



December 21, 2009

TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K.
(Stock Code: 5012 Tokyo Stock Exchange)
Representative Director, President
Kazuo Suzuki
Contact:
Public Affairs, ExxonMobil Y.K.
Tel: 03-6713-4400

**Announcement on Battery Separator Film Joint Venture
Formed with Toray Industries, Inc.**

TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo, President: Kazuo Suzuki) today reached a final agreement with Toray Industries Inc. (Headquarters: Chuo-ku, Tokyo, President: Sadayuki Sakakibara) on terms for establishing a joint venture for development, production, and sales of battery separator film (BSF). The joint venture will be formed through a contribution of an estimated 60 billion yen by Toray Industries, Inc. into a wholly-owned subsidiary of TonenGeneral Sekiyu. Today's agreement follows a basic agreement reached on November 4, 2009, the subject of an earlier press release.

Under the agreement with Toray Industries, Inc., we will bring our BSF business experience and Toray's expertise in research and development to deliver more than either company could do by itself.

Overview of the joint venture company

1. Name: Toray Tonen Specialty Separator Godo Kaisha (currently Tonen Specialty Separator Godo Kaisha)
2. Location : Nasu Shiobara City, Tochigi Prefecture
3. Business description: development, production, and sales of BSF.
4. Paid-in capital: 301 million yen (projected at start of joint venture)
5. Date established: January, 2010*
6. Business operation to start on: January, 2010*
7. Fiscal year: January-December (calendar year)

8. Net Assets: 80 billion Yen (projected at start of joint venture)
9. Gross Assets: 85 billion Yen (projected at start of joint venture)
10. Equity holding ratio: TonenGeneral Sekiyu Group (Tonen Chemical Corporation, Tonen Chemical Nasu Corporation) 50%, Toray Industries, Inc. 50%

* Notification and reviews in regard to antimonopoly laws are currently under way in Europe, China and other locations. We plan to conclude the joint venture contract and form the joint venture as soon as the necessary approvals are obtained.

Impact of the Transaction on TonenGeneral Sekiyu's consolidated financial results

Taking into account revaluation of the assets of Tonen Specialty Separator Godo Kaisha associated with the capital contribution of Toray to the company, as well as certain anticipated preparation and transaction costs associated with the joint venture, we are currently forecasting a favorable impact on net earnings arising from the transaction of an estimated 20 billion yen, to be recognized in the accounting period in which the joint venture is formed.

Outlook

While ownership of the BSF business will decline to 50% with formation of the joint venture, improved earning streams resulting from the favorable synergy of Toray technology with our manufacturing facilities (both existing and about to come on line in Korea), together with anticipated growth in demand, are anticipated. Near-term earnings effects are not expected to be material.

###