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RBA-VAP Audits Completed at 13 TAIYO YUDEN Group Sites in Japan
Meeting globally higher social responsibility standards and contributing to the creation of a sustainable society

TOKYO, May 18, 2020—TAIYO YUDEN CO., LTD. voluntarily undertook Validated Assessment Program (VAP) audits to evaluate the status of conformance to the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA) Code of Conduct at 13 TAIYO YUDEN Group sites in Japan, aiming at improving group management quality.

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 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.

TAIYO YUDEN established and operates a management system to ensure compliance with the RBA Code of Conduct, which provides standards that are stricter than those set under the laws and regulations of each country, including total weekly working hours not exceeding 60 and responsible sourcing of minerals. The Company had decided to undergo RBA-VAP audits voluntarily, completing them at 13 sites in Japan by the end of fiscal year 2019.

The RBA Code of Conduct is updated on a regular basis in response to changes in relevant global standards and criteria, and TAIYO YUDEN plans to undergo RBA-VAP audits on a continual basis both within and outside Japan, specifically at 17 sites, including four that are located outside Japan and that have already been audited. TAIYO YUDEN will continue to enhance measures to meet social responsibility standards and will work together as the TAIYO YUDEN Group to contribute to the creation of a sustainable society.

Audited sites
In Japan (13 sites)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAIYO YUDEN CO., LTD. Takasaki Global Center, Haruna Plant, Nakanojo Plant, Tamamura Plant, Yawatabara Plant • 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
Outside Japan (four sites)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KOREA KYONG NAM TAIYO YUDEN CO., LTD. • TAIYO YUDEN (GUANGDONG) CO., LTD. • TAIYO YUDEN (PHILIPPINES), INC. • TAIYO YUDEN (SARAWAK) SDN. BHD.