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Development of Production Technologies and Products that Minimize Environmental Impact

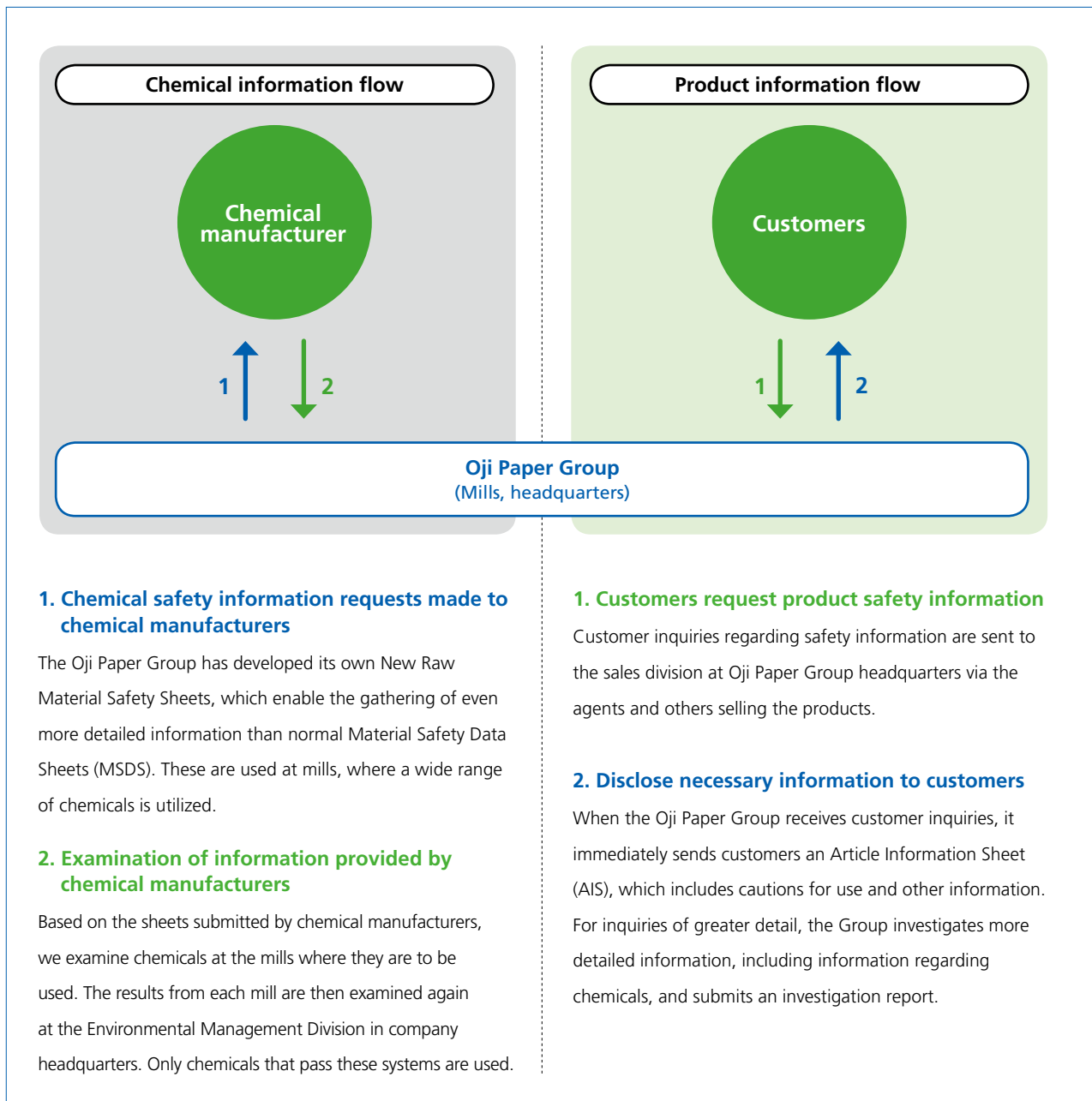
Utilizing our long experience in paper-related basic research, we are making great efforts in research and development of environmental impact-minimizing production technologies and products in order to realize a sustainable society. In our purchasing of raw materials as well, we both require product safety according to our Product Safety Charter and strive to use raw materials that result in minimal environmental impact.

The Oji Paper Group discloses information about chemicals it uses to customers after gathering all necessary information.

While wood and recovered paper are the main raw materials from which paper is made, chemicals must also be added to achieve its many characteristics, such as printability and strength. As is well known, paper has deeply penetrated our lives, and since it is processed and reshaped for our use in many familiar situations, it is often handled and

touched by our skin in the natural course of events. Paper is also frequently used to wrap our food. Because of this close contact, the Oji Paper Group performs strict examinations—from as early as the selection process—of the various chemicals used in papermaking in order to ensure complete product safety.

Figure 1 Oji Paper Group Product Safety Information Flow



We have started new efforts to achieve even greater product safety.

1. Voluntary standards for products used with food

The paper industry has established voluntary standards of greater strictness than those required by law for food-related products. The Oji Paper Group has incorporated these strict industry standards into its own systems, where they are faithfully followed. The Group also performs internal audits (currently, documentation audits once per year and on-site audits once every two years) to verify that the standards are being properly observed.

2. Product Safety Charter revision

In order to more firmly carry out product safety strengthening measures, the Oji Paper Group revised its Product Safety Charter in December 2008. The Group added three more items, including stringent management under voluntary standards, for a total of five items, making its safety efforts even more thorough. The Group is committed to continue to faithfully provide customers with very safe products.

Product Safety Charter

The Oji Paper Group delivers safe products, fully recognizing that its corporate social responsibility entails providing quality and services that enable customers to use its products with peace of mind. Going forward, we will continue to fulfill the trust of our customers by ensuring that all of our employees reliably implement the following commitments.

1. Complying with all safety-related laws and regulations, we will also implement appropriate management to follow voluntary standards.
2. We will continually improve our Group-wide quality control system, striving to ensure safety.
3. We will provide timely and appropriate information on product safety and proper usage.
4. We will proactively gather information on products involved in incidents and make reports to relevant authorities in compliance with the law. We will also faithfully take necessary action to find the root causes of incidents and strive to prevent their recurrence.
5. We will continuously review our management system through regular internal audits, always striving for improvement.

Oji Philosophy

We are making efforts to improve safety by even stricter chemical management.

Experts at the Environmental Management Division of the Oji Paper Group strive to constantly keep abreast of changes in legal systems and chemical hazard information. Simultaneously, they coordinate with mills, related divisions and even chemical manufacturers to maintain seamless information exchange, verifying information from

the selection stage onward. The Group receives numerous product safety inquiries each day, and will continue to keep its solemn responsibility in mind as it works to ensure compliance, improve product safety and reduce the environmental impact of manufacturing processes and of the products themselves.