

Carbon Neutral Strategy Briefing

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1. Carbon Neutral Strategy (Overview)



Toward a Sustainable Society -Medium-Term Management Plan: Grow UP 2026

- We are committed to realizing a sustainable society by promoting sustainability management based on our Mission of creating value to share with society.
- Initiatives aimed at carbon neutrality are one of our top strategic priorities.



MGC's Roadmap toward Its Ultimate Goal of Carbon Neutrality (Entire MGC Group)



- Aim to achieve reduction of 39% by 2030 in comparison with 2013 and carbon neutrality by 2050



*1 Implementation of new energy systems, CCUS, etc.

Products and Technologies to Contribute to Carbon Neutrality



- Pursue development of products and technologies conducive to carbon neutrality by leveraging distinctive technologies found only at MGC
- Reducing GHG emissions by promoting energy conservation, adopting new energy, implementation of CCUS*, and raw material conversion

*Carbon dioxide Capture, Utilization and Storage





Carbon Neutral Promotion System (Companywide)

- Climate change risk and other sustainability key issues deliberated and decided by the Sustainability Promotion Council, comprised of members of the Board and chaired by the President
- Establishment of Carbon Neutral Technology Liaison Committee, enabling centralized management of MGC Group technology information and promotion of initiatives





Sector	GEC Business Planning Division Established as part of April 1, 2024 reorganization	Responsible for timely decision-making on promotion courses and resource allocation, serving as liaison among other sectors for green and carbon-neu initiatives planned by individual organizations within the sector		
Se			Main products, businesses, etc. (carbon-neutral initiatives indicated in blue)	
Green Energy & Chemicals Business	C1 Chemicals Division	Methanol Department	Methanol, MetaMix, catalysts, MH/MD	
		Organic Chemicals Department	Methylamine, DMF, NMF, DME, DMAE, ammonia, MMA chemicals	
		Carbon Neutral Project Department	Development and promotion of Carbopath [™] , green ammonia, and other carbon-neutral businesses	
ly & Ch	Energy Resources & Environmental Business Division	Energy Resources & CCS Department	Natural gas, crude oil, iodine, CCS studies	
n Energ		Environmental Business Department	Geothermal, biomass, electric power, LNG, fuel cells	
Greer	High-performance Products Division			
	Life Science Division			
	Planning & Development Division			

The GEC Business Sector's Strengths in Carbon-Neutral Technologies (Accumulation of Energy Resources and Environmental Technologies)



- Over a period of around 70 years, MGC (on a stand-alone basis) deployed a business to develop natural gas. It has exploration and development technologies that are unique among those found at chemical manufacturers.
- Furthermore, MGC has implemented crude oil and natural gas exploration technologies on a joint basis with other resource development companies.
- MGC has also deployed businesses in the compatible areas of geothermal development and LNG-fired power generation.
- Over many years, MGC developed catalysts used in methanol synthesis.



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Ammonia synthesis

*1 Investment in Fukushima Gas Power Co., Ltd.

*2 Commenced press fitting of CO2 within Carbon dioxide Capture & Storage (CCS) demonstration project conducted in Tomakomai City

*3 New production of water-dissolved gas for first time in 50 years by TOHO EARTHTECH, INC., an MGC subsidiary

Iwafune-oki Oil-Gas Field

Use of the Japanese Government's Green Transformation (GX) Subsidy and Support Programs MGC

- To this point, we have promoted the study of commercial potential and technology testing with GX subsidies centered on support for feasibility studies and surveys (see table below).
- We are currently examining securing support from large-scale GX subsidy and support programs (e.g., support focusing on the price gap, support for the development of hubs, strategic domestic production promotion tax incentive, and support for advanced CCS technologies) intended to realize carbon neutrality projects.
- We plan to draw on these support programs in the initial stages of implementation to enable future business development.

