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ASKA Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Company, Limited
SMFL MIRAI Partners Company, Limited

**ASKA Pharmaceutical and SMFL MIRAI Partners Sign
Heat Recovery Heat Pump Energy Service Contract**

ASKA Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (President, Representative Director: Sohta Yamaguchi, hereinafter "ASKA Pharmaceutical") and SMFL MIRAI Partners Company, Limited (President: Akira Ueda, hereinafter "SMFL MIRAI Partners"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Company, Limited (President: Tetsuro Imaeda), have signed an energy service contract for a heat recovery heat pump in the clean room of the 1st formulation building at ASKA Pharmaceutical Iwaki Factory.

SMFL MIRAI Partners applied for and received a subsidy from the FY2024 supplementary budget project for energy conservation investment promotion and demand structure conversion support grant, and will purchase the equipment and install it at ASKA Pharmaceutical Iwaki Factory (Iwaki City, Fukushima Prefecture).

ASKA Pharmaceutical will pay SMFL MIRAI Partners an energy service fee that includes maintenance and upkeep costs (costs related to operational monitoring, rush response in case of problems, and various maintenance, etc.), insurance premiums, and property taxes during the contract period, thereby making it possible to install and use this facility without initial investment and maintenance costs. The introduction of this facility will also help reduce the load on the clean room's steam boiler, save energy, and reduce Scope 1 emissions. The introduction of this facility is expected to reduce crude oil equivalent by 224 kL per year and CO₂ emissions by 466 tons per year.

ASKA Pharmaceutical

Aiming to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, ASKA Pharmaceutical has set a goal of reducing CO₂ emissions by 60% from the FY2013 level by FY2035, and its domestic production site, Iwaki Factory, has set a target of 60% reduction from the FY2013 level by FY2030. To date, Iwaki Factory has actively promoted environmental management by introducing solar power generation and energy-saving equipment and utilizing renewable energy. The introduction of the heat pumps will further accelerate our decarbonization and energy conservation efforts.

This initiative is an important step toward realizing a sustainable society and reducing its environmental

impact, in line with its corporate philosophy of "Contribute toward the improvement of people's health and progress in medicine through the development of innovative products." ASKA Pharmaceutical will continue to fulfill its social responsibility as a pharmaceutical manufacturer and work proactively toward the realization of a decarbonized society in cooperation with local communities and society.

Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing (SMFL) Group

SMFL Group provides various financing services for capital investment in renewable energy and energy-saving equipment, CO₂-free electricity supply through renewable energy projects such as solar, biomass, and hydropower, and subsidy support services related to decarbonization. The Group has also identified "environment" as one of its four materialities, and is focusing on efforts to realize a decarbonized, recycling-oriented society. It will continue to contribute to the realization of a sustainable society by offering a range of solutions in a one-stop manner, supporting the decarbonization management of companies with factories and business sites that use significant energy.

Heat pump in operation at ASKA Pharmaceutical Iwaki Factory the third formulation building



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