

Operation Commences at the Third Production Line for Automobile
Laminated Glass Interlayer Films at Mexico Plant
Opening Ceremony Held on December 5th

Marubeni Corporation (“Marubeni”) has announced that the operation of a third production line in the Mexico automotive laminated glass interlayer film plant operated of Sekisui S-LEC MEXICO S.A.de C.V. (“SSM”) , which is a joint venture company with SEKISUI CHEMICAL CO., LTD. (“SEKISUI CHEMICAL”) has commenced in response to the increasing manufacturing capacity of automobile makers in the Central and South American market. Construction was completed in June 2017 and full-scale operation will commence from January 2018. The new line will mainly produce high-performance interlayer film with better sound insulation than conventional products.

Marubeni has been a shareholder of SSM and has played a role of sales and marketing arm for South America to support the growing demand in the region.

On December 5th, an opening ceremony was held at our Mexico Plant. Government officials, including those from the state of Morelos in Mexico and the Embassy of Japan in Mexico, as well as local glass manufacturers, were invited to the ceremony. Approximately 150 people, including representatives from SEKISUI CHEMICAL and Marubeni, attended the event.

Laminated Glass Interlayer Film:

Interlayer film is commonly used in laminated glass for the automobile and construction fields thanks to the adhesiveness and transparency of the film. In addition to its basic function of preventing injury from shattered glass during collisions, the demand for high-performance interlayer film developed for automobile interior comfort needs continues to increase. These include sound insulation interlayer film, heat insulation interlayer film, and wedge-shaped interlayer film for head-up displays.

<Overview of SSM>

Establishment: May 15, 1971

Location: Calle 21 Este, No.524, CIVAC, Jiutepec, Morelos, 62578 Mexico

Representative: President P. Cordoba Najera

Shareholders: SEKISUI CHEMICAL Group 70.92%, Marubeni 29.08%

Products: Interlayer film for laminated glass (normal interlayer film and sound insulation interlayer film)

Manufacturing capacity: Film for 10 million automobiles per year (3 million automobiles per year before completion of the production line)

Land : 17,700m²

Number of Employees: 116 (as of December 1, 2017)

<Overview of SEKISUI CHEMICAL>

Location: Kita-ku, Osaka

Representative: Teiji Koge

Establishment: March, 1947

Business: Housing business, urban infrastructure and environmental products business, high performance plastics business

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