

Press Release

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Sumitomo Corporation

Summit Pharmaceuticals International Corporation

Summit Cosmetics Corporation

Establishment of a new cosmetics company

Sumitomo Corporation (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President and Chief Executive Officer: Masayuki Hyodo) and Summit Pharmaceuticals International Corporation (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Kenichi Nakamura; hereinafter “SPI”) (these two companies are hereinafter referred to as “the Sumitomo Corporation Group”) established Summit Cosmetics Corporation (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Koh Akiyama; hereinafter, “SCC”), a new company specializing in the cosmetics business, by spinning off SPI’s own cosmetics business. SPI will continue its pharmaceutical business, centering around drug discovery and medicinal business.

Since entering the cosmetic ingredients distributor business with its investment in the U.S.-based Presperse in 2007, the Sumitomo Corporation Group has made a number of acquisitions to expand the business globally, including Cosmotec in Brazil, the cosmetic business line of Kyowa Hakko Europe in Germany, and SACI in France. In 2018, the group entered into a partnership with the world’s largest ODM (original design manufacturing) company, Intercos, in Italy to engage in the ODM business, from product design and concept creation to commissioned manufacturing for cosmetics companies.

To enhance and expand its cosmetics business for agile business operations in Japan and around the world, the Sumitomo Corporation Group has established SCC as the core company for its cosmetics business. SCC will sell ingredients and develop unique products through the mutual use of business foundations in the United States, Brazil and France, while further accelerating the ODM business with Intercos in and outside Japan.

SCC, as a group of professionals in the cosmetics business, will create new value through global business foundations, and will satisfy the beauty and health needs of users to contribute to establishing a foundation for comfortable and enriching lifestyles.




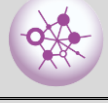


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■Overview of Summit Cosmetics Corporation

- Date established: October 1, 2019
- Location: Hitotsubashi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
- Representative: President Koh Akiyama
- Investment ratio : Sumitomo Corporation: 100%
- Business description: Development and sales of cosmetics ingredients, and manufacturing and sales of cosmetics

■Sumitomo Corporation’s Material Issues

The Sumitomo Corporation Group has defined “Six Material Issues to Achieve Sustainable Growth with Society” as an important factor in developing business strategies and in the decision-making process for individual businesses. Going forward, we will pursue sustainable growth by resolving these issues through our business activities. This Project especially contributes to “Contributing to the Development of Local Communities and Industries” and “Establishing a Foundation for Comfortable and Enriching Lifestyles.”

Six Material Issues	
	<p><b>Achieving Harmony with the Global Environment</b></p> <p>To realize recycling-oriented society and mitigate climate change, we are working to establish frameworks for the efficient use of resources and stable supply of renewable energy. In doing so, we will achieve growth in harmony with the global environment.</p>
	<p><b>Contributing to the Development of Local Communities and Industries</b></p> <p>We steadily procure and provide goods and services to meet the needs of people in various countries and regions and contribute to developing industrial platforms. Through these means, we will create a virtuous cycle in which we can grow and develop together with local communities.</p>
	<p><b>Establishing a Foundation for Comfortable and Enriching Lifestyles</b></p> <p>We strive to realize more convenient and comfortable lifestyles by providing goods and services for daily use while also responding to needs for high-quality lifestyles in order to support the physical and mental health of people around the world.</p>
	<p><b>Providing Diverse “Accessibility”</b></p> <p>We provide diverse accessibility to open up the possibility of creating new value. To this end, we will improve mobility for safe and efficient flow of people and goods, and expand the network connecting information and finance.</p>
	<p><b>Developing Human Resources and Promoting Diversity</b></p> <p>In order to create new value and innovation by allowing our diverse personnel to fully exercise their abilities in a variety of fields, we will promote the development and empowerment of human resources, which represent our most important management resources.</p>
	<p><b>Enhancing Governance</b></p> <p>We will enhance our ability to draft and implement strategies for achieving sustainable growth and to provide appropriate supervision of these strategies, all while maintaining transparency. In this manner, we will improve management efficiency and maintain sound management.</p>

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