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Tokyo Ohka Kogyo Co., Ltd. Announces Changes of Executives, Structural Reform, and Personnel Changes

KAWASAKI, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, 1 April 2004 - Tokyo Ohka Kogyo Co., Ltd. (TOK) hereby announces the decision made at a meeting of its board of directors on this day, to change its executive team upon the 74th annual meeting of its shareholders scheduled to be held in late June of 2004. We expect this decision to be formally approved at this shareholders meeting and the board of directors meeting held right after it.

We also hereby announce the decisions made in regard to structural reform and personnel changes.

- 1. Reinforcement of the management team
- 2. Change of representative directors
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- (2) Change of corporate auditors
 - a. New corporate auditor candidate
 - b. Retiring corporate auditor
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1. Reinforcement of the management team (reasons for the change of representative directors)

Last year, TOK instated a scheme of officers with a view to strengthening the powers of the board of directors. Ever since, we have been making efforts to construct a solid management setup enabling prompt and appropriate decision-making and sure supervision of business execution. Nevertheless, amid the intensifying intercorporate competition on a global scale, we anticipate change in the business climate and technological innovation to

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proceed at an accelerated pace.

For flexible and swift adaptation to this climate, we plan to take the occasion presented by the expiration of the terms of all current directors at the conclusion of this year's annual meeting of shareholders to execute a change of management generations and appoint additional officers. By so doing, we hope to make our management team even more formidable.

| 2. | Change of re | presentative d | irectors (schee | duled for late | June) |
|----|--------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|
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| New Title | Current Title / Current Assignment | Name |
|--|---|-----------------|
| Representative Director Chairman of the Board | Representative Director President & Officer | Haruhiko Uchida |
| Representative Director President & Chief Executive Officer | Director & Officer / Department Manager, Research and Development Dept. | Yoichi Nakamura |
| Senior Advisor | Representative Director Chairman of the Board & Officer | Akira Yokota |

3. Change of executives (scheduled for late June)

(1) Change of directors

| New Title | Current Title / Assignment | No change / Current Assignment | Name |
|------------------------------|--|---|-----------------|
| Director & Executive Officer | Managing Director & Officer | Department Manager, Process Equipment Manufacturing Dept. | Toshimi Aoyama |
| Director & Executive Officer | Director & Officer | Department Manager, Marketing Dept. | Takashi Komine |
| Director & Executive Officer | Director & Officer | Department Manager, General Affairs Dept. | Koichi Kaihatsu |
| Director & Executive Officer | Director & Officer | Department Manager, Accounting Dept. | Yukiyasu Henmi |
| Director | Managing Director & Officer / Supervising Corporate Planning | | Muneo Nakayama |
| Director | Managing Director & Officer / Department Manager, Purchasing Dept. | | Akira Furuya |

(2) Change of corporate auditors

a. New corporate auditor candidate

| New Title | Former Assignment | Name |
|----------------------------|---|---------------|
| Standing Statutory Auditor | Former Deputy Department Manager, Process Equipment Manufacturing Dept. and Former General Manager, Shonan Technical Center | Yoshio Kitani |

b. Retiring corporate auditor

| New Title | Current Title | Name |
|------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Consultant | Standing Statutory Auditor | Yusuke Ogawa |

(3) Change of officers

| New Title / Assignment | Current Assignment | No change / Current Title / Assignment | Name |
|---|--|---|------------------|
| Officer | | ERP Project Leader | Hidekatsu Kohara |
| Officer | | Managing Director of OHKA EUROPE LTD. | Kenji Tazawa |
| Officer / Deputy Department Manager, Research and Development Dept. | General Manager, Advanced Material Development Div. 1 | | Hiroji Komano |

b. Change of officers

| New Assignment | Current Assignment | No change / Current Title / Assignment | Name |
|---|--|---|----------------|
| Department Manager, Purchasing Dept. | Deputy Department Manager, Purchasing Dept. | Officer / General Manager, Purchasing Div. | Hitoshi Furuya |
| Deputy Department Manager, Marketing Dept. | | Officer / General Manager, Electronic Material Marketing Div. 2 | Kobun Iwasaki |

(4) Executive team upon the 74th annual meeting of shareholders

a. Directors

| Title / Assignment | Name |
|--|-----------------|
| Representative Director Chairman of the Board | Haruhiko Uchida |
| Representative Director President & Chief Executive Officer | Yoichi Nakamura |
| Director & Executive Officer / Department Manager, Process Equipment Manufacturing Dept. | Toshimi Aoyama |
| Director & Executive Officer / Department Manager, Marketing Dept. | Takashi Komine |
| Director & Executive Officer / Department Manager, General Affairs Dept. | Koichi Kaihatsu |
| Director & Executive Officer / Department Manager, Accounting Dept. | Yukiyasu Henmi |
| Director | Muneo Nakayama |
| Director | Akira Furuya |

b. Corporate auditors

| Title | Name |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Standing Statutory Auditor | Motoyasu Sugiyama |
| Standing Statutory Auditor | Yoshio Kitani |
| Auditor | Shigeru Hirata |
| Auditor | Fujio Higaki |

