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Matsuya Flour Mills Co., Ltd. Completes Plant Consolidation Work

Also completes stone milling plant for fragrant highest-grade buckwheat flour

- Increasing monthly buckwheat flour production capacity to 1,000 tons -

Nippon Flour Mills Co., Ltd. (Chairman, President, CEO & COO: Hiroshi Sawada, hereinafter “Nippon Flour Mills”) is pleased to announce that Matsuya Flour Mills Co., Ltd. (President: Tsuneo Maeda, hereinafter “Matsuya Flour Mills”), a large Group company of Nippon Flour Mills that specializes in the manufacture of buckwheat flour and buckwheat mix, has completed the transfer and consolidation of its buckwheat milling facilities.

<Completion of consolidation through expansion of existing facilities and construction of new facilities>

Matsuya Flour Mills has transferred and consolidated its buckwheat milling facilities into its Kaminokawa Plant at the Techno Park Kaminokawa in Kaminokawa town, Tochigi Prefecture, further reducing the cost of operations. A buckwheat mix plant and a buckwheat plant have been operating at Techno Park Kaminokawa since March 2004 and November 2007 respectively. In this latest construction work, a line of buckwheat production mill was added in the existing plant building, and a high-grade stone-milled buckwheat plant, an office building and a new ingredient warehouse were constructed. This completes the consolidation of Matsuya Flour Mills’ production facilities, bringing its monthly buckwheat flour production capacity to 1,000 tons.



▲ Matsuya Flour Mills held a completion ceremony on October 31 (Monday)

<Introduction of stone-milling line for fragrant buckwheat flour and promotion of automation>

Matsuya Flour Mills supplies high-grade buckwheat flour and buckwheat mix that earn customer trust and satisfaction, taking advantage of its integrated manufacturing system covering the entire production process from buckwheat flour to buckwheat mixes. The newly constructed high-grade stone-milled buckwheat plant is equipped with a stone-milling line for fragrant high-grade buckwheat flour. With its high productivity achieved through FA management and automation, the plant will meet increasing demand for buckwheat flour and help further improve and streamline Matsuya Flour Mills’ production system.

<Pursuing medium-term business plan to increase corporate value of entire Group>

The Nippon Flour Mills Group formulated the 10/11 SG130 Medium-Term Business Plan

(hereinafter the “SG130”), a two-year plan starting in April 2010, and has been focusing its efforts on building corporate strength, which is a prerequisite for the Group’s sustainable corporate growth. The SG130 sets forth five plans for capital investments totalling 20 billion yen, including this consolidation work, which are intended to reform the Group’s corporate structure in pursuit of enhancement of the corporate value of the entire Group. On the site of the Matsuya Flour Mills’ flagship plant, construction of the rice flour milling plant of Group company Mizuho Foods Co., Ltd. was completed in April this year, significantly increasing production capacity. The Group will continue working to further strengthen competitiveness and reduce costs with the aim of developing into a global multi-faceted company.

Overview of the capital investment

- Plant site : 2568-5 Takominamihara, Kaminokawa, Kawachi-gun, Tochigi Prefecture
- Site area : Approximately 21,000 square meters
- Details of construction work : Addition of a line of buckwheat production mill (pulverization capacity 2.0 t/h)

Construction of high-grade stone-milled buckwheat plant, office building and ingredient warehouse (reinforced concrete with two stories, total floor area of 2,540 m²)
- Construction period : October 2010 to October 2011
- Design and construction : Nippun Engineering Co., Ltd.
- Total investment amount : Around 1.3 billion yen



▲ Newly completed flagship plant of Matsuya Flour Mills Co., Ltd.

《Reference》

1. Overview of Matsuya Flour Mills Co., Ltd.

- Representative : Tsuneo Maeda, President
- Established : August 1958
- Address : 2568-5 Takominamihara, Kaminokawa, Kawachi-gun, Tochigi Prefecture
- Paid-in capital : 240 million yen
- Business : Production and sale of buckwheat and buckwheat mixes, and sale of wheat flour, etc.

2. Overview of the capital investment (totaling 20 billion yen) to reform corporate structure under “SG130”

- Construction of milling line and ingredient silo at Kobe Konan Plant
- Expansion of Ryugasaki Plant of NIPPON Frozen Food Co., Ltd.
- Enhancement and improvement of pet food production facilities at the Chiba Plant of NPF Japan Co., Ltd.
- Consolidation of Matsuya Flour Mills’ flagship plant and rice flour milling plant of Mizuho Foods Co., Ltd. in Kaminokawa area
- Capacity enhancement construction work at premix plant of NIPPON (Thailand) Co., Ltd.