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Kurita Water Industries to Establish a New Subsidiary

Kurita Water Industries today announced that it will establish a new wholly owned subsidiary. Details appear below.

1. Purpose of establishing the subsidiary

Kurita Water Industries has until now produced water treatment chemicals at two production facilities, the Egawa Factory (Sashima, Ibaraki) and Ako Factory (Ako, Hyogo), but has now made a decision to establish a new wholly owned subsidiary in which it will centralize its technology and expertise in the production of water treatment chemicals so as to further improve quality and production efficiency, and thereby produce water treatment chemicals that provide even greater value to customers.

2. Profile of subsidiary to be established

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| 1) Company name | Kurita Chemical Manufacturing Ltd. |
| 2) Representative | Hideo Nakagawa, Representative Director |
| 3) Location | 2585-1 Oaza Egawa, Gokamachi, Sashima-gun,
Ibaraki prefecture, Japan |
| 4) Establishment date | April 1, 2009 |
| 5) Main lines of business | Manufacture of water treatment chemicals |
| 6) Number of employees | 40 |
| 7) Paid-in capital | 50 million yen |
| 8) Ownership interests | Kurita Water Industries Ltd.: 100% |

3. Impact on results

The impact of establishing the subsidiary on Kurita Water Industries' consolidated results of operations will be immaterial.