

June 2024

WATANABE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.

President and CEO

Koichi Hiwatashi

Merger announcement

WATANABE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD. announces the absorption type of merger with its subsidiary, HAKKO TSUSHO CO., LTD., on 1st June 2024. WATANABE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. succeeded substantially all of the assets, liabilities, and contractual status of HAKKO TSUSHO CO., LTD.

All businesses and functions of HAKKO TSUSHO CO., LTD. 's headquarters and Kashima plant will continue as before as the HAKKO TSUSHO division of WATANABE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. We will provide ever-better products and services through this merger and appreciate your continued support.

1. Purpose of the merger

The integration of WATANABE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD., which specializes in high-mix, low-volume production of amino acid derivatives and reagents for peptide synthesis, and HAKKO TSUSHO CO., LTD., which has extensive industrialization experience and facilities capable of commercial production, will enable the handling of gram scale to ton scale production and high synergy is expected. Sharing production facilities and technologies will also improve management efficiency.

2. Outline of the merger

Date of merger agreement	1 st April 2024
Effective date	1 st June 2024

3. Method of the merger

WATANABE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. is the surviving company and HAKKO TSUSHO CO., LTD. is the dissolving company.

4. Allocations relating to the merger

Because this is a merger of a wholly owned subsidiary, no shares were issued.

5. Overview of the Parties to the merger

	The surviving company	The dissolving company
Name	WATANABE CHEMICAL	HAKKO TSUSHO CO., LTD.

	INDUSTRIES, LTD.	
Principal office	2-2-5 Sakaimachi Naka-ku, Hiroshima-city, Hiroshima	2-7-6 Kayabacyo-Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
Name and title of representatives	Koichi Hiwatashi President and CEO	Koichi Hiwatashi President and CEO
Principal businesses	Manufacturing & selling of reagents for peptide synthesis and amino acid derivatives	Contract/custom manufacturing including synthetic research of development products, and domestic sales and import/export of chemicals
Capital amount	20 million yen	20 million yen
Stake holder	Asahi Techno Research Co., Ltd. 100%	WATANABE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. 100%
Fiscal term	June	May

6. Status after the merger (after 1st June 2024)

	The surviving company	
Name	WATANABE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.	
Principal office	2-2-5 Sakaimachi Naka-ku, Hiroshima-city, Hiroshima	
Name and title of representative	Koichi Hiwatashi President and CEO	
Principal businesses	Manufacturing & selling of reagents for peptide synthesis and amino acid derivatives (HAKKO TSUSHO division of WATANABE CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.) Contract/custom manufacturing including synthetic research of development products, and domestic sales and import/export of chemicals	
Capital amount	20 million yen	
Stake holder	Asahi Techno Research Co., Ltd. 100%	
Fiscal term	June	