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Kumiai Achieves Further Successful Outcome in Legal Proceedings in China**Pyroxasulfone Intermediate Patent Held Fully Valid Again****组合化学在中国的诉讼中再获积极成果：砒吡草唑中间体专利再次维持完全有效**

Kumiai Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. ("Kumiai") is pleased to announce that the China National Intellectual Property Administration has issued two examination decisions on requests for invalidation in favor of Kumiai, once again maintaining in accordance with the law the full validity of Chinese invention patent ZL 201210121587.2 (the "Patent"), which is part of Kumiai's extensive Pyroxasulfone related patent portfolio and protects a key intermediate compound used in the manufacture of Pyroxasulfone. To date, the Patent has been fully maintained as valid across five invalidation requests (including three prior decisions upholding full validity and the two latest decisions), which undoubtedly proves the strong stability of Kumiai's patent.

(see Kumiai's previous press release: https://ir.kumiai-chem.co.jp/en/newsrelease/newsrelease-20260414/main/0/link/20260414en_cn2.pdf, <https://ir.kumiai-chem.co.jp/en/newsrelease/newsrelease-20250808/main/0/link/20250808en.pdf>)

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(请参考组合化学此前公告: https://ir.kumiai-chem.co.jp/en/newsrelease/newsrelease-20260414/main/0/link/20260414en_cn2.pdf, <https://ir.kumiai-chem.co.jp/en/newsrelease/newsrelease-20250808/main/0/link/20250808en.pdf>)

Kumiai is one of the world's leading agrochemical companies with over 70 years

of experience in manufacturing herbicide products, and its Pyroxasulfone herbicide products have long been trusted by farmers worldwide. Kumiai holds a global patent portfolio, including but not limited to Chinese patents related to intermediate compounds and manufacturing processes of Pyroxasulfone herbicide.

组合化学是全球领先的农用化学品公司之一，拥有超过 70 年的除草剂产品制造经验，其砒吡草唑除草剂产品长期以来一直深受全球农民的信赖。公司拥有全球专利组合，包括但不限于与砒吡草唑除草剂中间体化合物和制造方法相关的中国专利。

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