

## Nippon Flour Mills Chiba Mill certified ISO 14001

Tokyo, April 12, 2004—Nippon Flour Mills Co., Ltd.'s Chiba Mill, located in Mihama-ku, Chiba, certified for the ISO 14001 standard for environmental management set by the International Organization for Standardization. The certification is the result of the Company's long-standing effort to promote environmental protection, which includes action to save energy and facilitate recycling of resources.

The Chiba Mill, one of the Company's core facilities in the Tokyo metropolitan area, has been endeavoring to strengthen quality control. It has also launched a project to expand **D mill** in order to respond to the growth in sales of wheat flour in line with the current medium-term business plan. The Chiba Mill is now certified ISO 14001, as the Company has been aware of the environmental impacts of the plant's production activities and has implemented measures to minimize these impacts.

Nippon Flour Mills is convinced that environmental protection is essential for the prosperity of a food production company. The Company will reinforce efforts to ensure the environmental friendliness of its R&D activities and development of products that are in harmony with the environment. We will also strive to minimize environmental impacts by making the best use of the know-how gained in the course of being certified ISO 14001.

In August 1998 the Company's Central Research Laboratory, located in Atsugi, Kanagawa prefecture, became the first in the milling industry in Japan to be certified ISO 14001.

### Details

1. Certification organization: Japan Quality Assurance Organization (JQA)
2. Certified facility: Chiba Mill (229-4 Shinko, Mihama-ku, Chiba)
3. Date of certification: April 2, 2004



## References

### 1. Details of Chiba Mill

- (1) Location: 229-4 Shinko, Mihama-ku, Chiba
- (2) Site area: 67,517m<sup>2</sup>
- (3) Primary structures: Main plant building and business office, grain silos and adjoining facilities
- (4) Production capacity: 930 tons per day
- (5) Grain silo capacity: 50,000 tons
- (6) Other facts: First mill in Japan's wheat flour and corn grit industry to obtain ISO 9001 certification (April 1998). Recognized by the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry as a plant applying good measurement practices (November 2003).

### 2. Outline of Chiba Mill expansion plan

(The plan to expand **D mill** was announced on November 26, 2003.)

- (1) Scheduled start: April 5, 2004
- (2) Scheduled completion: March 2006
- (3) Construction details: Flour milling line (**D mill**), grain silo and adjoining facilities
- (4) Grain silo capacity: Total 50,000 tons (25,000 tons in phase 1, 25,000 tons in phase 2)
- (5) Production capacity: 500 tons per day (capacity of newly added facilities)
- (6) Estimated investment: ¥12.5 billion



<Photo caption> Chiba Mill after completion of the expansion project



<Photo caption> Current view of Chiba Mill (white line indicates the post-expansion plant site)

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