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KIMICA Corporation Received Disaster Prevention and Mitigation x Resilience Award

On February 3rd, 2023, alginate manufacturer, KIMICA Corporation (HQ: Tokyo, CEO: Fumi Yoshi Kasahara) received the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation x Resilience Award.

This award is presented by the Disaster Mitigation Sustainable Technology Association in recognition of KIMICA's efforts in disaster prevention and mitigation toward the realization of a safer, more secure, and truly sustainable society.

Since the 1980s, KIMICA Corporation expanded from Japan into Chile and worked with local fishermen to strengthen its supply chain to secure a stable supply of alginate, a natural polysaccharide derived from seaweed. KIMICA's policy of building local bases and purchasing seaweeds continuously and stably not only curbed speculative seaweed overexploitation but also stabilized the income of fishermen and dramatically improved their living standards.

This award is a testimony of KIMICA's commitment to promoting resilience and sustainable development. KIMICA is proud to be recognized for its efforts and will continue to work towards a more sustainable and resilient future for all.

ABOUT KIMICA CORPORATION

KIMICA Corporation is the only manufacturer in Japan that extracts "Alginate" from natural seaweed and supplies it to various industries. KIMICA Corporation succeeded in the industrial production of alginate for the first time in Japan and has been leading the industry for 80 years since then. Alginate is a polysaccharide contained in seaweed and is used in various processed foods as a texture modifier as well as in a wide range of fields such as pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, textiles, steel, and paper manufacturing.

KIMICA recently attracts attention as a frontrunner in sustainability. In 2020, KIMICA won the JAPAN SDGs Award, the highest award for sustainability in Japan. In 2021, KIMICA received awards from the Minister of the Environment two times. In 2022, KIMICA is nominated for the Earth shot Prize, the world's most prestigious environmental award founded by Prince William of the British Royal Foundation.

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