Subsidy	Agency responsible	Projects	
FY2024 subsidy for petroleum supply structure improvement projects (program to promote the stable supply of next-generation fuels as part of programs aimed at promoting the transition to a stable supply of next-generation fuels	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Fuel Supply Infrastructure Development Department	CarbopathTM circular carbon methanol project	
FY2024 subsidy for projects that support decarbonization and energy transition technologies in resource-producing nations	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Resource Development Department	CO2 Entisors Carbopath Usate Intisors Carbopath Chemicals Programmer Carbon Methanol Poerer applications Fuel applications	
Advanced CCS project design work, etc.	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry JOGMEC	Two CCS projects	
FY2024 subsidy for measures to promote the adoption of non-fossil fuel energy (project for development of supply infrastructure for hydrogen and other carbon-zero fuels)	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Fuel Supply Infrastructure Development Department	Green ammonia project	



2. Carbopath[™] Promotion



About Carbopath[™]



- An environmental recycling platform for generating energy and materials using methanol produced from CO₂ and waste

Methanol is a material used to produce a wide range of end products such as plastics, synthetic fibers, and adhesives, and plays essential roles in our lives. Today, most methanol is sourced form fossil resources like natural gas and coal. However, it can also be produced from sources like CO₂, biomass materials, and plastic waste. Carbopath[™] aims to realize a carbonneutral world (a circular economy) by using green methanol in applications like chemicals, raw materials, and fuel.



History of MGC's Methanol Business

 We were the first company in Japan to produce methanol from natural gas. We established an industry presence by advancing swiftly into international markets and growing our businesses.



Strengths of MGC's Methanol Business



 MGC, the world's only integrated methanol producer, is involved in comprehensive methanol value chain from upstream to downstream.



Global Methanol Demand

 Global methanol demand continues to grow steadily as demand for existing applications grows in line with GDP growth. Use of methanol as a sustainable nextgeneration marine fuel is likewise expected to grow.

Compound annual growth rate (CAGR)





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A major player with a top three global market share

We have a major industry presence. Operating methanol joint ventures around the world, we have established a reputation as a trustworthy partner, backed by the forms and scale of activities ranging from manufacturing through product sales.



Diverse technologies related to producing methanol from CO₂

We are a world pioneer in producing methanol via new resources and technologies. We continue to improve our technologies in catalyst development, methanol synthesis processes, plant operations, and other areas. These technologies can be applied to produce methanol from new resources like CO_2 and hydrogen suited to current needs. A wealth of knowledge and experience on comprehensive methanol value chain

We have a wealth of knowledge and technologies for building circular carbon methanol platforms. This reaches beyond production to infrastructure and marketing solutions. We also have relationships with a diverse range of stakeholders.

Having our methanol derivatives business such as DME, formaldehyde, polyacetal, and methylamine, we can promote value-chain development within the MGC Group.

Circular Carbon Methanol: Cross-Industry Cooperation



- We support the production and use of environmentally valuable methanol across the value chain.



New Methanol Production Technologies (Synthesis Catalysts and Processes)

- Developing technologies optimized for new materials to contribute to carbon neutrality by using accumulated experiences and advanced technological capabilities
- Enhancing cross-industry cooperation to advance social implementation



Improvement

Data from existing commercial plants

Development

Verification

Overseas plants (four locations)

Methanol synthesis catalysts





Pilot plant at Niigata Plant

Methanol synthesis process





Verification completed in 2022

 High durability against the produced water



• High activity, long life

Methanol catalysts and processes suited to diverse gases

 $CO/CO_2/H_2 \rightarrow CH_3OH$

2023: Verification completed for gas from plastic waste and biomass gasification

2025: Verification completed for digestive gas (May)



Promotion of Circular Carbon Methanol - Example 1

Dual-fuel methanol carrier

- Compared to burning conventional bunker fuel, methanol fuel significantly reduces SOx, NOx and PM emissions, enabling an up to 15% reduction in CO₂ emissions.
- Use of Carbopath[™] methanol as a marine fuel can provide a pathway to carbon neutrality in ship operations.
- Orders for methanol-fuel fleet are set to rise, and the demand for methanol used as marine fuel is also expected to grow.