Note: Messrs. Motoyasu Sugiyama, Shigeru Hirata and Fujio Higaki are outside corporate auditors stipulated in Paragraph 1, Article 18 of the Law For Special Exceptions to the Commercial Code Concerning Audit, etc. of Kabushiki-kaisha of Japan.

c. Officers

| Title / Assignment | Name |
|--|-------------------|
| Officer / Deputy Department Manager, Process Equipment Manufacturing Dept. | Yutaka Miyagi |
| Officer / Deputy Department Manager, Marketing Dept. | Hiroyuki Tohda |
| Officer / General Manager, Corporate Planning Div. | Akinori Horikoshi |
| Officer / Department Manager, Purchasing Dept. and General Manager, Purchasing Div. | Hitoshi Furuya |
| Officer / Deputy Department Manager, Manufacturing Dept. and Department Manager, Image-forming Products Dept. | Katsuyuki Ohta |
| Officer / Deputy Department Manager, Manufacturing Dept. and Department Manager, Electronic Material Dept. | Hiroshi Asaba |
| Officer / Deputy Department Manager, Marketing Dept. and General Manager, Electronic Material Marketing Div. 2 | Kobun Iwasaki |
| Officer / ERP Project Leader | Hidekatsu Kohara |
| Officer, Managing Director of OHKA EUROPE LTD. | Kenji Tazawa |
| Officer / Deputy Department Manager, Research and Development Dept. | Hiroji Komano |

4. Structural reform (as of 11 April)

(1) An Inspection Division will be newly established in the Manufacturing Department.

5. Personnel changes

(1) As of 11 April

[Manufacturing Department]

| New Assignment | Current Assignment | No change / Current Assignment | Name |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Manager, Inspection Div. | General Manager, Quality Assurance Div. | | Takayuki Sato |
| General Manager, Quality Assurance Div. | Manager, Quality Assurance Sec. 1, Quality Assurance Div. | | Harutoshi Sato |
| General Manager, Aso Plant, Electronic Material Dept. | General Manager, Utsunomiya Plant, Electronic Material Dept. | | Hajime Fujisita |
| General Manager, Utsunomiya Plant, Electronic Material Dept. | Manager, Manufacturing Sec. 2, Gotemba Plant, Electronic Material Dept. | | Motomu Yoneta |

(2) As of 15 April

[Manufacturing Department]

| New Assignment | Current Title | No change / Current Assignment | Name |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| General Manager, Yamanashi Plant, Image- forming Products Dept. | Director of TOK ITALIA S.p.A. | | Shigeru Otawa |

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Profile of Mr. Haruhiko Uchida,

Newly Appointed Chairman of the Board (Representative Director)

(Pending approval at this year's annual shareholders meeting in late June and the board of directors meeting held right after it)

| Mar. 22, 1934 | Born in Tokyo, Japan |
|---------------|---|
| Mar. 1957 | Graduated from school of Commerce , Waseda University |
| Apr. 1957 | The Bank of Mitsubishi, Ltd. (Currently The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Ltd.) |
| May. 1983 | General Manager, Kawasaki Branch, The Bank of Mitsubishi, Ltd. |
| Feb. 1985 | General Manager, Osaka-nishi Branch, The Bank of Mitsubishi, Ltd. |
| Sep. 1986 | Senior Super Intendant, The Bank of Mitsubishi, Ltd. |
| Dec. 1986 | Tokyo Ohka Kogyo Co., Ltd. (TOK) |
| Feb. 1987 | Director / General Manager, Accounting Division, TOK |
| Jun. 1987 | Managing Director / Department Manager, Accounting Department, TOK |
| Jun. 1988 | Representative Director, Executive Director / Department Manager, Accounting Department, TOK |
| Apr. 1994 | Representative Director, Executive Director / Department Manager, Administration Department, TOK |
| Jun. 2002 | Representative Director, President, TOK |
| Jun. 2003 | Representative Director, President & Officer, TOK [currently] |

Profiles of the representative directors

Profile of Mr. Yoichi Nakamura,

Newly Appointed Representative Director, President & Chief Executive Officer

(Pending approval at this year's annual shareholders meeting in late June and the board of directors meeting held right after it)

| Nov. 25, 1950 | Born in Tochigi Prefecture, Japan |
|---------------|--|
| Mar. 1974 | Graduated from Department of Applied Chemistry, Faculty of Science, Science University of Tokyo (Currently Tokyo University of Science) |
| Apr. 1974 | Tokyo Ohka Kogyo Co., Ltd. (TOK) |
| Jan. 1993 | Director, Ohka America, Inc. (Fully owned subsidiary of TOK) |
| Oct. 1997 | General Manager, Quality Assurance Division, TOK |
| Jun. 2000 | Deputy Department Manager, Manufacturing Department and Department Manager, Electronic Material Department, TOK |
| Jun. 2001 | Director / Deputy Department Manager, Manufacturing Department and Department Manager, Electronic Material Department, TOK |
| Oct. 2001 | Director, TOK Director, President, Ohka America, Inc. |
| Mar, 2003 | Director / Department Manager, Research and Development Department, TOK |
| Jun. 2003 | Director & Officer / Department Manager, Research and Development Department, TOK [currently] |
| Dec. 2003 | Director, Consortium for Advanced Semiconductor Materials and Related Technologies [currently] |