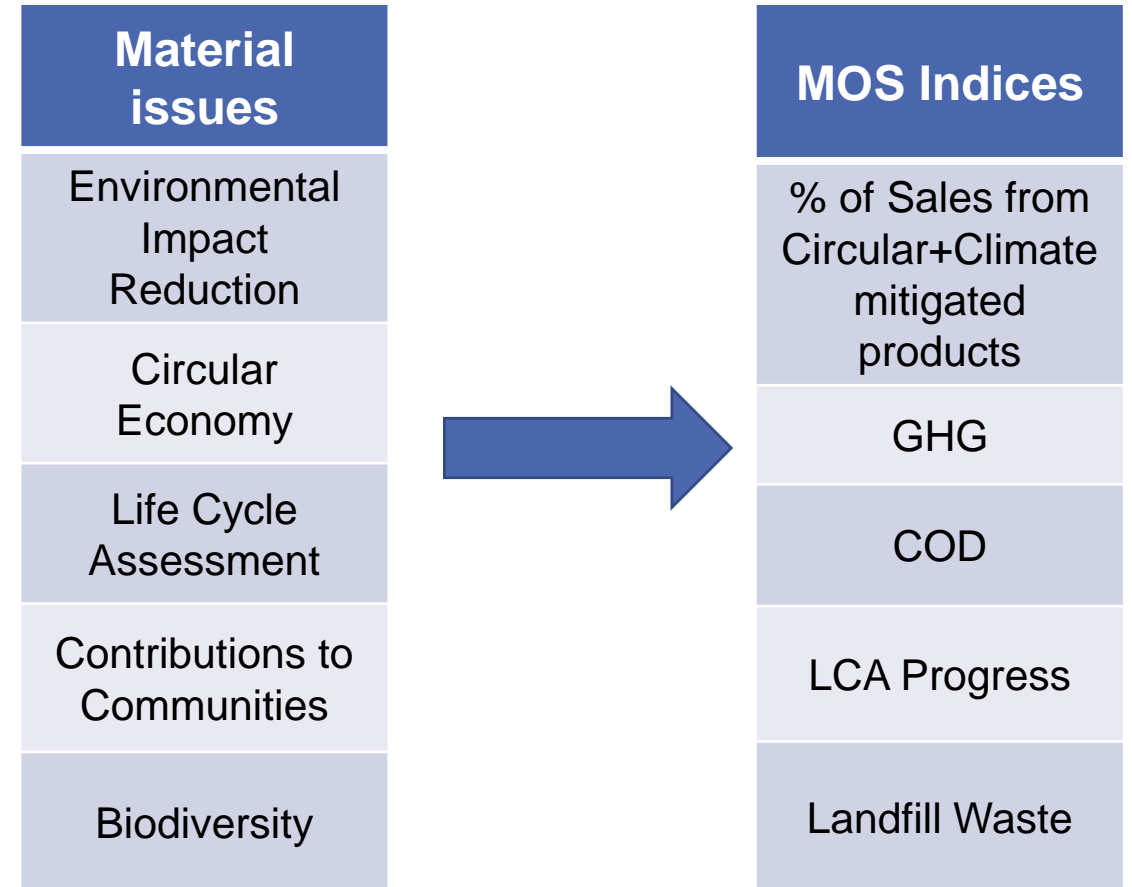
## Sustainability Philosophy, "Kaiteki"

### KAITEKI

- An original Mitsubishi Chemical concept - the sustainable well-being of people, society and our planet Earth
- Business development on four axes



### Management of Sustainability



# Mitsubishi Chemical Methacrylates

*What are Methacrylates (acrylics)?*

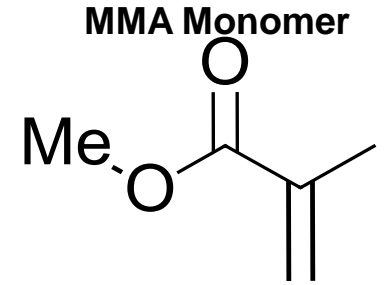
Methyl methacrylate (MMA) monomer, a clear, colourless liquid

*The **building block** of the acrylic industry (3-4 million tpa)*

When polymerised it has unique properties

- *Exceptional optical clarity*
- *Weather and UV resistance*
- *Ability to take colour*
- *Bio compatible, safe in the body*
- *Can be blended to give additional properties*
- *Recyclable to virgin monomer*

