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**Household Appliances Recycling Plant Completed in Tianjin, China:  
Responding to Domestic Chinese Demand for Resources Recycling**

Jointly set up in May 2010 between DOWA Eco-System Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President Kenichi Sasaki), a subsidiary of DOWA Holdings Co., Ltd. (same location; President and Representative Director: Masao Yamada), Sumitomo Corporation (Head Office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Susumu Kato), and Tianjin City Green Angel Collection and Reuse of Recyclable Resources Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Tianjin, China; President: Zheng Jianmin), Tianjin Dowa Green Angle Summit Recycling Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Tianjin, China; President: Teruki Watanabe; hereinafter “Tianjin Dowa”) has recently commenced operation at all lines at its plant for recycling household appliances and electronic equipment. The lines successively came on-stream starting January 2011.

In China, the Waste Electrical and Electronic Product Recycling Regulations came into force on January 1, 2011. The regulations aim to ensure the proper disposal of waste electronic devices, and provide for an obligation to recycle five items: specifically, TV sets, refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, and personal computers. As one of China’s five major cities and with a population of 12 million, Tianjin is expected to have demand for recycling nearly 1.5 million consumer appliances each year. The DOWA Group and Sumitomo Corporation worked together to build the Tianjin Dowa plant to meet this demand.

The new plant is equipped with a large-scale crusher, chlorofluorocarbon collection equipment, and other devices that harness Japanese expertise and technologies. In the future, the plant will be expanding its treatment capacity to 400,000 units per year. Designed with full consideration given to safety and the environment, the plant is a model for household appliance recycling in China. Working together, the Japanese and Chinese partners are committed to optimal management and expanding the plant’s operations.

It is estimated that Chinese households discard 88 million electric appliances each year. The DOWA Group and Sumitomo Corporation will consider expanding their business in China, which has a growing interest in resources recycling, and will endeavor to improve the local environment while evolving from the recycling of consumer electrical products to extracting and refining precious metals and other operations.