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Expansion of the Production Capacity of Coenzyme Q10

Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company, Inc. (MGC; Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Hideki Odaka) has decided to expand its capacity to produce Coenzyme Q10. It is to newly build a plant with an annual production capacity of 40 tons in the Niigata Plant in view of increasing its total annual capacity to 70 tons. The construction of the plant is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2006.

Coenzyme Q10 is a coenzyme that supports energy production in cell mitochondria and exists in the living body as an essential element to life. In Japan, it has been used as a curative drug for congestive heart failure for more than 30 years since 1974. In other countries, it has been widely used as an ingredient in medicine and health food products. Its effect and safety has been highly evaluated.

Recently, with the growing attention for its antioxidant properties and effect to modulate cellular energy metabolism, the demand for Coenzyme Q10 as an ingredient in health food products is rapidly increasing. The Coenzyme Q10 market is expected to continue to expand in the future.

Having over 25 years of experience in producing Coenzyme Q10 through a fermentation process in accordance with the GMP, MGC has marketed it as an ingredient in medicine, health foods and skincare products. Our high-purity Coenzyme Q10 features production via a fermentation process as well as strict production and quality control. Its quality is highly evaluated in both domestic and foreign markets.

In response to the rapid increase in demand, in addition to this plant investment, we are also considering another investment on a similar scale aiming at a further expansion of the production capacity.

* GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) defines the standards for the production of pharmaceuticals as recommended by WHO. In Japan, it is implemented as the 'Regulations for Manufacturing Control and Quality Control of Drugs and Quasi-drugs and for Buildings and Facilities for Pharmacies etc.' under the Ministry of Health and Welfare Ordinance.

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