



Santen switches all externally-sourced electricity for its plants and research facility in Japan to renewable energy-based power

March 25, 2022, Osaka, Japan – Santen Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (head office in Osaka, hereinafter “Santen”) has completed a 100% shift to renewable energy-based power for all electricity externally purchased by two plants and a research facility in Japan, namely the Noto Plant, the Shiga Product Supply Center and the Nara Research and Development Center.

Santen has ESG materiality tasks (priority management tasks) defined with the aim of contributing to society’s sustainable development and enhancing Santen’s mid- to long-term corporate values. One of them is ‘conservation of the global environment.’ Based on the recognition that it is one of the top priority issues for the entire human race, Santen has adopted the ‘Santen Vision for the Earth 2050’ (environmental vision for 2050) and a set of environmental targets for 2030 to achieve the vision, thereby fulfilling social responsibility and consolidating the business foundation for sustainable growth. The CO₂ emissions reduction targets, listed in the Santen Vision for the Earth 2050, have been endorsed by the Science Based Targets (SBT) Initiative*¹ as Santen’s commitment to conserving the global environment. The latest move to switch 100% of externally-sourced electricity to renewable energy-based power at the three sites is expected to reduce Santen’s CO₂ emissions by approx. 12,000 tons per year*² for the three sites combined. This will bring one of the CO₂ emissions reduction targets to fruition approximately two years ahead of schedule.

Santen conducts business operations in over 60 countries and regions. It implements climate change measures for building a carbon-free society in all of the countries and regions, embracing technological innovations for carbon neutrality through conversion, recycling and high-efficiency use of energy resources at plants and other facilities wherever possible. Toward realizing a recycling-oriented society, Santen aims to reduce the company’s environmental impact, including the shift from plastic materials to sustainable new materials made of paper, bioplastics, etc., thereby contributing to sustainable social development.

*1 The Science Based Targets initiative is a collaboration between CDP, the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).” It encourages private enterprises to adopt science-based targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in order to achieve the international long-term goal of limiting global temperature rise to well-below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

*2 Calculated by multiplying purchased electricity consumption in 2020 by the CO₂ emission factor based on market standards.

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