Projected demand for methanol for marine fuel use



Source: ABS https://absinfo.eagle.org/acton/media/16130/outlook2023



Promotion of Circular Carbon Methanol - Example 1

MGC's marine-fuel market development initiatives

 Orders for methanol dual-fuel vessels are growing further. As methanol is being implemented in society as a next-generation fuel with a potential to carbon neutrality in the future, we will continue to build a supply chain system.

September 18, 2024

Bunkering simulations using Maersk's "Alette

Maersk" and Kokuka Sangyo's "Eika Maru"

Marketing activity for methanol in marine fuel market

- 1. In December 2023, we concluded an MOU with the city of Yokohama and Maersk to develop the supply chain system and promote the use of methanol marine fuel in Japan.
- 2. Progress is being made on the development of bunkering systems using the existing infrastructure. In September 2024, we performed bunkering simulations in our methanol ------ tankers at the Port of Yokohama.
- 3. Coastal vessels are also beginning to adopt methanol dual-fuel system. (June 18, 2024, "Initial supply planned in Japan of MGC's methanol as fuel for domestic car carrier ships")
- Collaboration with Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd. to establish methanol fuel supply chain system in ---marine fuel market in Japan by promoting infrastructure development, demand creation
 (announced October 2024)

Implementation of methanol fuel ship within the MGC group

May 2023

Mitsubishi Gas Chemical reaches Basic Agreement with Mitsui O.S.K. Lines on longterm time charter contract for dual-fuel methanol carrier.

February 2025

Reached a basic agreement on a long-term contract for the chartering of a coastal methanol-transport vessel.

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Cooperative efforts to achieve hydrogen solutions using methanol (announced February 2025)

Mitsubishi Gas Chemical, Methanol Reformer, and Element 1

Hydrogen production through methanol reforming has been well recognized and in place already in several industries. MGC has provided its own technology in more than 100 cases.

To meet wide-ranging demand in the movement toward a hydrogen-based society, MGC is working with two partners that offer innovative hydrogen production technologies to provide hydrogen solutions for carbon neutrality using Carbopath[™].



DME promotion under the Seventh Strategic Energy Plan (announced February 2025)

Use of rDME to achieve carbon neutrality for LPG applications

The Seventh Strategic Energy Plan formulated by the Japanese government incorporates the use of renewable DME (rDME) to contribute to LPG decarbonization.

MGC operates a DME production plant at the Niigata Plant. As a producer of DME and methanol, a raw material, we are strengthening cooperative efforts with the Japan LP Gas Association and related companies in aspects ranging from proof of concept testing through social implementation.



DME plant at the Niigata Plant

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Expansion toward social implementation across multiple industries (announced December 2024)

Mitsubishi Gas Chemical and MUFG Bank

Concluding a memorandum on comprehensive collaboration to realize an environmentally sustainable global society and promoting a circular carbon society through CarbopathTM



Cooperative efforts with materials and chemicals markets

In addition to the energy markets, we are promoting initiatives to involve stakeholders at the level of end users of finished products. To achieve this, we will leverage MGC Group derivative products, such as polyacetal and formalin, in the materials and chemicals markets.

Furthermore, by providing finished products derived from CO₂ and waste-based methanol, we aim to stimulate environmental value markets and play a pioneering role.

Carbopath[™] site opened

We opened a dedicated website for our Carbopath[™] initiative to raise awareness and sympathy.

https://www.carbopath.mgc.co.jp/en/





- Summary of progress on the projects introduced in the previous report (December 4, 2023) are listed below.

