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TAIYO YUDEN to Undergo RBA-VAP Audits at 14 Group Company Sites in Japan

Complying with higher social responsibility standards in areas such as labor and environmental practices

TOKYO, May 9, 2019—TAIYO YUDEN CO., LTD. announced today its voluntary performance of Validated Assessment Program (VAP) audits to evaluate the status of conformance to the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA) Code of Conduct, aiming at improving group management quality. In fiscal year 2019, audits are planned at its 14 sites in Japan, 4 of which have already been completed.

Background

The RBA, which is comprised of a large number of companies including the electrical machinery and electronics industries, the automotive industry, and the distribution industry, is the world's largest industry coalition dedicated to corporate social responsibility in global supply chains. The RBA Code of Conduct stipulates the standards of conduct and management system related to labor, health and safety, the environment, and ethics in supply chains. RBA-VAP audits are conducted by an RBA-approved audit firm to evaluate the status of development of the management system, as well as the status of conformance to the standards of conduct.

TAIYO YUDEN has decided to undergo RBA-VAP audits voluntarily to ensure its compliance with globally higher social responsibility standards in areas such as labor and environmental practices. The audits will be conducted at four plants, the Takasaki Global Center, and the R&D Center of TAIYO YUDEN CO., LTD., as well as eight sites for its seven production subsidiaries in Japan, and are scheduled to be completed by the end of fiscal year 2019.

Audited sites

- TAIYO YUDEN CO., LTD.
Takasaki Global Center, Haruna Plant, Nakanajo Plant, Tamamura Plant, Yawatabara Plant, R&D Center
- TAIYO YUDEN CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD.
- TAIYO YUDEN TECHNO SOLUTIONS CO., LTD.
- FUKUSHIMA TAIYO YUDEN CO., LTD.
- NIIGATA TAIYO YUDEN CO., LTD.
- TAIYO YUDEN ENERGY DEVICE CO., LTD.
- WAKAYAMA TAIYO YUDEN CO., LTD.
- TAIYO YUDEN Mobile Technology Co., Ltd.
Ome Plant, Tokorozawa Plant