



News Release

Sekisui House acquired Almetax shares

Osaka, November 9, 2004 – Sekisui House, Ltd. is pleased to announce the following acquisition of additional shares in Almetax Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Almetax, Head Office: Osaka, President & CEO: Tatsuya Hikima, Stock Code: 5928)

1. Date and method of acquisition: November 9, 2004, acquired on the Osaka Securities Exchange (J-NET)
2. Number of shares acquired: 1,326,500 shares
3. Total number of shares held by the company after this acquisition:
This acquisition combined with its existing 1,213,947 common shares (10.19%) brings its holdings to 2,540,447 (21.32%) of Almetax's total outstanding shares, making Sekisui House the largest shareholder.
4. Purpose:
Sekisui House has a long-term business relationship with Almetax in such processed products as aluminum building materials and exteriors. Through this acquisition of additional shares, Sekisui House becomes a stalwart Almetax shareholder, which will strengthen the association between the two companies.

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