# President

We're always aware of the purpose of our existence. So when we hit a wall,

we automatically know which way to go.

# Purpose

To continue contributing to better living environments through chemical technologies

## **Behind Our Purpose**

# Inheriting the Challenging Spirit and Providing the Indispensable

# Vision 2030 and Sustainability Management

We, the ISK Group, have changed the direction to sustainability management with our long-term vision, Vision 2030. The world today is facing major issues such as extreme weather events and other effects of climate change, and food problems. The United Nations has established the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a set of goals to resolve these issues. As a member of the global community, we support and participate in this initiative in an effort to contribute to the realization of a prosperous future society through our business.

Therefore, we set our purpose, in order to redefine the reason why we exist.

## **Our Founders Aims and Purpose**

ISK Group's founder, Hiroichiro Ishihara, started many businesses with a desire to contribute to Japan and society. Despite the impact of wars and politics along the way, he was dauntless in his continued search for new paths and laid the foundations of our current inorganic chemicals and organic chemicals businesses.

# "To continue contributing to better living environments through chemical technologies"

This purpose is the reason our group exists, which inherited lshihara's challenging spirit. We provide society with the essentials for everyday life.

Agrochemicals contribute to feeding the world's population, which will continue to grow. Titanium dioxide is indispensable for a rich, colorful life. Barium titanate is indispensable in capacitors, which is used in computers, smartphones, self-driving automobiles, and electric vehicles, and it will be used more wide field in the future.

Our strength lies in our unique chemical technology and technological development capabilities. We have outstanding, one-ofa-kind technologies. Our path forward involves utilizing these strengths to provide the value and products society requires, or to create new ones if necessary.

Our raison d'être is to use chemical technology to solve global problems and realize a better living environment. We base all our business activities on this purpose.



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#### Message from the President Thinking about the Model for Future Business

While revenue from our organic chemicals business is steadily increasing, our inorganic chemicals business is struggling due to factors such as rising raw material and fuel costs, indicating that the time has come to reconsider the model for our business. However, despite these challenges, we remain a company possessed of real ability and strength. "Purpose" will be the guiding compass in determining our future direction, and we will leverage our technological strength, which is our greatest strength, to continue providing the world with products which improve people's lives.

#### Special Feature Commitment to Manufacturing



Yokkaichi Plant



#### **Agrochemicals Business** Manufacturing Centered on Overseas Subcontractors

ISK will establish an Organic Production Technology Research Institute (provisional name; hereafter, "Ono Research Institute") in Ono City, Hyogo Prefecture. The aim is to achieve, via advancements in manufacturing technology, the world's lowest cost manufacturing and stable supply. We spoke with three Biosciences Business Headquarters members who are part of the team working to establish the Ono Research Institute about the aims and future vision for it.

# A Manufacturer's Responsibility To Make Exactly What the Market Needs

The Yokkaichi Plant is the flagship production base of our inorganic chemicals business. It has been the foundation of ISK manufacturing for a great many years going all the way back to its establishment in 1941. What is the plant currently committed to, what is it working on? We put these questions to Yoshiyuki Shinmyo, who, as Director of the Yokkaichi Plant, is the person responsible for its overall operation.

# **ISK Group: Making Each Day Better**

ISK is a chemical company. Based on our corporate purpose, "To continue contributing to better living environments through chemical technologies" we provide the world comfort, convenience, and health through products such as paints and functional materials using titanium dioxide, and agrochemicals and animal health products made with organic compounds.

More comfort

# Comfortable Living Environment

In fields such as housing and automotive, high-quality titanium dioxide paint suitable for a range of applications is responding to increasingly advanced needs. ISK is making people's homes more comfortable through high-value-added products such as heat shield materials that reflect near-infrared rays, and photocatalyst material with a self-cleaning function.

# **Innovative Lifestyle Products**

We're also making lives more convenient by supporting advances in IT through our products such as highly pure titanium dioxide used as material for things like condensers, super black material that absorbs more than 99% of light, and highly refractive material that realizes a high light refractive index and high transparency.

More convenience

# **Inorganic** Chemicals Business

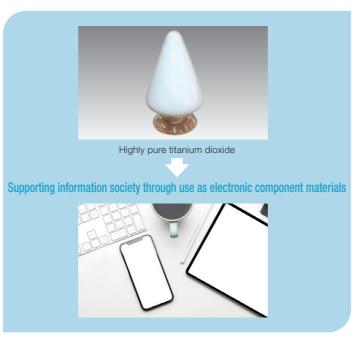
More friendliness

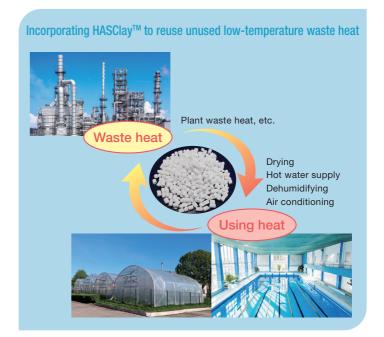
# Environmentally Friendly Products

Our totally new heat-storage material, HASClay<sup>TM</sup>, stores heat when dry and emits heat when wet. When used for dehumidifying, heating, or drying processes in places like factories, it can dramatically reduce  $CO_2$  emissions compared to obtaining heat by burning fuel.











# Ensuring a stable supply of agricultural products

ISK is a pioneer in chemical pesticides. We distribute a variety of agrochemical products in the domestic and international markets to make people's lives healthier—protecting their health and lives through food.



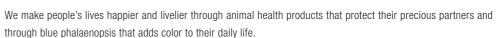
Our agrochemical lineup of mainly herbicides, fungicides, insecticides

### Contributing to people's dietary life around world



# **Organic** Chemicals Business

# Improving quality of life (QOL)



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Key Figures Fiscal year ended March 31, 2023



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