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Notice Regarding Establishment of Kimitsu Sanso Center Co., Ltd.

Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation (“TNSC”; President: Kenji Nagata) hereby announces that it has agreed to establish Kimitsu Sanso Center Co., Ltd. through joint investment with NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION (“Nippon Steel”; President: Eiji Hashimoto).

1. Background to Establishment

Nippon Steel has long manufactured, supplied, and consumed industrial gases (oxygen, nitrogen, and argon) at its East Nippon Works Kimitsu Area. Driven in part by industrial gas demand trends over the medium to long term going forward, Kimitsu Sanso Center was established on this site through joint investment between TNSC and Nippon Steel, following deliberations between the two companies, in order to raise production efficiency.

In the future, Kimitsu Sanso Center will take over the air separation units and auxiliary facilities owned by East Nippon Works Kimitsu Area and all operations related to them, including operations and maintenance, and will be charged with manufacturing and supplying industrial gases needed by the works. At the same time, it will continue to manufacture and supply liquid oxygen, liquid nitrogen, and liquid argon as it has done to date. Facility operations, including operations, safety, quality, and maintenance, will be conducted primarily by TNSC.

Going forward, Sanso Center, which supplies industrial gases to Nippon Steel, will have four locations, with the new site joining Nagoya Works (Nagoya Sanso Center Co., Ltd.), Kyushu Works Oita Area (Oita Sanso Center Co., Ltd.), and Kyushu Works Yawata Area (Yawata Sanso Center Co., Ltd.).

2. Company profile

Name: Kimitsu Sanso Center Co., Ltd.
Location: Kimitsu City, Chiba Prefecture (on the premises of Nippon Steel’s East Nippon Works Kimitsu Area)
Established: September 1, 2022
Capital: 50.0 million yen
Ownership: Nippon Steel, 50%; TNSC, 50%
Business: Manufacture and supply of industrial gases for both parent companies

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