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RENOVA, Inc.

## **RENOVA Announces Start of Operations at Morinomiya Biomass Power Plant (Sendai Gamo Biomass)**

RENOVA, Inc. (Chuo-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President & CEO: Yosuke Kiminami; hereafter, “RENOVA”) is pleased to announce that the Morinomiya Biomass Power Plant (Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture / Installed capacity: 75.0 MW), in which RENOVA has a stake, started operation on November 18, 2023.

This power plant has a generation capacity of 75.0 MW and is fueled by wood pellets and palm kernel shells (PKS). Preparations for this facility were made by Morinomiya Biomass Energy G.K., which is jointly funded by RENOVA, United Purpose Management Inc. (Akita City, Akita Prefecture; Representative Director and CEO: Hisaki Hirano), Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director President and Executive Officer: Toshiro Mitsuyoshi), Mizuho Leasing Co., Ltd. (Minato-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO Akira Nakamura), and RenoDa Partners G.K.<sup>\*1</sup>.

The northern part of the Gamo area—where the plant is located—was once home to approximately 3,000 residents, but around 80% of the approximately 1,500 houses in the area were either washed away or completely destroyed by the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami, which claimed many lives. The area was later designated as a disaster hazard area in accordance with the Sendai City Earthquake Disaster Reconstruction Plan, and has since been transformed into a major industrial center next to Sendai Port, as part of the Land Readjustment Project for Reconstruction of Disaster-affected Urban Areas in Northern Gamo.

In constructing the biomass power plant at this site, Morinomiya Biomass Energy G.K. has been proceeding with the project with consideration for the local community’s desire for the development of their hometown, and for it to be part of the revitalization of the local economy. As part of this effort, an exhibition room called “Gamo Nakano Nostalgia Museum<sup>\*3</sup>” is planned to be installed inside the power plant, showing what the area was like before the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Going forward, we will operate the power plant while prioritizing coexistence with the local community and safety. We will seek to contribute to the achievement of a decarbonized society in cooperation with local residents and other stakeholders.



(Morinomiya Biomass Power Plant / Photo taken in October 2023)

[Overview of Morinomiya Biomass Power Plant]

Operator	Morinomiya Biomass Energy G.K.
Construction site	4-1-1 Gamo, Miyagino, Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture
Generation capacity	75.0 MW
Annual power transmission volume	Approx. 553,300,000 kWh (equivalent to the annual power consumption of approximately 170,000 households)
Power sales unit price	¥24 per kWh
Operation commencement	Saturday, November 18, 2023
Sponsors	RENOVA, Inc. (29.0%)* <sup>2</sup> , United Corporation (25.0%), Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (15.0%), Mizuho Leasing Co., Ltd. (17.0%), RenoDa Partners G.K. (14.0%)* <sup>1</sup>

\*1 A godo kaisha (Japanese LLC) affiliated with the Daiwa Securities Group.

\*2 RENOVA holds the right to additionally acquire equity (total 31.0%) in the special purpose company owned by some co-sponsors, on or after the date of completion of the Morinomiya Biomass Power Plant, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding on Transfer of Equity Related to Morinomiya Biomass Energy G.K.

\*3 Planned to open to the public in March 2024.

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