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DOWA HOLDINGS CO., LTD.
DOWA ECO-SYSTEM CO., LTD.
Nippon Light Metal Holdings Company, Ltd.
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Notice of the Conclusion of a Strategic Partnership Agreement in the Metal Recycling Field

DOWA ECO-SYSTEM CO., LTD. (14-1, Sotokanda 4-Chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Capital: 1 billion yen; President: YANAI Yasuharu), a subsidiary of DOWA HOLDINGS CO., LTD. (same location; Capital: 36.4 billion yen; President: SEKIGUCHI Akira), and Nippon Light Metal Company, Ltd. (1-13, Shimbashi 1-Chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo; Capital: 30.0 billion yen; President: ASAKUNO Shuichi), a subsidiary of Nippon Light Metal Holdings Company, Ltd. (same location; Capital: 46.5 billion yen; President: ASAKUNO Shuichi), have entered into a strategic partnership agreement for the purpose of joint technology development and business development for metal recycling in the fields of lithium-ion batteries, solar panels, EV motors, and related applications.

In recent years, with respect to metal resources such as rare metals used in lithium-ion batteries, solar panels, and EV motors, in addition to supply constraints and soaring prices, rising geopolitical risks have intensified the need to realize a circular society that achieves both stable procurement and reduced environmental impact.

Through this partnership, leveraging the strengths of both parties, the companies will create new value that contributes to the realization of a circular society by pursuing joint technology development and business development for metal recycling in the fields of lithium-ion batteries, solar panels, EV motors, and related applications.



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[Overview of Nippon Light Metal Holdings Company, Ltd.]

1. Head Office: 1-13, Shimbashi 1-Chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo
2. Established: October 2012
3. Capital: 46.5 billion yen
4. Representative: ASAKUNO Shuichi, President and Chief Executive Officer
5. Employees: 12,318 (consolidated; as of the end of March 2025)
6. Business: Management and control of subsidiaries and all activities incidental or related thereto.

[Overview of Nippon Light Metal Company, Ltd.]

1. Head Office: 1-13, Shimbashi 1-Chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo
2. Established: March 1939
3. Capital: 30.0 billion yen
4. Representative: ASAKUNO Shuichi, President and Chief Executive Officer
5. Employees: 2,051 (as of the end of March 2025)
6. Shareholder: Nippon Light Metal Holdings Company, Ltd. (100%)
7. Business: Manufacture and sale of alumina, aluminum hydroxide, various chemicals, and aluminum ingots/alloys
Manufacture and sale of aluminum rolled products, transportation-related products, and electronic materials

[Overview of DOWA ECO-SYSTEM CO., LTD.]

1. Head Office: 14-1, Sotokanda 4-Chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
2. Established: October 2006
3. Capital: 1.0 billion yen
4. Representative: YANAI Yasuharu, President and Representative Director
5. Employees: Approx. 2,900 (DOWA ECO-SYSTEM consolidated, as of the end of March 2025)
6. Shareholders: DOWA HOLDINGS CO., LTD. (100%)
7. Business: Environmental Management and Recycling
(Resource Recycling, Waste Treatment, Soil Remediation, Logistics, Consulting)

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