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NIPPON SHOKUBAI announces an expansion of liquid carbon dioxide production capacity at Kawasaki Plant

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD. [HQ: Osaka, Japan, President: Masanori Ikeda, TOKSE: 4114.T] (“NIPPON SHOKUBAI”) determined to expand its liquid carbon dioxide (“LCO₂”) production capacity. Total production capacity of LCO₂ will be 70,000 T/Y including the existing capacity at Chidori site, Kawasaki Plant.

Carbon dioxide is a noninflammable and stable inert gas, and has wide range applications such as a welding gas, dry ice, carbonated drinks and so on. On the other hand, supply of LCO₂ is decreasing due to the downsizing of domestic petrochemical complexes. This expansion project contributes to solve the shortage of supply with utilizing the carbon dioxide gas, which is currently discharged into the atmosphere at Ukishima site, for LCO₂ production.

Feature of the expansion project

Production capacity --- LCO₂ 32,000 T/Y

Schedule ----- Mechanical completion: End of March 2014,
Commercial operation: April 2014

Location ----- Existing site of Kawasaki Plant, Ukishima

Investment amount --- Approx. 1 billion yen

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