**Water miscible emulsion  
paint systems  
Low to zero VOC**



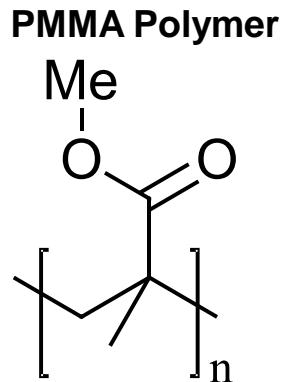
**Clarity and strength in aquariums**



**Bone  
cements  
for Hip  
replacements**



**Mouldable  
components  
for the car  
industry**



# Mitsubishi Chemical Methacrylates

## A Global Business

- World #1 in acrylic materials ~ 1.7 MTPA - 40% market share of ~3-4 MTPA demand – global reach

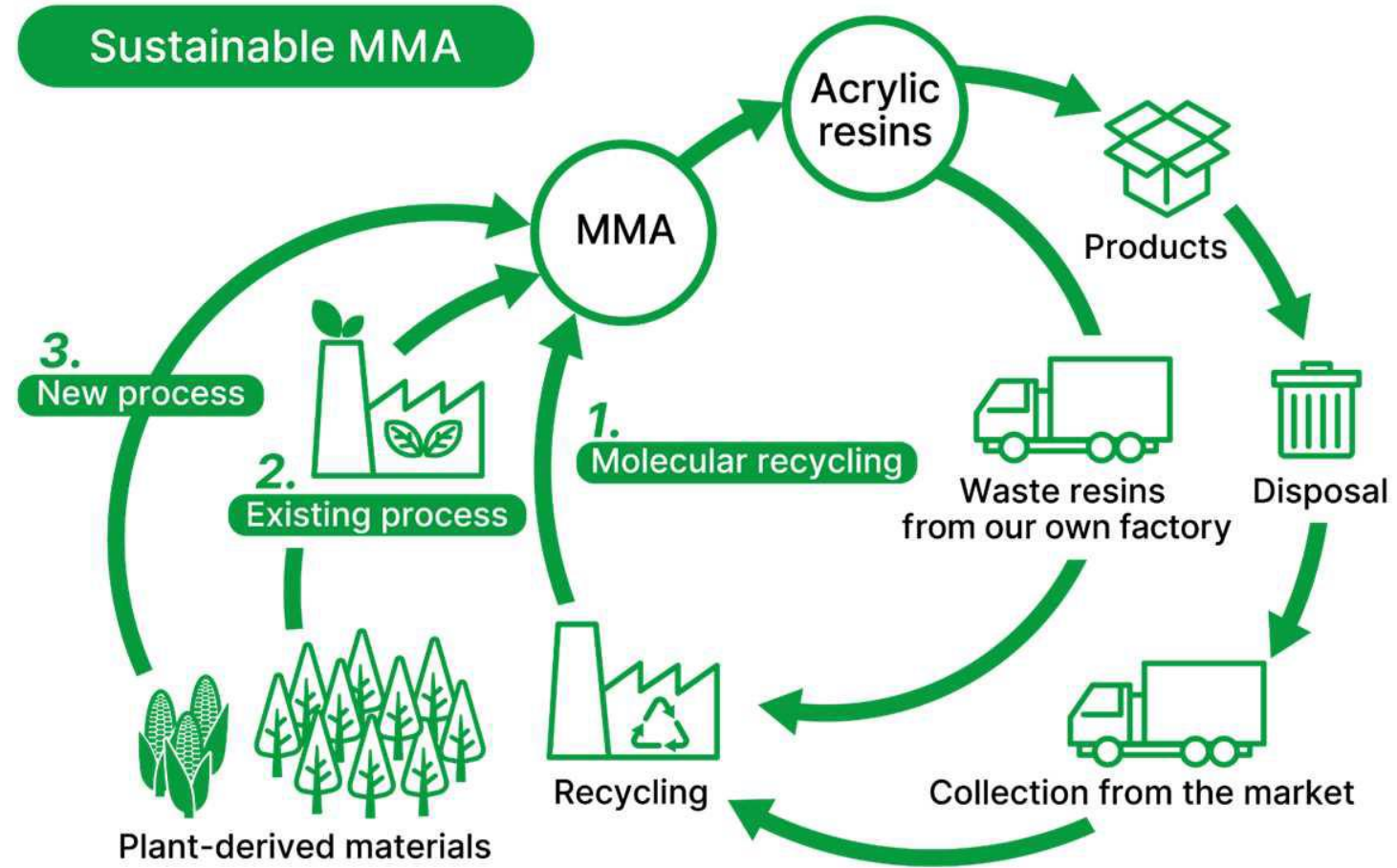


## **2. Sustainability Initiatives in Mitsubishi Chemical Methacrylates**



# Sustainability Initiatives in Mitsubishi Chemical Methacrylates

- Continuous improvement in Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions of petrochemical assets, including planned Alpha 3 350 KTPA investment in Geismar, Louisiana USA
- Mass-balanced certification in response to customer's requests
- Aggressive technology development activity on circular economy initiatives:-
  1. Molecular Recycling of PMMA polymer to MMA monomer
  2. Plant derived materials into existing plants to make MMA
  3. Plant derived materials into new processes to make MMA



