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米国におけるモンサント社との雑草防除分野での 協力関係の強化について

住友化学は、このたび、米国の大手種子・バイオ・化学メーカーであるモンサント社との間で、2010 年 10 月に構築された米国における農作物保護（雑草防除）分野における戦略的協力関係を強化することに合意し、契約を締結しました。

モンサント社は世界的な除草剤ブランドである「Roundup®」と、同剤への耐性を付与したさまざまな遺伝子組み換え作物である「Roundup Ready®」の種子を組み合わせた効果的、経済的かつ簡便な雑草防除体系である「Roundup Ready PLUS®」を推奨しています。一方、住友化学がグローバルに開発・販売を進めているフルミオキサジンなどの除草剤は、「Roundup®」の有効成分であるグリホサートに抵抗性を持つ雑草に有効で、2010 年以降、米国において、当社 100%子会社であるベーラント U.S.A. 社の除草剤製品群が同体系に組み込まれ、難防除雑草の抑制に大きな成果を上げてきました。

今回の合意によって、モンサント社の雑草防除体系に組み込まれる、ベーラント U.S.A. 社の製品群の範囲が拡大されることになりました。これによって、より広範な農家がこの雑草防除体系で推奨される除草剤を使用することが可能となります。

住友化学は、今回のモンサント社との戦略的協力関係の強化により、農家が抱えるさまざまな雑草問題の解決に貢献し、当社の米国における農薬事業を一層拡大させてまいります。

以上

* 本件は、モンサント社の本社があるミズーリ州セントルイスにおいて、現地時間の 11 月 10 日 9 時（日本時間：11 日 0 時）に、3 社の連名により添付文書の内容を発表しております。

添付資料 3 社連名リリース（英文）

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Joint Press Release

Monsanto, Sumitomo Chemical and Valent Extend Crop Protection Collaboration

Roundup Ready PLUS® Partnership Affirms Joint Commitment to Providing Crop Management Solutions to Farmers

ST. LOUIS (Nov. 10, 2014) – Monsanto Company, Sumitomo Chemical Company, Ltd. (SCC), and SCC's wholly-owned subsidiary, Valent U.S.A. Corporation, today announced an agreement to extend their strategic partnership in Monsanto's Roundup Ready PLUS® Crop Management Solutions platform for soybeans and cotton in the United States.

Monsanto's Roundup Ready PLUS Crop Management Solutions platform empowers farmers to maximize the performance of their Roundup Ready crops by developing effective, economical and sustainable approaches to controlling tough-to-manage and glyphosate-resistant weeds. Farmers can earn cash-back incentives for using Roundup® brand agricultural herbicides with Roundup Ready PLUS endorsed products. See www.RoundupReadyPLUS.com for more details.

Valent herbicides that will continue to be endorsed in Roundup Ready PLUS as a result of this extended partnership include preemergence herbicides, such as Valor®, Valor® XLT, Fierce®, Fierce XLT and Chateau®, as well as post herbicides, such as Cobra®, Phoenix® and Select Max®.

"The extension of this collaboration ensures that we will continue to deliver choice and long-term value for farmers through Roundup Ready PLUS by incorporating valuable weed management solutions provided in the portfolio of Valent products," according to Chris Reat, Roundup Ready PLUS marketing manager at Monsanto. "By extending this strategic partnership with Valent, we are ensuring that soybean and cotton growers have the variety of effective options they need to proactively manage tough weeds and reduce the risk of developing weed resistance."

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“Valent and Monsanto have successfully partnered through Roundup Ready PLUS Crop Management to bring farmers the best-performing herbicide solutions to manage tough and resistant weeds,” said Gary Schaefer, senior manager of the row crop herbicide business at Valent U.S.A. Corporation. “We look forward to continuing this strong partnership with Monsanto and to bringing new weed management solutions to farmers through the Roundup Ready PLUS platform.”

About Monsanto Company

Monsanto Company is a leading global provider of technology-based solutions and agricultural products that improve farm productivity and food quality. Monsanto remains focused on enabling both small-holder and large-scale farmers to produce more from their land while conserving more of our world's natural resources, such as water and energy. To learn more about our business and our commitments, please visit: www.monsanto.com. Follow our business on Twitter® at www.twitter.com/MonsantoCo, on the company blog Beyond the Rows at www.monsantoblog.com, or subscribe to our [News Release RSS Feed](#).

About Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited

Headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, Sumitomo Chemical Company is one of Japan's leading chemical companies, offering a diverse range of products globally in the fields of basic chemicals, petrochemicals, IT-related chemicals and materials, health and crop science products, and pharmaceuticals. For additional information, visit the company's website at www.sumitomo-chem.co.jp/english/.

About Valent U.S.A. Corporation

Valent U.S.A. Corporation, headquartered in Walnut Creek, Calif., develops and markets products in the United States and Canada that protect agricultural crops, enhance crop yields, improve food quality, beautify the environment and safeguard public health. Valent products include a well-known line of quality herbicide, insecticide, fungicide and plant growth regulator products for agricultural, seed protection and professional use. Valent is a leader in marketing and sales of both traditional chemical products and also biorational products developed by its affiliate, Valent BioSciences.

For more information about Valent U.S.A. Corporation or our full product line, please call 800-6-VALENT (682-5368) or visit www.valent.com.

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