

NEWS RELEASE

SHOWA DENKO K.K.

13-9, Shiba Daimon 1-chome
Minato-ku Tokyo 105-8518

December 8, 2015

SDK Gains “Thomson Reuters 2015 Top 100 Global Innovators” Award

Showa Denko (SDK) (TOKYO: 4004) has received “The Thomson Reuters 2015 Top 100 Global Innovators” award. This is the first time SDK is included in the Top 100 Global Innovators list produced by Thomson Reuters, a world-leading information service firm. A trophy was presented to SDK on December 1.

Thomson Reuters honors the world leaders in innovation each year, utilizing its value-added patent citation database and intellectual property intelligence platform. The company uses scientific and objective methodology involving four main criteria of patent volume, application-to-grant success, globalization and citation influence. SDK has been recognized for its achievements in globalization and citation influence. (In the screening process, Thomson Reuters analyzed various organizations’ records for the last five years. As for “globalization,” meanwhile, records for the past three years were covered.)

The Showa Denko Group is working to establish its competitive advantages for its global business activities, positively applying for patents to protect inventions across the major world markets. The Group will continue promoting its intellectual property strategy through close integration with business and R&D strategies.



SDK President Ichikawa (left) receiving the trophy

For more information, contact:
Public Relations Office (Phone: 81-3-5470-3235)