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Kyudenko Corporation

Notice Concerning Acquisition of Kirishima Wood Biomass Power Co., Ltd. as a Subsidiary through a Share Transfer

Meeting on March 28, 2022, the Board of Directors of Kyudenko Corporation (Head Office: Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture; President: Naofumi Sato) resolved to acquire Kirishima Wood Biomass Power Co., Ltd. (“KWBP”) as a subsidiary through a share transfer. The two companies subsequently entered into a share transfer agreement on April 1, 2022, to complete the acquisition.

■ Purpose of acquisition of shares

As decarbonization initiatives by local governments, businesses, and private individuals accelerate following the Japanese government’s October 2020 declaration of its goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, Kyudenko has worked to implement environmental management, including by establishing associated medium- and long-term goals and approving recommendations issued by the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

Although Kyudenko has participated in a broad range of renewable energy projects since launching its solar power business in 2012, the acquisition of KWBP marks the first time it will operate a biomass power project as the largest shareholder.

By facilitating stable power generation, wood biomass-fueled power is an energy source that can revitalize local economies while stimulating the forestry industry and playing an important role as a decentralized source of power predicated on the principle of local production and local consumption.

Going forward, Kyudenko plans to pursue additional initiatives to help realize the decarbonized society of the future, including by moving further away from carbon dependence through the licensing of technologies used to operate its wood biomass power business in Miyazaki Prefecture and by working to further revitalize the forestry industry in the Kirishima region.

In addition to actively pursuing the renewable energy-based power business by dedicating resources to decarbonization initiatives that are conceived to contribute to the formation of an environmentally friendly society, Kyudenko looks forward to helping build a sustainable society by using the business expertise it has accumulated to propose solutions that are geared towards decarbonization.

■ Business overview

Name	Kirishima Wood Biomass Power Co., Ltd.
Address	4755-4 Kirishima-nagamizu, Kirishima-shi, Kagoshima Prefecture
Capital	¥300 million
Representative	Yujiro Kishida, President and CEO (Mr. Kishida also serves in the following positions at Kyudenko: Operating Officer; Deputy Manager, Green Innovation Division; and Manager, International Business Department.)
Power output	5,750 kW (about 4,900 kW of which is sold [enough to power about 10,000 households])
Annual generating capacity	About 40 million kWh
Fuel	Wood chips (about 72,000 tons per year)
Start of operation	June 2015
Major shareholder	Kyudenko: 95%
Business	Generation and sale of wood biomass power
Subsidiary	Kirishima Wood Fuel Co., Ltd. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kirishima Wood Biomass Power Co., Ltd.)

Reference: Power plant location



Reference: View of plant

