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GROUP HISTORY

“Effective Utilization of Resources” and “Environmental Preservation”— these are the themes that we have been consistently and invariably addressing since our foundation.

We commercialized the recycling of silver from photographic development processes at a time when public concern was not as focused on recycling and environmental issues as it is today. We also newly entered the environmental preservation business.

1952

Founded Asahi Chemical Laboratory.

Started silver recycling business from photographic fixing solutions. The photography industry expanded significantly along with the rapid economic growth, and the demand for silver increased in industries related to silver for photo-sensitive materials

1959

Started operation at Kobe Business Office

1964

Incorporated as a limited company

1968

Kobe Plant constructed in Higashi-Nada-Ku, Kobe

Started supply of silver to Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.

1969

Introduced our own electrolytic silver recycling equipment ahead of the industry, making it possible to recycle silver with efficiency and high purity

1971

Enactment of the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law.

Required to control the amount of waste discharged and treat it properly

Became a specified contractor with Photo Treatment and Environmental preservation System of Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.

1974

Opened Fukuoka Office. Thereafter followed by offices and plants throughout the country

1975

Acquired Industrial waste disposal license from Kobe City (Detoxification of Photographic Effluent Treatment)

Developed a compact electrolytic silver recovery device “PLATA”

1978

Completed Head Office building in Higashi-Nada-Ku, Kobe

Registration of environmental measurement certification office

1981

Started objective management and internal proposal system

Announced practical use of the digital camera

We responded to changes in the market through technical innovations while promoting the diversification of our precious metal recycling business.

1982

Entered the precious metal recycling business from the dental-related business

Determined the diversification of precious metal recycling business foreseeing the reduction of the photo effluent treatment market

1984

Entered into precious metal recycling business from plating solution business

1986

Started recycling precious metals from electronic components and the jewelry industry

1988

Started manufacturing and sales of chemicals for plating

1990

Entered into environmental preservation business other than photographic effluents

1993

Acquired Specially-controlled Industrial Waste Disposal License.

Establishment of the Basic Environmental Law which forms the backbone of Japan’s environmental policy

Opened overseas office to meet the needs for the local collection of precious metal scrap in accordance with overseas business development of our customers in Japan and listed on the stock market.

1994

Established Asahi G&S Sdn. Bhd. in Malaysia

1997

Merged five group companies and changed their names into Asahi Pretec Corporation

1998

Moved headquarters operations to Sannomiya, Kobe City
Established Techno-Center
Started manufacturing of dental alloy

1999

Acquisition of ISO9002 certification with Techno Center
(Changed registration to ISO9001 in 2002)
Made initial public stock offering on over-the-counter market

2000

Acquisition of ISO14001 certification with Techno Center
Entered into indium refinery full operations
Listed on the 2nd Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange

Promoted an expansion of the items dealt with and enlarged our service provision area through M&A in order to meet the increasingly diverse needs of our customers concerning waste treatment.

2001

Acquired Sansho Co., Ltd., Daimon Co., Ltd., and Eco-Material Co., Ltd.

2002

Promoted to the 1st Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange
The 50th Anniversary

2003

Shanghai Asahi Pretec Co., Ltd., established in China

2004

Acquired Nihon Chemitech Co., Ltd.

2005

Acquired Shioiri Kenzai Co., Ltd.
Expanded auto-catalyst recycle business
Daimon Co., Ltd. merged to Nihon Chemitech Co., Ltd.

2006

Acquired Iyotec Co., Ltd.
Acquired Nishiki Kosan Co., Ltd.
Eco-Material Co., Ltd. merged to Nihon Chemitech Co., Ltd.
Established Asahi Pretec Korea Co., Ltd. in Korea

2007

Established the Tokyo Headquarters in Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Merged with Nishiki Kosan Co., Ltd.
Acquired Taiyo Chemical Co., Ltd.
Acquired part of the environmental business from Sanix Incorporated, established Kitakyushu Office

2008

Established Japan Waste Corporation
Acquired Fuji Rozai Co., Ltd.

