Osaka Gas Decides to Builda Biomass Power Plant That aims for Harmony with the Local Community in Hyuga City, Miyazaki Prefecture

 By utilizing domestically grown wood chips supplied by Green Power Fuel, a subsidiary of Osaka Gas —

> April 15, 2021 Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.

Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. (Representative Director and President: Masataka Fujiwara, hereinafter "Osaka Gas") has decided to build a biomass power plant with a generation capacity of 50 MW in Hyuga City, Miyazaki Prefecture (hereinafter "the project"), jointly with ITOCHU Corporation (hereinafter "ITOCHU"), Tokyo Century Corporation (hereinafter "Tokyo Century"), and Tokyo Energy & Systems Inc. (hereinafter "Tokyo Energy & Systems"). The project will be operated in harmony with the local community.

Build and operation of the project will be undertaken by Hyuga Biomass Power Generation Co., Ltd. (hereinafter "Hyuga Biomass Power Generation"), which is jointly owned by Osaka Gas (35%), Aoyama Solar Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of ITOCHU (hereinafter "Aoyama Solar") (35%), Tokyo Century (25%), and Tokyo Energy & Systems (5%). The project aims to start operation in November 2024.

In the project, Green Power Fuel Corporation (hereinafter "GPF"),\*1 a subsidiary of Osaka Gas, will supply domestically grown wood chips over the long term as part of fuel to aims for harmony with the local community in offering renewable energy. Hakko Transportation Co., Ltd. (hereinafter "Hakko Transportation"), which is headquartered in Hyuga City, will offer full support in unloading, storing, and transporting fuel, including imported wood pellets.

Osaka Gas has been studying measures to help improve the resilience of the local community by supplying electric power generated by the project to the grid in the local area in the event of an emergency, such as a natural disaster.

In operation of the project, Daigas Gas and Power Solution Co., Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Osaka Gas (hereinafter "DGPS"), will undertake technical support and project management support.

The Daigas Group will contribute to spreading renewable energy power sources worth 5,000 MW\*2\*3 in and outside Japan, including in-house development and ownership and procurement from other companies, by FY2031.3. It will also aim to increase the percentage of renewable energy in Daigas Group's power portfolio in Japan to about 50%.\*2

The Daigas Group aims to be a corporate group that powers continuous advancement of customers' lives and businesses. The Group will continue to develop and offer technologies and services toward achieving carbon neutrality and promote efforts that contribute to the global environment in cooperation with customers.

- \*1: The information was released in "Establishment of Green Power Fuel Corporation" on March 7, 2019.
  - (https://www.osakagas.co.jp/en/whatsnew/\_\_icsFiles/afieldfile/2019/03/18/190307\_2\_1.pdf)
- \*2: Including solar, wind, and biomass power projects, which are eligible for the feed-in tariff (FIT) scheme.
- \*3: The project's contribution to spreading the renewable energy power sources, including inhouse development and ownership and procurement from other companies, is worth about 1,070 MW.

## 1. Project overview

| Name                  | Hyuga Biomass Power Plant                                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Planned site          | In Hososhima Industrial Park, Hyuga City, Miyazaki Prefecture |
| Generation capacity   | 50 MW                                                         |
| Fuel                  | Imported wood pellets, domestically produced wood chips, etc. |
| Construction          | Mitsubishi Power, Ltd.                                        |
| coordination          |                                                               |
| Fuel supplier         | ITOCHU, GPF                                                   |
| Domestic logistics*4  | Hakko Transportation                                          |
| Operation/maintenance | Tokyo Energy & Systems                                        |
| Technical support     | DGPS, Tokyo Energy & Systems                                  |
| Project management    | DGPS                                                          |
| support               |                                                               |
| Start of operation    | November, 2024 (planned)                                      |

<sup>\*4:</sup> Unloading, storage, and transport of imported wood pellets and domestically produced wood chips

## 2. Company profile

<Hyuga Biomass Power Generation>

Name Hyuga Biomass Power Generation Co., Ltd. Location 4-1-2 Hiranomachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka, Japan

Representative Koichiro Age, Representative Director and President

Establishment March 5, 2021

Ownership Osaka Gas 35%, Aoyama Solar 35%, Tokyo Century 25%, Tokyo Energy &

Systems 5%

Osaka Gas

Name Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.

Location of 4-1-2 Hiranomachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka, Japan

head office

Representative Masataka Fujiwara, Representative Director and President

Capital 132,166.66 million yen

Establishment April 10, 1897

Business Manufacture, supply and sale of gas; generation, supply and sale of

description electricity, etc.

**GPF** 

Name Green Power Fuel Corporation

Location of 3-5-11 Doshomachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka, Japan

head office

Representative Koichiro Age, Representative Director and President

Shareholder Osaka Gas 55%, Seishin Shinrin Shigen 35%, Nippon Paper Lumber 10%

composition

Capital, etc. 50 million yen
Establishment March 7, 2019

Business Procurement and sales of domestically produced wood fuel

description

**DGPS** 

Name Daigas Gas and Power Solution Co., Ltd.

Location of 3-5-11 Doshomachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka, Japan

head office

Representative Nobushige Goto, Representative Director and President

Capital, etc. 100 million yen
Establishment October 1, 2019

Business Operation and maintenance of gas plants and power plants, power

description generation and electricity supply, engineering