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Press Release

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Construction of Mixed Xylene Recovery Unit at Chiba Refinery Completed

TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K. (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; president: Jun Mutoh; “the Company” hereinafter) announces the completion of construction and the commencement of operations of a new mixed xylene recovery unit (annual production capacity: 230,000 tonnes) at its Chiba refinery (location: Ichihara, Chiba City; manager: Hisashi Kakinoki; “the refinery” hereinafter).

Construction of the new unit is aligned with the Company’s shift from fuels to petrochemicals, one of the core-business strategies outlined in its medium-term management plan, announced in February 2013. Xylene is used as a feedstock for both gasoline and petrochemicals, and construction of the new mixed xylene recovery unit will enable the Company to respond flexibly to the drop in domestic demand for petroleum products and the anticipated increase in demand for petrochemical products in China and elsewhere, and to achieve even more effective use of crude oil.

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Mixed Xylene Recovery Unit

About the TonenGeneral Group

The TonenGeneral Group has a nationwide network of service stations operated under the Esso, Mobil and General brands, and is engaged in business operations, centered on Group company TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K., which include crude oil procurement, petroleum and petrochemical product manufacturing and sales, and electric power supply. The TonenGeneral Group strives to contribute to the development of

a vibrant society by maintaining a stable supply of energy and offering high-quality products and services while working to reduce effects on the environment. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.tonengeneral.co.jp/english>.

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