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NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD.

## NIPPON SHOKUBAI started commercial operation of its expanded ethylene oxide (EO) plant in Kawasaki site

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD. (“NIPPON SHOKUBAI”) announces the completion of the capacity expansion work of its number four EO plant at Kawasaki Ukishima Plant Site and the start of commercial operation of the expanded plant from February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

With this expansion, NIPPON SHOKUBAI’s EO production capacity has been increased by 70,000 tons/year to 324,000 tons/year, the largest scale in Japan.

At the same time, NIPPON SHOKUBAI has made an energy-saving improvement on the expanded EO plant.

NIPPON SHOKUBAI thinks that the EO business is one of its important businesses, which will support our profit next to our core business; “Super Absorbent Polymers and Acrylic Acid/Esters”. NIPPON SHOKUBAI intends the EO capacity expansion to contribute toward further development of EO business.

<EO production capacity>

(Unit: 1,000 tons/year)

	Previous	Additional	Current
Kawasaki Chidori Plant	164	—	164
Kawasaki Ukishima Plant	90	70	160
Total	254	70	324

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