

Seikagaku announces the Discontinuation (revocation) of Policy Against Large-scale Purchases of the Company's Shares (Takeover Defense Measures)

Seikagaku Corporation (Tokyo, Japan: "Seikagaku") announces that at a Board of Directors held today it has resolved not to continue its "Policy against large-scale purchases of the Company's shares (takeover defense measures)" (hereinafter, "the Plan") as of the conclusion of the 74th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on June 19, 2020, the date on which the effective period of the Plan expires, as described below.

As an initiative to ensure the Company's corporate value and the common interests of its shareholders in a continuous and stable manner, Seikagaku introduced the Plan at the 62nd Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held in June 2008 upon receiving the approval of its shareholders. The plan was then continued upon receipt of shareholders' approval at the Ordinary General Meetings of Shareholders held in June 2011, June 2014, and June 2017, respectively.

As it approaches the expiration of the Plan's effective period, Seikagaku has conducted a careful review covering matters such as the views of its shareholders including domestic and overseas institutional investors, the status of recent trends and legislative development concerning takeover defense measures, in addition to the effect of changes in the operating environment faced by the company. As a result of this review, Seikagaku now judges that it can ensure the Company's corporate value and the common interests of its shareholders in a continuous and stable manner through initiatives to fulfill and enhance corporate governance and by steadily advancing priority measures from the mid-term management plan announced in November 2019. Therefore it was resolved at a Board of Directors held today not to continue the Plan and to revoke it as of the expiration of its effective period.

Furthermore, for parties that wish to make a large-scale purchase of the Company's shares following the expiration of the Plan's effective period, Seikagaku will disclose the views, etc., of the Board of Directors and strive to ensure the time and information for shareholder review as shareholders demand the necessary and sufficient information for deciding the appropriateness of large-scale purchases. This will be done in conjunction with Seikagaku's efforts to ensure and enhance the Company's corporate value and the common interests of its shareholders in accordance with the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, the Companies Act, and other laws and regulations.

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