

## **<MISI Announces Renovation of Tokyo Steel Center Facilities>**

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Marubeni-Itochu Steel Inc. takes pleasure in announcing its decision to invest approximately 900 million yen in the renovation of Tokyo Steel Center, Co., Ltd. (TSC), a wholly owned MISI subsidiary. The work will include upgrades of TSC equipment, as well as the partial rebuilding of one of its two plant buildings.

TSC currently operates two separate plants – the Atsugi Head Office Plant and the Sagamihara Plant – with a combined annual processing capacity of 400,000 tonnes. The company is primarily active in the processing and sales of automotive-use medium-thickness plates and acts as the main MISI business operations base serving the western area of the Kanto Region.

It was recently agreed that it is essential to upgrade old and run down equipment in order to maintain facilities, expand sales and further streamline TSC operations. This led to the decision to proceed with the renovation project outlined in this release.

A summary of the scheduled renewal work follows.

### **<Renovations and Capacity of Upgraded Equipment>**

- (1) Short mini-leveler replacement: Sheet thickness – 2.3~9.0mm; width – 120~600mm
- (2) Slitter replacement : Sheet thickness – 2.5 ~10.0mm; width – 750~1,600mm
- (3) Long mini-leveler upgrade : Automation of manual work through upgrades in uncoilers, pilers and camber measuring instruments.  
Sheet thickness – 2.2~10.0mm; width – 150~600mm
- (4) Partial rebuilding of Atsugi Plant building (approx. 800m<sup>2</sup>):  
Scheduled for completion in May 2007

Since June of this year, orders for the aforementioned equipment and plant renovations have been in the process of being issued. Steady operations and completion are scheduled to take place over the period from January 2007 through March 2008.

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