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Construction of package gas filling station completed in Osaka

Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation (TNSC) has recently completed construction of the Osaka Package Gas Center, located within our Ohama Plant compound in Sakai Ward, Sakai City, Osaka Prefecture.

1. Background

In the Kansai region, there are two gas filling stations operating under the TNSC umbrella. One is operated by Kinki Nissan, which was established jointly by Nihon Tsusan Co., Ltd. and Ekika Carbon Dioxide Co., Ltd. within the Ohama Plant compound of TNSC. Construction of a new filling station (the first since the creation of TNSC), commenced in January of this year within the Ohama Plant compound. The new filling station is expected to support the further growth of the package gas business in the Kansai District. (On August 1, Kinki Nissan had been reorganized and renamed the Osaka Package Gas Center.)

2. Overview of the New Filling Station

The new filling station is an integrated facility, in that it offers oxygen, nitrogen, argon, carbon dioxide, and mixed gas. It has a filling capacity of 600,000 cubic meters per month, which makes it one of the largest filling stations in the Kansai region. Incorporating state-of-the-art equipment and energy-saving technologies, it offers improved efficiency in the gas filling process. The station's facilities feature stricter product-quality controls than hitherto, and we expect it to go a long way toward meeting the needs of our customers in the region.

Regarding specialty gas for medical uses, TI Medical is responsible for gas filling within the Ishizu Plant compound in Sakai City's Nishi Ward. From now on, we will make available dedicated gas filling stations for industrial and medical uses to ensure a steady supply of gases.

For Your Reference

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