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## **Orrick advises Nippon Soda on the acquisition of Dow AgroSciences Tebufenozide Insecticide Business**

**Tokyo** – Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP (Orrick) has advised Nippon Soda Co., Ltd. (Nisso) in its acquisition of the Tebufenozide insecticide business of Dow AgroSciences, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Dow Chemical Company. The transaction was completed on March 30, 2010. Nisso will begin selling tebufenozide insecticide and its formulations globally from April 1, 2010.

Tebufenozide is an insecticide that controls a broad range of lepidopteran pests that infest crops and represent a huge economic problem for crop producers across the world. This significant acquisition will further strengthen Nisso's global market position while allowing Dow AgroSciences to focus on other priorities in its agriculture chemical and biotechnology product portfolios.

A team of Japan and U.S. qualified M&A lawyers from Orrick's Tokyo office, led by partner Mark Weeks, advised the firm's long term client Nisso.

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