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Furukawa Automotive Systems Inc.

Furukawa Automotive Systems Receives a Three-Star Shiga Biodiversity Initiatives Certificate, the Highest Level, for the First Time

First recognition of Furukawa Automotive Systems' environmental protection activities based on SDGs

- Furukawa Automotive Systems achieved the highest-level certification of three stars in the Shiga Biodiversity Initiatives Certification 2020
- This is the first recognition of Furukawa Automotive Systems' initiatives, which include its environmental protection activities based on SDGs
- We will continue to promote ESG management to contribute toward achieving SDGs and realizing the "Furukawa Electric Group Vision 2030"

Furukawa Automotive Systems Inc. (Headquarters: Inukami-gun, Shiga Prefecture; President: Shigenobu Abe), a member of the Furukawa Electric Group, has received the highest-level certificate of three stars in the Shiga Biodiversity Initiatives Certification 2020. This certificate was awarded in recognition of Furukawa Automotive Systems' activities promoted through its ISO14001-based environmental management system, its cultivation of the class II endangered species of plant *Pulsatilla cernua*, and its clean-up activities in the Shiga region.

■ Background

In 2015, Shiga Prefecture, where Furukawa Automotive Systems is headquartered, established the Biodiversity Shiga Strategy, which is based on the philosophy of "utilizing the inherent strength of nature and protecting life across generations". Since 2018, the Shiga Prefecture Biodiversity Initiatives Certification Program has been used to evaluate the efforts of businesses to conserve biodiversity.

Furukawa Automotive Systems has obtained international standard certification (ISO 14001) for its management of the environment, which is carried out in line with the Furukawa Electric Group's corporate philosophy, its basic environmental policy, and its code of conduct. In 2018, Furukawa Automotive Systems established FAS Environmental Challenge 2050 in line with its own basic environmental policy and is developing nature conservation and biodiversity conservation activities

at 24 sites in 12 countries around the world.

■ Details

Under this certification program, Furukawa Automotive Systems was recognized for its policies to reduce its environmental burden within its ISO14001-based business activities, as well as its cultivation of *Pulsatilla cernua* (a class II endangered species of plant that is designated by Shiga Prefecture as a rare species of wild flora) and its clean-up activities in the Shiga region.

[Certification mark]



[Certificate]



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[1] Efforts to grow *Pulsatilla cernua*

[2] *Pulsatilla cernua* grown at
Furukawa Automotive Systems

[3] Clean-up activities

I am pleased that Furukawa Automotive Systems has, for the first time, received certification for its environmental CSR activities from Shiga Prefecture, where the company's head office is located. Furukawa Automotive Systems will continue to promote carbon-neutral and other forward-looking activities together with Shiga Prefecture, Japan's lake country, as it works toward the achievement of SDGs.

Shigenobu Abe, President

The Furukawa Electric Group includes biodiversity conservation measures in its Basic Environment Policy. In our activities, we are applying the Furukawa Electric Group's comprehensive guidelines in relation to initiatives aimed at protecting biodiversity. We will continue to promote ESG management to contribute toward achieving SDGs and realizing Furukawa Electric Group Vision 2030.

■ Overview of Furukawa Automotive Systems Inc.

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| Incorporated | : November 1950 |
| Representative | : Shigenobu Abe, Representative Director |
| Head Office address | : 1000 Amago, Kora-cho, Inukami-gun, Shiga Prefecture |
| Main products | : Wire harnesses, related electrical components, automotive functional products |

[FAS Environmental Challenge 2050]



In 2018, we established FAS Environmental Challenge 2050. To achieve our SDGs, which are focused on carbon neutral, we are carrying out our business activities under our basic policy, which includes creating and expanding environmentally-friendly products, enhancing energy-conserving production systems, promoting use of renewable energy such as solar power, and exercising social responsibility. In April 2020, we established the Safety & Environment Department to further invigorate our activities.

■ Furukawa Electric Group's efforts towards the SDGs

Based on the “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)” adopted by the United Nations, the Furukawa Electric Group has formulated the “Furukawa Electric Group Vision 2030” which sets the year 2030 as its target and is advancing efforts with the aim to “Build a sustainable world and make people’s life safe, peaceful and rewarding, Furukawa Electric Group will create solutions for the new generation of global infrastructure combining information, energy and mobility.” Toward the achievement of our Vision 2030, we will take open, agile, and innovative approaches to promote ESG management that aims to

increase corporate value over the medium to long term and will contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.



■ Inquiry

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