

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Establishment of MONOZUKURI TECHNICAL CENTER

Mitsui Kinzoku ACT Corporation (ACT) released its “Strengthening of Headquarters Functions\* and Review of Production Sites” as of March 27, 2012, and as a part of these corporate reforms, ACT has established the “MONOZUKURI TECHNICAL CENTER” in Nirasaki, Yamanashi, Japan. Also ACT closed its Nirasaki Plant in Japan as of the end of September and transferred a part of its manufacturing plant function into the MONOZUKURI TECHNICAL CENTER.

The outline of the Center is as follows:

\*\*Headquarters functions” is a general term for the function of managing and supporting in an integrated fashion product development, technology, quality assurance, and production in Japan and overseas with a view to enhancing the efficiency of operations at our head office.

#### Profile of MONOZUKURI TECHNICAL CENTER

- (1) Name: Mitsui Kinzoku ACT Corporation  
“MONOZUKURI TECHNICAL CENTER”
- (2) Location: 1200 Shimojyo-nishiwari, Okusa, Nirasaki, Yamanashi,  
Japan
- (3) Representative: Masazumi Miyagawa (ACT Director, Senior Executive  
Officer, Deputy Senior General Manager)
- (4) Employees: About 270\*\* (as of October 1, 2012)  
\*\*The number of employees is expected to increase to about 420 as of March,  
2013.
- (5) Function: Perform a trial high-volume production with the  
*monozukuri* system in the future;  
Perform frontloading\*\*\* in development phase;  
Establishing business model to deploy its advanced  
technology, including knowhow, to each manufacturing  
plant;  
Gathering information from, exchanging information with  
and growing ties with our customers; and  
Manufacturing mass-produced parts, including service  
parts, for our customers located in eastern and central  
Japan.
- (6) Establishment: October 1, 2012

\*\*\*Frontloading is to develop cost-competitive and high quality product in a short period by solving problems in its expected manufacturing process in an early period of its development.

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