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Announcement of the New Plant Construction for the Photovoltaic Silicon Wafer
Business Expansion

SUMCO CORPORATION (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo) hereby announces that it has finalized its expansion plan for its business relating to multi-crystal silicon wafers for solar market.

The size of its operation is expected to reach 1 GW / year (in terms of electric power generation capacity).

While a new plant with a production size of 300 MW / year, for which the raw material, polysilicon, has been secured, will be constructed as the first phase, production facilities will be expanded as more polysilicon is procured going forward.

The new plant will be constructed on the land adjacent to the Imari 300mm silicon wafer plant (Imari Plant No. 5). The manufacturing method employed at the plant will be SUMCO's proprietary Electro-Magnetic-Casting technology, which has been developed and refined over a period . By injecting SUMCO's engineering resources and technology, SUMCO intends to develop the business as a competitive part of SUMCO's own business entity.

<Overview of the New Plant>

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| • Location | Imari Industrial Park, Yamashiro-cho, Imari-shi, Saga Pref.
(Adjacent to SUMCO Imari Plant No. 5) |
| • Site Area | 51,220 m ² |
| • Production Size | 300 MW / year |
| • Investment | Approx. ¥14.5 billion |
| • Commencement of Operation | To be launched in succession beginning in Spring 2009 |
| • Number of Employees | Approx. 100 |

This decision has no impact on corporate performance for the fiscal year ending January 2008.

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