

**February 7, 2023**

## **Sumitomo Riko Hosetex Wins Caterpillar Supplier Excellence Award**

Sumitomo Riko Company Limited (Headquarters: Nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi; President & CEO: Kazushi Shimizu) is honored to announce that Sumitomo Riko Hosetex, Ltd. (Headquarters: Ayabe-shi, Kyoto; President: Hirokazu Ninagawa), an industrial hose manufacture and sales group company, has received a Caterpillar Supplier Excellence Award (Product Support and Logistics) from Caterpillar Inc. (Headquarters: Texas, USA; Chairman and CEO: Jim Umpleby), the world's largest manufacturer of construction and mining equipment, off-highway diesel and natural gas engines, industrial gas turbines and diesel-electric locomotives.



(From the left) Mr. Kanetake, Managing Executive Officer, Sumitomo Riko Hosetex, Mr. Tsuchida, President, Tsuchida Sangyo and Mr. Douglas Gillespie, Vice President SD&D Procurement, Caterpillar

Caterpillar awarded suppliers who met or exceeded rigorous requirements and achieved world-class certification levels from May 2021 through June 2022. On this occasion, Sumitomo Riko Hosetex, together with our sales representative, Tsuchida Sangyo Co., Ltd.

(Headquarters: Hyogo-ku, Kobe-shi; President: Akiyoshi Tsuchida) received the Caterpillar Excellence Award (Product Support and Logistics) in the Supplier Excellence category.

Sumitomo Riko Hosetex Managing Executive Officer Hirofumi Kanetake attended the award ceremony held in Dallas, Texas in December of 2022 on behalf of the Group. During the award ceremony, Pam Heminger, Senior Vice President of Caterpillar's Strategic Procurement and Planning Division, said, "Caterpillar's reputation for world-class products and services stands on the shoulders of our global and diverse team – and that team includes our international and diverse supply network. By working together, we can deliver on our purpose to help our customers build a better, more sustainable world."

Through our local companies in Japan and China, the Sumitomo Riko Group has been supplying hydraulic hoses and industrial hoses used in excavators and other construction equipment to Caterpillar for more than 50 years since the time of the predecessor of Caterpillar Japan LLC (Headquarters: Nishi-ku, Yokohama-shi; Executive Officer: Joe Moscato, Nobumi Toyoura, Hiroto Honda, Justin Speichinger). Currently, Sumitomo Riko Hosetex and TRFH Co., Ltd (Abbreviated: TRFH; Headquarters: Hefei, Anhui, China; President: Akihiko Urabe), the only industrial hose manufacture and sales group company in the Sumitomo Riko Group located in China, manufacture and supply products to Caterpillar.

Since commencing the manufacture of industrial hoses in 1945, the Sumitomo Riko Group has been manufacturing industrial hoses and contributing to the improvement of social infrastructure for close to 80 years. We will continue to ensure quality, reduce costs and meet deadlines while supporting the global infrastructure industry through products that satisfy all our customer's needs throughout the world.

### **<Supplier Excellence Awards>**

Caterpillar "Supplier Excellence Awards" webpage

<https://www.caterpillar.com/en/news/caterpillarNews/2022/caterpillar-recognizes-top-suppliers.html>

### **<Sumitomo Riko Hosetex Outline>**

Name: Sumitomo Riko Hosetex, Ltd.

Location: Toyosaka-cho 1, Ayabe-shi, Kyoto

Business: Manufacture and sales of hydraulic hoses and industrial hoses

Established: December 2013

Number of Employees: 393 (as at the end of December 2022)

## <TRFH Outline>

Name: TRFH Co., Ltd.

Location: Hefei, Anhui, China

Business: Manufacture and sales of hydraulic hoses

Established: April 2004

Number of Employees: 716 (as at the end of December 2022)

## About Us-----

Founded in 1929, Sumitomo Riko is a manufacturing company headquartered in Nagoya-shi, Aichi, Japan. We changed our name from Tokai Rubber Industries, Ltd. in 2014. In the field of "Automotive (Mobility)", we manufacture anti-vibration rubber parts, in which we have a leading global share, as well as rubber and resin hoses, urethane sound controlling & insulation products, and interior equipment. We are also applying the technologies we have accumulated in automobile parts development to expand our business in the fields of "Infrastructure and Housing environment", "Electronics", and "Healthcare". Utilizing our global network in more than 20 countries, we aim to be a "Global Excellent Manufacturing Company" that contributes to the safety, comfort, and environment of people worldwide.

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