Press Release



Panasonic Industry Co., Ltd.

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<u>Withdrawal of Certifications of International Standard for</u> <u>Quality Management Systems, ISO 9001^{*1}</u>

Tokyo, Japan – Panasonic Industry Co., Ltd. ("PID") announced today that it received a notification of withdrawal of the ISO 9001 certification for the Koriyama Plant, Koriyama West Plant^{*2}, Yokkaichi Plant and South Yokkaichi Plant, as of March 22, 2024, from LRQA Limited, a certification body for the ISO 9001, as a result of the special audit conducted on the ISO 9001 certification in response to the discovery of identified instances of irregularities in the process of UL Solutions certification for electronic materials, which was initially announced to the public on January 12, 2024.

PID takes these actions seriously and will work to restore everyone's trust in our company. PID will take countermeasures based on the report from an external investigation committee and will make every effort to promptly reinstate its certifications.

1. Withdrawal of ISO 9001 certification

[Scope subject to withdrawal]

- Registration number: ISO 9001 0065135-501
- Applicable plant: Koriyama Plant, Koriyama West Plant^{*2}
- Applicable scope^{*3}: Design/development and manufacture of copper-clad laminates and prepregs for printed wiring boards, laminates for electrical purposes and mass laminated panels for multilayer printed wiring boards.
- Registration number: ISO 9001 0065083-501
- Applicable plant: Yokkaichi Plant, South Yokkaichi Plant
- Applicable scope^{*3}: Design and manufacture of thermosetting molding compounds, thermoplastic molding compounds, encapsulation molding compounds, liquid resin materials. Design and manufacture of copper-clad laminates for printed wiring boards, flexible copper-clad laminates for flexible printed wiring boards.

[Applicable standard subject to withdrawal] ISO 9001:2015 / JIS Q 9001:2015

[Effective Date] March 22, 2024

2. PID's response plan:

PID will communicate directly with customers who have purchased the identified products and discuss future actions. Please submit any inquiries regarding PID's products at the following websites:

(Japanese) https://industrial.panasonic.com/jp/notice/em240118 (English) https://industrial.panasonic.com/ww/notice/em240118 (Chinese) https://industrial.panasonic.cn/ea/notice/em240118

*1 ISO 9001 is the international standard for quality management systems.

- *2 Koriyama West Plant is subject to the withdrawal of ISO 9001 certification because it shares the same registration number as Koriyama Plant. Koriyama West Plant is not subject to the irregularities of the third-party certification announced on January 12, 2024.
- *3 The description of the scope is based on ISO 9001 certifications and does not match the designation of electric material products in the irregularities of the third-party certification announced on January 12, 2024.

About Panasonic Industry Co., Ltd.

Panasonic Industry Co., Ltd. was established on April 1, 2022 as an operating company in charge of the device business within the Panasonic Group in line with its shift to an operating company system. The mission of the company states that "We will open the way to a better future and continue to contribute to an affluent society through a variety of device technologies." On a global basis, the company has about 42,000 employees and achieved net sales of 1,149.9 billion yen for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023. Against the backdrop of a labor shortage in manufacturing, the explosion of data with the rise of the information-based society, and greater demands for the environment and safety for the mobility society, the company will focus on areas where ongoing evolution is required and continue to provide customer value with distinctive features of unique material and process technologies such as capacitors, compact servomotors, EV relays, and electronic materials. Learn more about Panasonic Industry at <u>https://www.panasonic.com/global/industry</u>.