Previous report	Progress (as of March 2025)					
Launch of Japan's first pilot project for waste plastic gasification and methanol conversion	Technology development is underway for waste plastic gasification. We plan to continue broadening our partnerships to implement the circular eco-system, including the potential for use of biomass, in addition to plastic waste as raw materials.					
Study of bio-methanol production	Production began at the Niigata Plant in 2024.					
using biogas from a sewage treatment center as raw material	 International ISCC PLUS certification secured for use of sustainable raw materials; materials will be supplied to the marine fuel market and for use in the development of new sustainable materials. 					
	 Also planning expansion of scale through new raw material gases 					
	 We won Green Technology Innovation Awards in the Platinum Awards (2024) jointly with Niigata Prefecture. 					
Start of study on production and sales of	Studies toward commercialization continue.					
the world's first Circular Carbon Methanol made from CO ₂ generated from glass production	In addition, other projects under study involve methanol production utilizing emissions gas from chemical and steel industries (i.e. Hard-to-Abate sectors) with hydrogen as feedstocks, as a model for GHG emissions reduction by implementing CCU solutions at industrial complexes.					
Studying commercialization of Green methanol production project in Gladstone (Queensland, Australia)	As a result of the feasibility assessments, the study has been put on hold at this stage. Independently of this initiative, we continue to explore Circular Carbon Methanol production projects and are working to establish a robust supply structure, including potential offtake from projects already under development in Mexico and other regions around the world.					

For your information: Click on this link for the document used in the previous briefing. https://www.mgc.co.jp/eng/ir/files/231204_1e.pdf

Roadmap toward Carbopath[™] Realization

- While promoting new production and offtake projects, we are also taking the initiative ahead of our competitors to achieve methanol decarbonization in existing joint ventures.
- Through activities spanning the methanol value chain, we plan to contribute to a global transformation of the eco-system by providing solutions in the sectors of materials and energy.

2024

• Beginning production of bio-methanol at the Niigata Plant. Beginning production and supply of ISCC Plus certified products.



2025-2030

- Domestic production plans (up to 50 KT)
- New international plans (100 KT)
- Supply expansion through use of overseas joint ventures etc.
- Securing products to supply to the market through overseas procurement
- Taking the initiative in securing markets for marine fuel
- Contributing to carbon-neutral LPG as an rDME supplier
- Growing the Carbopath[™] brand to create and stimulate green markets in collaborations with early movers in various industries

2030 and beyond

Promoting supply to meet burgeoning demand in fuel and chemicals markets and building plants for output on a scale equivalent to existing methanol production (annual production on the 1 million tons scale)

Striving to further expand green methanol markets as a supplier of carbon neutrality solutions

2023

- Proof of concept testing of production technologies for circular carbon methanol and progress toward social implementation
- Earning ISCC PLUS certification and building structures for supply of certified methanol



3. Promotion of CCS Utilization



MGC Group Advantages in CCS

- Ownership of non-associated gas and water-dissolved natural gas fields (Higashi-Niigata Oil and Gas Field and Iwafune-Oki Oil and Gas Field)
- Existing natural gas fields as carbon neutral infrastructure enabling development for CO₂ storage and usage



CCS Initiatives in Japan (Advanced CCS Projects, Act on Carbon Dioxide Storage Business)

 Through efforts in areas such as surveying storage sites, technology development and testing, and international initiatives, activities are proceeding to the stage at which development of domestic and international CSS systems and study of business models for the CCS value chain as a whole can begin.

Advanced CCS projects

Proving advanced CCS projects with integrated support across the entire value chain from CO₂ separation and capture through transport and storage

In FY2024, nine CCS projects selected by the Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (JOGMEC) to commence operations by FY2030 were chosen as advanced CCS projects.

We are participating in two of these projects: the Higashi-Niigata Area CCS and the Sarawak Offshore CCS.

