Methanol Manufacturing & Sales Business (Venezuela)

Metanol de Oriente, METOR, S.A. (METOR)
A Business Linking Japan and Venezuela

METOR is a methanol production and sales joint venture with Venezuela's state-owned petrochemicals firm Pequiven, Mitsubishi Gas Chemical, and others. Its second plant began operating in 2010, increasing annual production capacity to 1.6 million tons. METOR is widely symbolic of Japan-Venezuela relations.

Salt Business (Mexico)

Exportadora de Sal, S.A. de C.V. (ESSA)
World’s Largest Solar Salt Operation

A joint venture with the Mexican government, ESSA is the world’s largest solar salt operation, supplying high-quality salt to Japan, the U.S., and other nations. Each year, ESSA’s eco-friendly evaporation of seawater yields 8 million tons of salt (including half of Japan’s imports).
Petroleum & Chemicals Group

The Petroleum & Chemicals Group’s mission is to secure stable supplies of energy and chemical materials, products that are essential to industries, societies and everyone’s quality of life. Our operations include both the trade and manufacturing of a wide scope of materials, such as crude oil, petroleum products, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and petrochemicals, salt and methanol.

Our Group remains dedicated to both strengthening its core businesses and developing new and highly adaptable business models, understanding that our operating environment is likely to undergo significant upheaval in the coming years due to shifts to low-carbon societies, concerns over ocean plastics, and other challenges that highlight the growing importance of environmentally conscious business activities.

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- Petroleum Trading Dept.
- Petroleum Products Dept.
- Utility Fuel Dept.
- Crude oil, petroleum products, LPG, wood pellets

Petrochemicals Div.

- Petrochemicals Project Dept.
- Basic Petrochemicals Dept.
- Refinery Chemicals Dept.
- Olefins, polyolefins, polyester raw materials, plastics, urethane raw materials, paint/coating materials

Basic Chemicals Div.

- Chlor-Alkali Dept.
- Agriculture Solution Dept.
- Alcohol & C1 Chemicals Dept.
- Industrial salt, caustic soda, raw materials for PVC (polyvinyl chloride), chlorine products, raw materials for fertilizers, fertilizer products, methanol, ethanol, ammonia