

**Toagosei Strengthens Its Functional Polymer Business for Cosmetics
through EFfCI GMP Certification**

Toagosei (the “Company”) is pleased to announce that its Hirono Plant, which manufactures functional polymers for cosmetics, has obtained EFfCI GMP^{*1} certification, a global benchmark for cosmetic ingredient quality.

The Hirono Plant produces a wide range of distinctive cosmetic ingredients and helps drive the global expansion of the Company's cosmetic materials business by accurately addressing diverse needs for cosmetic ingredients. This certification will further strengthen the plant's framework for ensuring quality and product safety.



The plant has also received an EcoVadis^{*2} rating. As a core production site for cosmetic materials, it will continue to support the Company's expansion into markets around the world.

Under its medium-term management plan, the Company positions functional polymers for cosmetics as a key strategic product central to profit growth. By capitalizing on this certification, the Company will continue working to expand this business by accurately meeting the needs of customers in Japan and overseas through products that offer the unique textures and functions required in cosmetics.



***1 EFfCI GMP**

EFfCI GMP is a Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) standard specifically designed for cosmetic ingredients, developed by the European Federation for Cosmetic Ingredients (EFfCI), a trade association headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. In its formulation, the standard referenced the “GMP Guide for Pharmaceutical Excipients” by the IPEC-PQG (International Pharmaceutical Excipients Council-Pharmaceutical Quality Group) as a foundation and adopted the framework of ISO 9001:2015. It is recognized as a rigorous standard partly because it includes GMP requirements that are not fully covered by ISO standards.

***2 EcoVadis**

EcoVadis is a France-based, international third-party organization that evaluates and scores corporate sustainability initiatives. Adopted by more than 150,000 companies worldwide, it serves as a global standard primarily for managing environmental, human rights, and ethical risks among their business partners.

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