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TNSC Obtains Blanket ISO14001 Certification

Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation recently obtained blanket certification under the ISO14001 international standards for the operation of its environmental management system across the whole Company.

Our Electronics Division and our Chubu Regional Branch had already obtained ISO14001 certification, but with this recent blanket certification, we have now obtained recognition of compliance with international standards at all the Company's offices and supply centers, including the Company's headquarters, all seven regional branches, all 24 branches, all 14 sales offices, all 20 gas centers, and our other offices in Keihin, Tsukuba, Yamanashi, and Kawasaki Mizue.

Environmental protection activities are included in the basic management policies of TNSC, and we have actively addressed this issue, as a result of which we obtain ISO14001 certification for the environmental management systems at our Oyama Plant in 1999, for our Electronics Division in 2001, and for our Chubu Regional Branch in 2003.

For all our other business premises, we have applied both Companywide environmental targets and environmental management system regulations specific to individual places of business, and our staff have autonomously pursued such activities. However, the operation of environmental management systems individually by offices or production facilities has produced only limited results.

In view of this situation, we have judged that a Companywide approach to environmental management system operation is essential if we are to effectively reduce the environmental load caused by our business activities. We therefore introduced a unified environmental management system that is applied to the whole Company. This system was inspected by the certifying institute and found to be in compliance with the requirements for receiving the blanket ISO14001 certification.

We will maintain constant efforts to further improve our environmental protection activities as part of our corporate social responsibilities.

Overview of Blanket Certification

1. Certification standard: ISO14001: 2004
2. Certifying institute: The High Pressure Gas Safety Institute of Japan
3. Registration number: 01ER-162
4. Scope of certification: see list of places of business on the following page

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Place of Business	Address	Detailed breakdown of places of business covered
Head office	1-3-26, Koyama, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo	Hokkaido Branch, Medical Technical Service Center
Keihin Office	6-2 Kojimacho, Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki, Kanagawa	
Kawasaki Mizue Office	3-3 Mizuecho, Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki, Kanagawa	
Tsukuba Office	10 Okubo, Tsukuba, Ibaraki	
Yamanashi Office	3054-3 Shimokurozawa, Takanecho, Hokuto, Yamanashi	
Tohoku Regional Branch	2-3-2 Miyauchi, Tagajo, Miyagi	Koriyama Branch, Hachinohe Sales Office, Akita Sales Office, Iwate Sales Office, Iwate Gas Center, Aizu Gas Center (Monden), Aizu Gas Center (Takahisa), Sakata Gas Center
Kitakanto Regional Branch	KS Bldg.3F 1-11-5 Sakuragicho, Omiya-ku, Saitama	Niigata Branch, Takasaki Branch, Ashikaga Branch, Tochigi Branch, Tsukuba Branch, Kashima Branch, Oizumi Sales Office, Miho Gas Center
Kanto Regional Branch	4-320-1 Tsukagoshi, Saiwai-ku, Kawasaki, Kanagawa	Keiyo Branch, Hachioji Branch, Atsugi Branch, Matsumoto Branch, Kameido Sales Office, Kawasaki Gas Center, Haneda Gas Center, Chiba Gas Center, JFE Gas Center, Ichikawa Gas Center, Hachioji Gas Center, Atsugi Gas Center
Chubu Regional Branch	15 Oneyama, Odakacho, Midori-ku, Nagoya, Aichi	Nagoya Nishi Branch, Hokuriku Branch, Shizuoka Sales Office, Hamamatsu Sales Office, Taki Gas Center, Mie Gas Center, Koda Gas Center
Kansai Regional Branch	2-4-11 Utsubohonmachi, Nishi-ku, Osaka	Sakai Branch, Keiji Branch, Hanshin Branch, Wakayama Sales Office, Himeji Sales Office, Tenri Gas Center
Chushikoku Regional Branch	3-1 Tsurumicho, Naka-ku, Hiroshima	Okayama Branch, Yamaguchi Branch, Fukuyama Branch, Shikoku Branch, Kagawa Sales Office, Yonago Gas Center, Fukuyama Chemical Center
Kyushu Regional Branch	Shinkansen Hakata Bldg.5F 1-1 Hakataeki Chuogai, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka	Kitakyushu Branch, Kumamoto Branch, Oita Branch, Nagasaki Sales Office, Sasebo Sales Office, Miyazaki Sales Office, Kagoshima Sales Office, Isahaya Gas Center, Kumamoto Gas Center, Hiji Gas Center