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Shibaura Mechatronics Corporation

**Shibaura Mechatronics to Expand Production Capacity of  
Manufacturing Equipment for Larger LCD Panel Substrates**

*New facility to be constructed at Yokohama Works in Japan;  
plant expansion at Shibaura Mechatronics Korea Co., Ltd.*

Shibaura Mechatronics Corporation (President and CEO: Shigeki Morita; headquarters: 2-5-1 Kasama, Sakae-ku, Yokohama, Japan) today announced that it will meet fast growing demand for manufacturing equipment for next generation LCD panels with a major capacity expansion program. Under the plan announced today, the company will construct a new facility within its Yokohama Works in Japan and boost capacity at Shibaura Mechatronics Korea Co., Ltd., the company's Korea-based consolidated subsidiary.

LCD panel manufacturers in Japan, Korea and Taiwan have announced capital investment programs for new LCD panel production facilities and equipment. At the same time, the glass substrates on which panels are formed are seeing rapid increases in size. In this business environment, Shibaura Mechatronics is taking proactive moves to enhance its domestic and overseas supply of advanced manufacturing equipment for larger LCD substrates, with initial investments in facilities in Japan and Korea and future investment in Taiwan. The moves announced today will assure Shibaura Mechatronics' ability to overcome severe competition from other manufacturing equipment manufacturers, both in Japan and overseas, and support continued business expansion.

Shibaura Mechatronics will construction a new facility to product manufacturing equipment for larger LCD panel substrates at the company's Yokohama Works. In Korea, the current a second floor will be added to the manufacturing facility operated by Shibaura Mechatronics Korea Co., Ltd., a consolidated subsidiary, a move that will approximately double the production space.

Shibaura Mechatronics' strategic policy is so support reinforcement of production of



large-sized LCD substrate manufacturing equipment through domestic and overseas investments in facilities and equipment.

Outline of new facility at Yokohama Works (plan)

- 1 Location: 2-5-1 Kasama, Sakae-ku, Yokohama-shi, Japan
- 2 Site area: Approximately 2,300 m<sup>2</sup>
- 3 Floor area: Approximately 6,100m<sup>2</sup>
- 4 Completion of construction: January 2007
- 5 Equipment investment: Approximately 1.8 billion yen

Outline increased floor area at Shibaura Mechatronics Korea Co., Ltd. (Plan)

- 1 Location: Pyongtack-si, Kyungki-do, Korea
- 2 Area of expansion: Approximately 4,000m<sup>2</sup>
- 3 Completion of construction: October 2006
- 4 Equipment investment: Approximately 4.4 billion won (approximately 0.55 billion yen)

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