Carrying on with challenges in aspiring to be a leading company in the eco-business that contributes to society through its businesses.

2009

Asahi Holdings, Inc. newly listed
Conversion to a holding company
Business commencement of JW Glass Recycling

2010

Established a joint-venture in China, Jiangmen Asahi Pretec Kanfort Environmental Management
Acquired Ecomax Incorporated
Started dental business at Asahi Pretecs Korea
Yokohama Office of Japan Waste Corporation opened

2011

Started E-scrap business
Acquired Usuda Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
Acquired Kyodo Chemical

ASAHI HOLDINGS GROUP COMPANIES

Asahi Pretec Corporation

Precious Metals Recycling

Collect, refine, recycle precious and rare metals used in a variety of areas such as electronics, flat panel displays, catalysts, dentistry, jewelry, information device, photography and so forth.

Environmental Preservation

Waste treatment and other environmental preservation efforts.

<Domestic Base>

● Usuda Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Engaged in the precision cleaning and degreasing business of components and risen wafer cases from semiconductors/flat panel display manufacturing equipment, and precious metal collection/analysis.

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TEL : +81-(0)268-62-4533 FAX : +81-(0)268-62-4534

URL : <http://www.usuda-jp.com/>

<Overseas Bases>

● Asahi Pretec Korea Co., Ltd.

Precious Metals Recycling

Collect and recycle precious metals from a wide range of areas including the electronics industry and dentistry, etc.

(Seoul)

#501, City Air Tower, 159-9, Samsung-Dong, Gangnam-Gu, Seoul, 135-973 North Korea

(Chungju)

Chungju 1 Sadan, 1131-2 Yongtan-dong, Chungju-si,

Chungcheongbuk-do, 380-250 North Korea

TEL : +82-43-723-2503 FAX : +82-43-723-2525

URL : <http://asahipretec.co.kr/>

● Shanghai Asahi Pretec Co., Ltd.

Precious Metals Recycling

Collect precious metals from mainly Japanese IT manufacturers established in China and recycle them at the local plant.

No.419 Sub-Chuhua Road, Fengxian Sub-zone, Shanghai Chemical Industry Park, Shanghai, 201417 China

TEL : +86-21-5744-8158 FAX : +86-21-5744-8168

● Asahi G&S Sdn. Bhd. (Malaysia)

Precious Metals Recycling

Collect precious metals from electronic parts and local jewelry manufacturers and recycle them at the local plant.

Plot 65, Lintang Bayan Lepas 6, Phase IV, Non FTZ, 11900 Bayan Lepas, Penang, Malaysia

TEL : +60-4-646-1292 FAX : +60-4-646-2292

● Jiangmen Asahi Pretec Kanfort Environmental Management Co., Ltd.

Precious Metals Recycling

Collect precious metals from mainly Japanese IT manufacturers established in China and recycle them at the local plant.

No. 191, West Gaoxin Road, High-Tech Industrial Development Zone, Jiangmen City, Guangdong Province, 529040 China

TEL : +86-750-3920725 FAX : +86-750-3920719

Japan Waste Corporation

Environmental Preservation

1. Transform waste oil into fuel.
2. Transform sludge ,etc., into cement materials.
3. Transform waste wood from construction materials into fuel for biomass power generation.
4. Efficiently separate and treat by crushing such industrial waste such as waste plastics from industrial sites.
5. Clean and treat hazardous waste deposited on semiconductor manufacturing devices and various laboratory facilities.
Conduct extensive industrial waste treatment and other environmental preservation business, integrated with affiliated companies under control of Japan Waste.

<Subsidiaries>

● Nihon Chemitech Co., Ltd.

Environmental Preservation

1. Detoxify industrial wastes from manufacturers of semiconductors, electronic components, etc., by neutralization and biotreatment.
2. Biotreat, dewater and reduce volume of organic waste liquids and sludge from food discharged from various food manufacturers and restaurants. In addition, produce compost from organic waste.

