



Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

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Establishment of the Kanazawa Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Sendai Plant

[Summary]

Kanazawa Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd, a fully-owned subsidiary of Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd., has completed acquisition of land (approx. 121,000 m²) and buildings in Izumi-ku, Sendai City, Miyagi prefecture formerly owned by FUJIFILM Co., Ltd. (hereafter referred to as FUJIFILM) on July 25, 2008, to establish the Kanazawa Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Sendai Plant.

Murata hires a certain number of the employees of FUJIFILM's subsidiary FUJIFILM Photonix Co., Ltd. This new subsidiary is scheduled to produce high-frequency SAW filters, a key component in mobile phones.

A series of high-frequency SAW filter production lines will be launched one by one at the Kanazawa Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Sendai Plant throughout FY2008 in preparation for full-capacity mass production. The plant will be staffed initially by 150 workers and be reinforced with local employees, reaching over 600 by 2011.

[Background, Purpose]

Murata's current market share for high-frequency SAW filters, a key component in mobile phones, is more than 35% (estimated by Murata). Demand for SAW filters is increasing due to growth of the mobile phone market, particularly multi-band phones. At present, Murata manufactures these filters at Kanazawa Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. in Ishikawa Prefecture, but the need to decentralize its manufacturing center has been increasing to be prepared for contingencies such as earthquakes. To improve productivity, and to provide customers with a reliable supply of products even in times of disaster, Murata had previously been planning to acquire a second manufacturing plant.

As a result of this acquisition, Murata will be able to secure engineers who are familiar with thin-film process technology (the basic technology necessary for the manufacture of Murata's high-frequency SAW filters) and a high-tech clean room facility along with its related staff. This will enable Murata to rapidly establish an expanded production system for SAW filters.

This new production Murata facility will become Murata's second plant in Miyagi Prefecture, along with Tome Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

[Kanazawa Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Sendai Plant]

Establishment: July 25, 2008

Plant manager: Masao Miyashita

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Telephone: 022-342-7111

Employees: 150 (as of July 25, 2008)

Activities: Manufacturing of Piezoelectric Products and Microwave Devices

Investment: About 10 billion yen until 2010 (include the amount of transfer money of land and buildings)

[Kanazawa Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.]

Establishment: August 1984 (Operation: July 1985)

C a p i t a l : 480 million yen (a fully-owned subsidiary of Murata Manufacturing Co, Ltd.,)

Representative: Sasaki Fumio

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Employees: 2,023 (as of May 31, 2008)

Activities: Manufacturing of Piezoelectric Products and Microwave Devices