

Seikagaku Announces the Start of Operation of ARTZ Dispo[®] Production Facilities (No. 5 Production Building at the Takahagi Plant)

Seikagaku Corporation (Tokyo, Japan) today announces that new ARTZ Dispo[®] production facilities (the No. 5 Production Building at the Takahagi Plant), under construction since March 2012, started operation as scheduled on January 9, 2015.

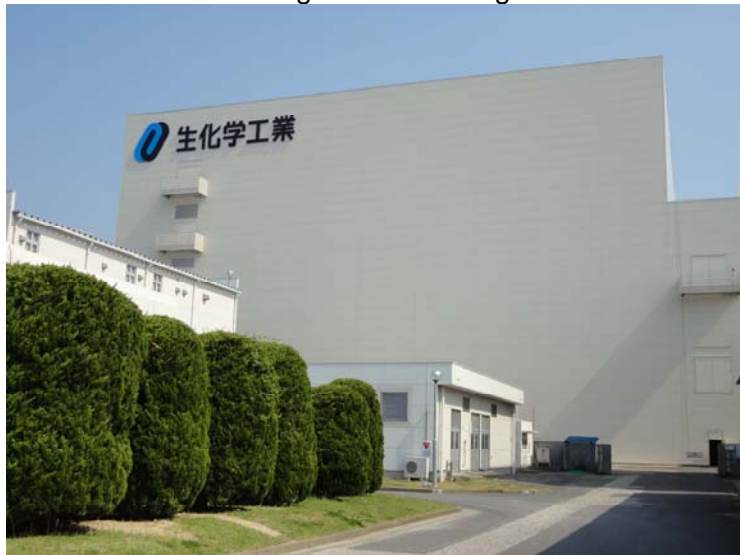
Seikagaku produces ARTZ Dispo[®], a joint function improving agent whose main ingredient is hyaluronic acid, at the Takahagi Plant. The purpose for constructing the No. 5 Production Building was to cope with the aging of existing facilities and ensure a stable supply of ARTZ Dispo[®] over the medium to long term. In addition, Seikagaku will further enhance efficiency by focusing production of ARTZ Dispo[®] on the No. 4 and No. 5 Production Buildings.

Seikagaku has introduced at the No. 5 Production Building a production control system and conveyance control system that utilize information technology to streamline production operations. For risk-management purposes, the building is a seismically isolated structure designed to mitigate damage when an earthquake occurs by isolating the building from direct exposure of ground shaking, as is the No. 4 Production Building.

Summary Description of the No. 5 Production Building at the Takahagi Plant

Location	258-5, Aza-Matsukubo, Oaza-Akahama, Takahagi City, Ibaraki Prefecture	Start of construction	March 2012
Construction method and number of stories	Five-story seismically isolated steel frame structure	Completion of construction	July 2013
Building area	Approx. 3,900 m ²	Start of operation	January 2015
Total floor area	Approx. 16,300 m ²	Amount of capital expenditure	Approx. ¥9.6 billion

Exterior of the No. 5 Production Building at the Takahagi Plant



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