

Construction of new plant at Mexican automotive anti-vibration rubber production base

Sumitomo Riko Company Limited (Head Office: Komaki, Aichi Prefecture, President and COO: Tetsu Matsui) has decided to construct a second Plant at its Mexican automotive anti-vibration rubber manufacturing subsidiary TRI Anvis México, S.A.P.I. de C.V. (TRAM).



View of new plant (Illustration only)

In recent years, a succession of Japanese auto manufacturers and other leading global car producers has expanded into Mexico, where rapid growth and development in the auto industry is anticipated against the background of vigorous demand. The Sumitomo Riko Group has also positioned expansion in that country as a key strategy in its North American business.

TRAM was launched in December 2013 by the merger between the Sumitomo Riko Group's local subsidiary founded in 2012 and that of German automotive anti-vibration rubber manufacturer Anvis Group GmbH founded in the following year. This automotive anti-vibration rubber production base has been manufacturing and supplying a range of products. To meet rising demand in the continually expanding Mexican market, however, it has become imperative to secure new production capacity.

The location of the new plant will be close to the existing Plant in the state of Queretaro, with its favorable access to areas where numerous automotive makers are concentrated, and offers potential for future plant expansion, too. By building this plant, the Sumitomo Riko Group will expand its production capacity and, through more in-house production, strengthen its price competitiveness. In doing so, it will construct a system that can manufacture and supply high quality products more efficiently for the automobile market of the entire American continent, including North, Central and South America.

<Outline of TRAM>

Name: TRI Anvis México, S.A.P.I. de C.V. (TRAM)

Address: Bernard Quintana Parque Industrial, El Marques, Queretaro, Mexico

Line of Business: Manufacture and sale of automotive anti-vibration rubbers

Capital: 439 million pesos

Investment ratio: Anvis Netherlands BV 43.0%, Sumitomo Riko 37.2%, TRI America, Inc. 19.8% (planned for April 2016)

Established: October 1993

Representative: Olaf Hahn, President (CEO, Anvis)

Employees: 390 (as of end March 2015)

Factory area: Site; about 14,400 m², Floor space: about 8,000 m²

Sales: About US\$34.5 million (fiscal 2014)

<Outline of TRAM Second Plant>

Address: El Marques, Queretaro, Mexico

Factory area: Site; about 80,000 m², Floor space; about 8,000 m²

Capital: US\$21 million

Sales: US\$50 million (expected in 2018)

Production capacity: US\$60 million

Operational launch: February 2017 (planned)



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