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### **Notice Regarding Acquisition of Fremont Industries, LLC (to make it a Subsidiary)**

Kurita Water Industries Ltd. ("Kurita") has been discussing the acquisition of 100% of the equity interests of Fremont Industries, LLC (headquartered in Minnesota, U.S.A.; hereinafter "Fremont"), a water treatment chemicals manufacturing and sales company in U.S.A., with the equity holder of Fremont. Kurita announces today that it has decided to acquire 100% of the equity interests of Fremont through Kurita America Holdings Incorporated (headquartered in Delaware, U.S.A.; a Group company of Kurita) to make it a wholly-owned subsidiary, and that the transfer of the equity interests was completed on January 3, 2017 CST.

#### 1. Purpose of the acquisition

Fremont is a water treatment chemicals manufacturing and sales company that provides various types of water treatment chemicals in a broad range of areas, including hospitals and office building air-conditioning, mainly in markets with growth potential such as biofuels and the food industry. Fremont has built local area-centric operating bases and systems in the Midwest Region of U.S.A. Kurita expects to increase the sales of products and technologies of the Kurita Group and to develop new markets by taking advantage of the customer base and sales network of Fremont.

The Group will further accelerate its business development in U.S.A. by enhancing and expanding the sales and service networks of water treatment chemicals throughout U.S.A. in cooperation with the existing Kurita Group company (Kurita America, Inc. headquartered in Texas, U.S.A).

#### 2. Overview of the subsidiary (Fremont Industries, LLC)

(1)	Name	Fremont Industries, LLC
(2)	Head office	4400 Valley Ind. Blvd. N. Shakopee, Minnesota, U.S.A.
(3)	Name and title of representative	Mark L. Gruss, CEO
(4)	Business	Manufacture and sale of water treatment chemicals
(5)	Paid-in capital	10,000 US dollars (as of December 31, 2015)
(6)	Date of foundation	December 5, 1985
(7)	Equity holder and equity holding ratio	MDL Holdings, Inc., 100%

(8)	Relationships with Kurita	Capital relationship	None
		Human relationship	None
		Business relationship	None
		Related parties	Fremont is not a related party of Kurita. No directors, employees, or affiliates of Fremont are related parties of Kurita
(9)	Net sales in the fiscal year ended December 2015	30,940,000 US dollars	

### 3. Percentage of equity interests to acquire and equity holding ratio before and after acquisition

(1)	Equity holding ratio before acquisition	—
(2)	Percentage of equity interests to acquire	100%
(3)	Acquisition cost	Approximately 40 million US dollars
(4)	Equity holding ratio after acquisition	100%

### 4. Schedule of closing

(1)	Board approval	November 30, 2016 JST (Note)
(2)	Date of signing	December 19, 2016 CST (Note)
(3)	Closing (Date of acquisition of equity interests)	January 3, 2017 CST (Note)

(Note) After the board resolution on November 30, 2016 JST, we continued discussing the details of the contracts with the equity holder of Fremont, and the transfer of the equity interests was completed on January 3, 2017 CST.

### 5. Financial impact

The financial impact of the acquisition on Kurita's consolidated financial statements is still under review and will be disclosed in a timely manner where necessary.