

Topics

Strengthening the Tire Retail Business

In October 2002, I.C.S. Co., Ltd., which handles auto parts such as tires and aluminum wheel, acquired ownership of the large-scale car parts and accessory store Pit 100 Fujioka. We plan to open more stores, mainly in the northern Kanto area, as it expands the business to provide total automotive service.

Overseas, we will reinforce our tire retail business in Japan, North America, and Europe by developing our franchisee network and by acquiring distributors through our subsidiaries, such as Am-Pac Tire Distributors in North America and Stapleton's (Tyre Services) in Europe.



Opening "Pit 100 Fujioka"

Proactive Development of Resin Product Business in Asia

Jointly with Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd., we established Sumipex (Thailand) Co., Ltd. as a manufacturer and retailer of acrylic sheets. It began operations in August 2002. With annual production capacity of 8,400 tons, we expect sales to reach ¥2.5 billion in one to two years. Acrylic sheets carry superb characteristics of transparency and weather resistance and are widely used in signboards and soundproof walls. The demand for acrylic sheets is increasing particularly in Asia. Having developed a supply system in Asia ahead of other competitors, we are proactively developing this business.

We also plan to add capacity to compound manufacturer Hexa Color (Thailand) Ltd. and polypropylene film manufacturer Shanghai Jinpu Plastic Packaging Material Co., Ltd. (China) as we respond to the growth in demand for synthetic resins in Asia.



Aquarium display using acrylic sheet

Organization

Chemicals, Forest Products & General Merchandise Company

Planning & Coordinating Dept.

Accounting, Affiliates Administration & Credit Control Dept.

Forest Products & General Merchandise Division

Wood Products & Materials Dept.

Paper Materials & Products Dept.

Tire & Rubber Dept.

General Merchandise Dept.

Chemicals Division

Organic Chemicals Dept.

Inorganic Chemicals Dept.

Plastics Dept.

Products & Services

- Logs
- Lumber
- Wooden building materials
- Wood chips
- Wood pulp
- Recycled paper
- Paper
- Paper products
- Natural rubber
- Tires
- Furniture
- Shoes
- Glass
- Cement
- Olefin
- Aromatics
- Raw materials for synthetic resins
- Raw materials for synthetic fibers
- Organic chemicals
- Methanol
- Ethanol
- Solvents
- Specialty chemicals
- Inorganic chemicals
- Chemical fertilizers
- Polyvinyl chloride
- Polyolefin
- Synthetic rubbers
- Carbon black
- Thermoplastic and thermosetting resins
- Resin additives