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Idemitsu Kosan Co.,Ltd.

**Joint investment structure with JOGMEC in HIF Global in the
synthetic fuels field**

- Accelerating the creation of a supply chain
for synthetic fuels such as e-methanol -

Idemitsu Kosan Co.,Ltd. (Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President and Chief Executive Officer: Shunichi Kito; hereinafter referred to as "Idemitsu") has applied for the investment program^{*1} and been approved by the Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security ("JOGMEC"; Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Chairman and CEO: Ichiro Takahara) for the investment in HIF Global (Head office: Texas, USA; hereinafter, "HIF"). HIF Global is a company that manufactures synthetic fuels, including e-methanol (synthetic methanol) in South America, North America, Australia, and elsewhere. With this approval, our investment structure in HIF will change from a sole investment to a joint investment structure with JOGMEC. Through this joint investment structure, we will deepen our collaboration with government agencies and accelerate the construction of a supply chain for synthetic fuels such as e-methanol, which is a promising carbon-neutral fuel.

*1: Investment program to acquire shares of a corporation

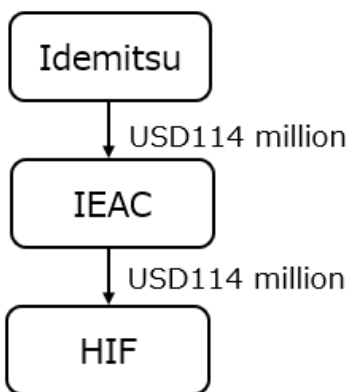
An investment scheme intended to use funds necessary to acquire all or some of the shares of a corporation that deals with the production and storage of hydrogen.



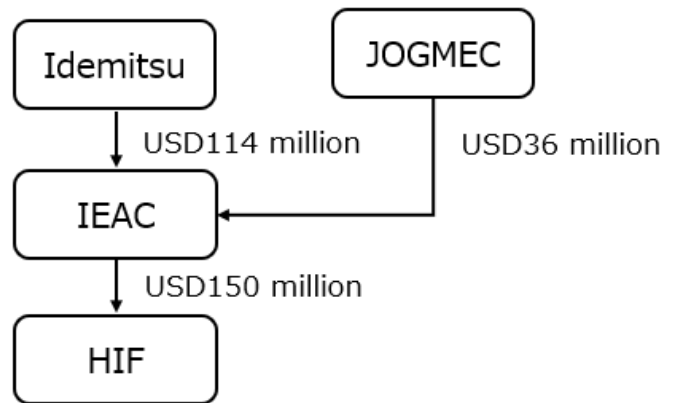
e-methanol production project image (HIF, Matagorda, Texas, USA)

Idemitsu will conclude the Master Investment Agreement with JOGMEC concerning investment in HIF. And Idemitsu will make a joint investment with JOGMEC (about 36 million US dollars investment from JOGMEC) through Idemitsu Efuels America Corp. ("IEAC"), which is a US subsidiary of Idemitsu.

Solely invested by Idemitsu



Jointly invested by JOGMEC and Idemitsu



Investment structure of joint investment

Toward the realization of a carbon-neutral society by 2050, along with Clean Ammonia, SAF, etc., Idemitsu is focused on business development in e-methanol. In May 2024, Idemitsu announced that it would invest in HIF (investment amount: USD114 million), which is developing new energy business, including e-methanol, on a large scale at multiple sites in South America, North America, Australia, etc., and will promote production and development of e-methanol and synthetic fuels at overseas sites.

Idemitsu is considering importing e-methanol or synthetic fuels from HIF's business location into Japan. Through this joint investment, Idemitsu aims to promote the establishment of domestic and international supply chains for e-methanol, a highly versatile fuel that can be used as marine fuel itself, as raw material of synthetic fuels (gasoline, jet fuel, etc.) and as raw material of synthetic chemicals, and contribute to the realization of a carbon-neutral society.

【Reference】

■ About HIF Global

HIF Global is one of the world's leading companies promoting projects to convert hydrogen, using low-cost renewable energy, into synthetic fuels that can be transported and used with existing infrastructure. The name "HIF" represents the company's mission of "providing Highly Innovative Fuels that enable the decarbonization of the planet," and the company develops business globally. In December 2022, the first synthetic fuel was successfully produced from the Haru Oni demonstration plant in Magallanes, Chile. HIF plans to build commercial-scale plants in Matagorda, Texas, Tasmania, Australia, Paysandú, Uruguay, and Magallanes, Chile.

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