Act on Carbon Dioxide Storage Business (CCS Business Act)

Promulgated May 24, 2024



Source: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Overview of the Act on Carbon Dioxide Storage Business (CCS Business Act) (August 2024), *METI CCS Policy Trends* (February 2025)



CCS-Related Initiatives at MGC (1): CCS in the Higashi-Niigata Gas Field (Constitutive Gas Layer)///GC

- Injection of CO₂ from the Niigata Plant and blue hydrogen production equipment
- Design and other work are underway following selection as an advanced CCS project (Higashi-Niigata CCS)



Source: JOGMEC FY2023 CCS Project Results Report Meeting

CCS-Related Initiatives at MGC (2): CCS in Mizushima Plant

- A CCS project to store CO₂ from the Mizushima industrial complex and surrounding areas in the depleted layer in the Sarawak offshore gas field
- Feasibility studies and other efforts are underway after selection as an advanced CCS project (Sarawak Offshore CCS)





Companies	Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd., JGC Holdings Corporation, Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd., JFE Steel Corporation, Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company, Inc., Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, Chugoku Electric Power Company, Inc., Nippon Gas Line Co., Ltd.
Reservoir area	Offshore from Sarawak, Malaysia (depleted gas field)
Reservoir volume	Approx. 1.9-2.9 million tons/year
Emissions sources	Multiple industries in the Setouchi region, including steel mills, power plants, and chemical plants
Method of transportation	Shipping and pipelines
Distinguishing features of the project	Promoting as a joint project with PETRONAS of Malaysia to transport and store CO_2 emissions collected at shipping sites through cooperative efforts among complexes in the Setouchi region of Japan and CO_2 shipped domestically from surrounding areas to the same shipping sites

Source: Document from Carbon Management Subcommittee, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan

CCS-Related Initiatives at MGC (3): Study of CCS in Water-Dissolved Natural Gas Fields



- Promoting initiatives for bringing CCS to water-dissolved gas fields, and for "blue hydrogen" production
- Business feasibility study will be conducted; a decision on commercial operation will be made by 2030.

After extracting natural gas and iodine from water-dissolved natural gas brine, once hydrogen is separated from the natural gas, the resulting CO_2 will be injected underground with the brine, allowing blue hydrogen production to be attempted.



[lodine]

Perovskite solar cells, which are mainly made of iodine, are expected to play a key role in the expanding use of renewable energy. We plan to further contribute to carbon neutrality by promoting the development and commercialization of Perovskite solar cells using a wide range of the materials we supply, including methylamine, gas barrier materials, and highly heat-resistant resins, in addition to iodine.



Source: Fuji Keizai, 2024 Development Trends and Market Outlook for New/Next-Generation Solar Cells

Reinjected **1**₂ water lodine **Iodine** separation Oil field CO₂ brine CH₄ H_2 Water-dissolved Hydrogen CO_2 Hydrogen station generation system natural das Water-dissolved Reinjection Tap water natural gas brine

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Appendix



Reference: Various Methanol Applications: toward Carbon Neutrality



Reference: Global Network of MGC's Methanol Business

- Annual production capacity: at least 7.5 million tons
- Global supply network based on four production plants around the world



Reference: Iodine Production Volume and Applications

- Japan is the world's second-largest producer of iodine. Chiba Prefecture accounts for some 82% and Niigata Prefecture for some 11% of Japan's total production.
- Use of iodine is advancing across a wide range of fields, from medicines to electronic materials.





Source: Japan Oil and Gas Notes January 2025.1 (Japan Natural Gas Association)



Reference: Iodine Market Price



- The market price of iodine is rising amid the tight demand and supply balance in recent years.



Source: Prepared based on data from the Japan Customs website (https://www.customs.go.jp/toukei/srch/index.htm?M=77&P=1,1,..,1,..,2,.2022,2024,..,2,280120000,....,1,1,...,1,1,...,1,1,...,1,1,...,1,1,...,1,1,1,...,1,1,1,...,1,1,...,1,1,1,1,.

Reference: MGC's lodine Business

- Toho Earthtech, Inc., a subsidiary, separates iodine from the brine released in the extraction of water-dissolved natural gas.
- Toho Earthtech accounts for about 9% of total iodine production in Japan. The expansion project to increase production put online partially in 2024. The project still continues.

Production site (brine pumping) and injection (brine return) site / iodine production plant



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