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Ono Obtains ISO14001 Certification for Its Joto Plant

Ono Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. announced today that its Joto Plant obtained ISO14001 certification, an international environmental management system standard, on February 20, 2004.

Since commencement of its operation in 1951, the Joto Plant has served as Ono's main production site in Japan manufacturing leading ethical drugs such as OPALMON[®] Tablets, used for treating peripheral circulatory disorder, and FOIPAN[®] Tablets, used for treating chronic pancreatitis and postoperative reflux esophagitis.

To ensure its acquisition of ISO14001 certification, the Joto Plant has been engaged in environment-related activities since March 2003. Thanks to these efforts, The High Pressure Gas Safety Institute of Japan ISO Center (KHK-ISO Center), one of the certifying authorities in Japan, has decreed that the Joto Plant conforms to ISO14001 standards. This means that now both of Ono's main production sites have been awarded this certification, since the Fujiyama Plant already obtained it in November 2002.

Under our basic philosophy, "To preserve the global environment by accepting our social responsibility towards the environment and promoting environment-friendly activities in all of our business operations," both plants have established an environmental management system that will contribute to the preservation of nature through resource and energy conservation as well as waste reduction.

Ono will continue to actively promote environmental preservation, as well as maintain and improve our environmental management system.

[Reference]

Outline of the Joto Plant

1. Address: 15-26, Kamiji 1-chome, Higashinari-ku, Osaka
2. Lot area: 4,961 m²
3. Products: A variety of ethical drugs
4. Number of employees: 113 (as of March 3, 2004)