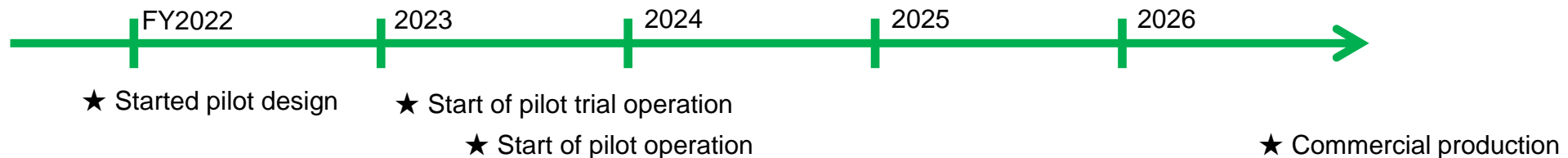
# Sustainability Initiatives in Mitsubishi Chemical Methacrylates

## 1. Molecular Recycling:-

- Japan initiatives - Microwave Chemical and Mitsubishi Chemical have agreed to build a demonstration plant to commercialize acrylic resin chemical recycling
- UK initiatives – Agilyx partnership on thermal depolymerization, UKRI “Prosperity Partnership” programme on University of Nottingham / Mitsubishi Chemical UK Ltd. Microwave depolymerisation

## 2. Bio-Feedstocks into Existing MMA Assets

- Taking existing biogenic carbon molecules into our existing MMA processes, to make biogenic carbon derived, lower CFP methacrylate monomer – Japan Initiatives, piloting full scale process



## 3. Direct Routes to Bio-MMA

- Development of biotech fermentation process to go directly from bio-feedstocks, preferably from lignocellulosic sources, to make biogenic carbon derived, lower CFP methacrylate monomer; inter alia, UKRI “Prosperity Partnership” University of Nottingham / Mitsubishi Chemical UK Ltd. bioprocess technology programme

# **3. Sustainability Initiatives in the Mitsubishi Chemical Group**

# Mitsubishi Chemical Group Actions

## *Recycling*

### **November 21**

- Mitsubishi Chemical has developed KILAVIS™RC, a new nylon filament yarn mixed with nylon resin recycled from fishing nets discarded in Japan

### **July 2021**

- ENEOS & Mitsubishi Chemical to Jointly Implement Plastic-to-Oil Conversion Business — Construction of Japan's Largest-scale Plastic Chemical Recycling Facility

### **June 2021**

- Chemical recycling of plastic waste – Mitsubishi Chemical has entered into a License agreement for chemical recycling process with Mura Technology (London, UK), for use of the (HydroPRS™) for manufacturing raw materials (regenerated oils) for chemical products from plastic wastes





# Mitsubishi Chemical Group Actions

## *Bio-Based Materials*

### August 2022

- Plant-based bioengineering plastic "DURABIO™" has been adopted for the bezel of the Casio "PRO TREK®," a watch brand for nature lovers



### March 2022

- Mitsubishi Chemical and Toyota Tsusho have begun a joint-consideration to manufacture and sale ethylene, propylene, and their derivatives using bioethanol as a raw material, with an aim to commence operation in 2025
- Commercialisation of Apparel Brand "age3026™" garments made from Mitsubishi Chemical "Soalon™ Plant-based Yarn"



### Feb 2022

- Mitsubishi Chemical Biomass-Based PCD BENEbIOL™ - a biomass-based polycarbonate diol – certified as USDA Bio-based Product
- Mitsubishi Chemical - Bio-based Engineering Plastic with Excellent Design and Durability "DURABIO™" Adopted for Use in Pilot Ballpoint Pens



### September 2021

- FORZEAS™, using BioPBS™, a biodegradable and plant-derived plastic developed by Mitsubishi Chemical, is to be used for cutlery made by Tosho Chemical Co



# Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?