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Increase in Catalyst Production Capacity in India

Approx. 30% increase in production capacity of catalysts for motorcycles at Indian manufacturing and sales subsidiary Mitsui Kinzoku Components India Pvt. Ltd.

Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co. Ltd. (President: Keiji Nishida; “Mitsui Kinzoku,” hereinafter) is pleased to announce that it has decided to increase the production capacity of Mitsui Kinzoku Components India Pvt. Ltd. (“MKCI,” hereinafter), a subsidiary of Mitsui Kinzoku in Haryana State, India, through which Mitsui Kinzoku manufactures and distributes catalysts for vehicle exhaust emissions.

India leads the world motorcycles market with an annual growth rate of 4–5%, and Mitsui Kinzoku’s Catalyst Div. has been manufacturing and selling exhaust emission catalysts for motorcycles at two facilities in India; at No. 1 Plant (in Harayana State) since 2005, and at No. 2 Plant (in Gujarat State) since 2015.

On this occasion, Mitsui Kinzoku has decided to double the production capacity of No. 2 Plant and increase production capacity (in combination with No. 1 Plant) by approx. 30% overall. By doing so, Mitsui Kinzoku will seek to build a foundation for a more stable supply network, enabling it to respond to increases in demand in a timely manner.

Location	Sanand Industrial Park, Gujarat State (30km from Ahmadabad, the largest city in the state)
Site area	20,900m ²
Building expansion area	Approx. 3,000m ²
Employees	Around 115 (as of April 2018)
Date of completion of expansion work	July 2019 (planned)
Start of operations	December 2019 (planned)

Under its slogan of Material Intelligence, Mitsui Kinzoku will continue to ensure stable quality and sufficient supply for its customers by utilizing catalyst activity mechanism analysis, catalytic particle control technologies, slurry technologies and Precious metal loading technologies and will take necessary actions for future market demand.

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[List of catalyst production locations]



No.	Company name (abbreviation) / plant name	Country	Established (Start of operations)
1	Kamioka Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd. / Catalyst Plant	Japan	January 1982
2	Mitsui Kinzoku Catalysts (Thailand) Co., Ltd. (MKCT)	Thailand	February 1995
3	Mitsui Kinzoku Components India Pvt. Ltd. (MKCI) No. 1 Plant	India	June 2005
4	Mitsui Kinzoku Catalyst Zhuhai Co., Ltd. (MKCZ)	China	September 2006
5	PT. Mitsui Kinzoku Catalysts Jakarta (MKCJ)	Indonesia	December 2011
6	Mitsui Kinzoku Catalysts Vietnam Co., Ltd (MKCV)	Vietnam	February 2013
7	Mitsui Kinzoku Catalysts America Inc. (MKCA)	USA	July 2013
8	Mitsui Kinzoku Components India Pvt. Ltd. (MKCI) No. 2 Plant	India	October 2015 (Start of mass production)