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Asahi Glass to Build Float Glass Furnace in the Czech Republic

Asahi Glass Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Tokyo; President: Masahiro Kadomatsu) has decided to build a new float glass furnace in the Czech Republic. In Central Europe, the construction and automobile industries are rapidly expanding, and the demand for float glass (for construction and automobiles) is forecast to grow approximately 7-8% annually. To meet the increasing demand for glass, the company will invest around 100 million euros (about 14.5 billion yen) to establish a third one (Capacity:700tonnes/day) in Czech. The construction of the new furnace is scheduled to begin from the end of 2006 and its volume production around the beginning of 2008.

Particularly in the Czech Republic, subsidiary Glaverbel S.A. (Headquarters: Belgium; President AGC Flat Glass Europe-Glaverbel : Jean-François Heris) conducts business activities through Glaverbel Czech A.S. which it established in 1990. Hence, Asahi Glass can utilize the land and production system owned by said subsidiary in the Czech Republic, which will speed up the construction work, reduce the cost of investment, and use accumulated expertise and existing human material resources, while sharing a common language and a corporate culture. Furthermore, by concentrating three float glass furnaces at a single site in one base, the Company benefit from advantages of scale in terms of performance and flexibility of production.

As part of key measures of its medium-term management plan “**JIKKO-2007**” launched in 2005, Asahi Glass focuses on developing the flat glass business in fast growing markets. The establishment of this new float glass furnace in the Czech Republic marks the execution of such key measures.

Asahi Glass will continue to proactively operate business in places where demand for its products is high, while providing higher quality and better services through global benchmarking.

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Profile of Glaverbel S.A.

1. Corporate name: Glaverbel S.A.
2. Head office: Brussels, Belgium
3. Locations of plants: Belgium, the Netherlands, Czech, France, Spain, Italy, Poland and Russia
4. Representative: Jean-François Heris
5. Capital: 199 million euros (approx. 27.0 billion yen)
6. Shareholder: Asahi Glass Co., Ltd. (100%)
7. Products: Float glass and processed glass for the building sector and other specific industries
8. Establishment: 1961 (Asahi Glass entered into capital alliance in 1981)
9. Number of employees: Approximately 16,100*

* Figure of the consolidated Glaverbel group (including the automobile glass business) at the end of December 2005.

Profile of Glaverbel Czech A.S.

1. Company name: Glaverbel Czech A.S.
2. Head office: Teplice, Czech
3. Representative: Štěpán Popovič
4. Capital: 3,510 million koruna (approx. 17.5 billion yen)
5. Shareholder: Glaverbel S.A. (100%)
6. Products: Float glass and processed glass for the building sector and other specific industries
7. Establishment: 1990