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## DIC Corporation

**DIC is Included in The Sustainability Yearbook 2019, Published by Swiss  
International Investment Company RobecoSAM**

*—Achievement underlines global recognition of DIC as a chemicals company  
with an outstanding sustainability performance—*

**Tokyo, Japan**—DIC Corporation announced today that it has qualified for inclusion in the Sustainability Yearbook 2019, produced by RobecoSAM AG, a Zurich-headquartered sustainability investment specialist, which showcases companies with outstanding sustainability performances. This is the first time that DIC has been included.

Since 1999, RobecoSAM has conducted the SAM Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA), an annual environmental, social and governance (ESG) survey, inviting major companies worldwide to participate in a survey and then publishing its evaluation of responses provided. The CSA—which, in addition to ESG practices, looks at economic factors that impact long-term growth, including the ability to innovate and market potential—is also used by the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI).

To earn inclusion in the Sustainability Yearbook, a company must rank in the top 15% in its industry, as determined by its score in the previous year's CSA. The best-performing companies are also awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze medals. In the 2018 CSA, a total of 2,686 companies were assessed from 60 industry categories. Of these, 458 were recognized in the Sustainability Yearbook 2019, including 19 are from the chemicals industry, two of which are headquartered in Japan.

Recognizing ESG as essential to the realization of a sustainable society, DIC works with its approximately 170 Group companies around the world to conduct its operations in a manner that incorporates related concerns. In recent years, the Company's sustainability initiatives have earned increasingly high marks. DIC has now been selected by three major global ESG investment index series: the MSCI ESG Indexes, the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI Asia Pacific Index) and the FTSE 4Good Index Series. Looking ahead, DIC will continue to strengthen its ESG initiatives and expand its disclosure with the goal of delivering value that contributes to the realization of a sustainable society and, in so doing, will ensure it remains a unique global company that is trusted by society.

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# *Press Release*



## **Related press releases:**

- DIC is Selected for the First Time for Inclusion in the FTSE4Good Index and the FTSE Blossom Japan Index, Two Leading ESG Investment Indexes

[http://www.dic-global.com/en/release/2019/20190204\\_01.html](http://www.dic-global.com/en/release/2019/20190204_01.html)

- DIC Selected for Inclusion in the S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index

[http://www.dic-global.com/en/release/2018/20181115\\_01.html](http://www.dic-global.com/en/release/2018/20181115_01.html)

- DIC is Selected for Inclusion in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices Asia Pacific Index, a Leading Benchmark for Sustainability Initiatives, for the Fourth Consecutive Year

[http://www.dic-global.com/en/release/2018/20180919\\_01.html](http://www.dic-global.com/en/release/2018/20180919_01.html)