5-1-39 Ryoke, Kawaguchi City, Saitama Prefecture 332-0004 Japan

TEL : +81-(0)48-222-8711 FAX : +81-(0)48-222-8719

URL : <http://nihon-chemitech.co.jp/>

● JW Glass Recycling Co., Ltd.

Environmental Preservation

Recycle sheet glass and glass bottles.

4-3-2 Shin-kiba Koto-ku, Tokyo 136-0082 Japan

TEL : +81-(0)3-3521-6303 FAX : +81-(0)3-3521-6305

URL : <http://www.jwglass.co.jp/>

● Fuji Rozai Co., Ltd. (Head Office : Ota Ward, Tokyo)

Furnace Repair

Demolish and repair periodically glass manufacturing furnaces, waste incinerators, etc.

Environmental Preservation

Collect, transport, treat intermediately and recycle fire-proof bircks, etc.

8th Floor, Nishi-Kamata NS Bldg. 6-36-11 Nishi-Kamata, Ota-ku, Tokyo 144-0051 Japan

TEL : +81-(0)3-3735-8111 FAX : +81-(0)3-3733-2479

URL : <http://www.fujirozai.co.jp/>

● Ecomax Co., Ltd.

Environmental Preservation

Conduct concrete solidification treatment of combustion residue, dust and sludge, etc., produced by incineration treatment facilities, etc.

1590-4 Tabata, Samukawa-cho, Koza-gun, Kanagawa Prefecture 253-0114 Japan

TEL : +81-(0)467-75-1044 FAX : +81-(0)467-75-1217

URL : <http://www.eco-max.co.jp/>

● Sansho Co., Ltd.

Environmental Preservation

Collect and transport industrial waste and industrial waste subject to special control.

4-1 Daikoku-cho, Tsurumi-ku, Yokohama City, 230-053 Japan

TEL : +81-(0)45-718-5181 FAX : +81-(0)45-510-3450

URL : <http://www.san-shou.co.jp/>

● Shioiri Kenzai Co., Ltd.

Constructions

Contract engineering work on rivers, roads, bridges and tunnels, etc., water and sewage works and building dismantling.

Environmental Preservation

Recycle specific construction waste materials like concrete blocks, metal scraps, construction waste wood, waste soil from digging, etc.

478-1, Minami-Nagaike, Oaza, Nagano-City, Nagano Prefecture 381-0024 Japan

TEL : +81-(0)26-244-1608 FAX : +81-(0)26-259-2986

● Iyotec Co., Ltd.

Workers Dispatch Business/Contracting Business

Dispatch personnel, introduce human resources to manufacturers and contracts for manufacturing business.

3rd Floor, Yomiuri Nikkei Bldg.

799-2 Higashi-Futami, Futami-Cho, Akashi City, Hyogo Prefecture 674-0092 Japan

TEL : +81-(0)78-941-3377 FAX : +81-(0)78-941-3388

URL : <http://www.iyotec.co.jp/>

● Taiyo Chemical Co., Ltd.

Environmental Preservation

1. Incinerate and neutralize waste oil and liquids discharged from electronics components and photography industries.

2. Incinerate infectious medical wastes from hospitals.

106-2 Ishitani-Cho, Kagoshima City, Kagoshima Prefecture, 899-2701 Japan

TEL : +81-(0)99-278-1783 FAX : +81-(0)99-278-4463

URL : <http://www.taiyo-kagaku.com/>

● Kyodo Chemical Co., Ltd.

Environmental Preservation Business

1. We collect, transport, and neutralize (intermediate process) industrial wastes and specially-controlled wastes.

2. We recover and process liquid waste and films, etc., generated from printing plate companies and hospitals.

2-4-5 Shinmei-Cho, Tomakomai City, Hokkaido 053-0055 Japan

TEL : +81-(0)144-55-2277 FAX : +81-(0)144-55-2838

URL : <http://kyka.co.jp>