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DIC Corporation

DIC is selected for inclusion in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices Asia Pacific Index, a leading benchmark for sustainability initiatives, for the third consecutive year

Tokyo, Japan—DIC Corporation announced that it has been selected for inclusion in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) Asia Pacific Index, part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices, a global family of indices for socially responsible investment (SRI). The DJSI Asia Pacific Index is a leading benchmark for sustainability initiatives in the Asia–Pacific region and a prominent environmental, social and governance (ESG) investment indicator. This is the third consecutive year DIC has been selected for inclusion.

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The DJSI Asia Pacific Index was developed through collaboration between S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC of the United States and RobecoSAM AG of Switzerland. In 2017, the index assessed the performance of 614 companies in the Asia–Pacific region from the perspective of economic, environmental and social performance. With survey questions growing ever-more sophisticated and complex, a trend attributable to the increasing attention given this index amid the rapid expansion of ESG investment, 152 companies were selected for inclusion, of which 15 were from materials industries (eight from the chemicals sector).

In 2017, DIC’s efforts to reinforce initiatives included in the Social and Environmental Dimensions of the DJSI assessment, including initiatives to advance the careers of female employees and promote diversity, as well as the fact that it has incorporated strategies for combating climate change into its business plan, earned particularly high marks.

DIC’s ESG initiatives are earning high marks from an increasingly wide variety of assessment organizations. In July 2017, the Company was selected for inclusion in two ESG investment indices launched by MSCI Inc. of the United States, both of which have been selected by Japan’s Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF).* The DIC Group will continue to strengthen its ESG initiatives while working to ensure an accurate grasp of related social imperatives with the goal of delivering the value that its stakeholders—including its customers, business partners, local communities, shareholders and investors, and employees—expect.

* Related press release:

DIC Is Selected for Inclusion in ESG Indices Used by the GPIF as Benchmarks for Japanese Equities
http://www.dic-global.com/en/release/2017/20170706_01.html

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