

Dowa Eco-System Completes Precious Metal Recovery Plant in Akita, Japan

TOKYO, November 20, 2007 — Dowa Eco-System Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of Dowa Holdings Co., Ltd., has today completed construction of a precious metal recovery plant in the Kosaka district of Akita Prefecture. The new facility is the North Japan Plant of Eco-System Recycling Co., Ltd., or ERC North Japan.

ERC specializes in recovery of precious metals from plating wastes and discarded electronic parts. ERC North Japan in Kosaka is the third site to be established, after Honjo in Saitama Prefecture, and Okayama.

ERC North Japan is equipped with a clean room that gives it capability in precision cleaning work of semiconductor manufacturing devices, etc. It will also play a role in strengthening the pre-processing capabilities of Kosaka Smelting & Refining Co., Ltd., which has established a new type of refining facility capable of handling recycled materials. ERC is growing steadily, with net sales surpassing 10 billion yen in fiscal 2006, and the establishment of the North Japan Plant is expected to lead to further growth.

Dowa Eco-System has also simultaneously established an automobile recycling plant (Auto Recycle Akita Co., Ltd.) on the same site in Kosaka district. The Dowa Group is actively developing an environmental recycling business in Kosaka, Odate, and other areas in the northern part of Akita Prefecture, and establishment of these two plants is an important step in strengthening the group's business foundations in the area.

The two plants are certified as "Akita Prefecture Appeal Enterprises," and are recipients of environmental industry facility development grants, to further strengthen cooperation with the ecotown project in the northern part of Akita Prefecture.

Overview of ERC

Company name:	Eco-System Recycling Co., Ltd.
Headquarters:	1781-3, Nitte, Honjo-shi, Saitama Prefecture
North Japan Plant location:	96, Sugisawa, Kosaka Kozan, Kosaka-machi, Kazuno-gun, Akita-ken
Representative:	Tadahiko Sekigawa, President and CEO
Paid-in capital:	300 million yen (Dowa Eco-System 92%, Dowa Hightech 8%)
Type of business:	Recovery of precious metals