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Transfer of Multilayer Ceramic Capacitor Business from Panasonic Electronic Devices Co., Ltd.

Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. and Panasonic Electronic Devices Co., Ltd. have reached an agreement for Murata to take over multilayer ceramic capacitor business (MLCC) from Panasonic Electronic Devices. Two companies will be cooperating together in preparation and execution of the transfer. Actual transfer schedule is to be determined. We plan on completing the transfer of business in January 2010.

1. Purpose of transfer

As global competition becomes increasingly fierce in industry of MLCC, it is very important to enhance technological strength and cost competitiveness, as well as to provide internationally competitive products. Since MLCC business is one of the mainstream businesses at Murata, we have been working at increasing our competitiveness by continuously striving to create new products utilizing our cutting-edge technology, and reducing costs by making manufacturing processes more efficient.

Murata will now take over Panasonic Electronic Devices' existing technologies, knowhow and customers. Murata aims at strengthening the system to provide products accommodating diversifying customer needs, and further expand our MLCC business.

This transfer encompasses sales and technological knowhow, patents and some facilities necessary for taking over customers in MLCC business at Panasonic Electronic Devices.

2. Schedule

We plan to complete this transfer by January 2010.

3. Contribution to our performance

We estimate the immediate contribution of this transfer of our consolidated performance to be modest.

【Panasonic Electronic Devices Co., Ltd. 】

Head Office Location: 1006, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma City, Osaka, Japan
Foundation: February 1976
President: Toshiaki Kobayashi
Capital: 23 billion yen
Net Sales: 400.6 billion yen (as of March 31, 2009)
Business: Electronic components (capacitors, resistors, inductors, acoustic components, power supplies, electromechanical components, high-frequency components, printed circuit boards, etc.)
Ownership: Panasonic Corporation 100%
Number of Employees: Approximately 30,000
U R L : <http://panasonic.co.jp/ped/>

【Murata Manufacturing Company, Ltd. 】

Head Office Location: 1-10-1, Higashi-kotari, Nagaokakyo City, Kyoto, Japan
Foundation: October 1944 (incorporated in December 1950)
President: Tsuneo Murata
Capital: 69.3 billion yen
Net Sales: 523.9 billion yen (as of March 31, 2009)
Business: Multilayer ceramic capacitors, SAW filters, ceramic resonators, piezoelectric sensors, ceramic filters, piezoelectric buzzers, short-range wireless communication modules (including Bluetooth® modules), multilayer ceramic devices, connectors, isolators, dielectric filters, power supplies, circuit modules, EMI suppression filters, inductors, sensors, resistors, etc.
Number of Employees: 33,431
U R L : <http://www.murata.com>