

Osaka Gas's Investment in Small- and Medium-Sized Solar Power Plants (82 Sites) Developed by the Takara
Leben Group

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Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.

Takara Leben Co., Ltd.

Leven Clean Energy Co., Ltd.

Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. (President: Masataka Fujiwara, hereinafter "Osaka Gas") today made an investment in Leben Energy NO.1 GK (hereinafter the "operating company"), which owns and operates 82 small- and medium-sized solar power plants (with a total power production capacity of approximately 35,500 kW, hereinafter "the power plants") developed by Leben Clean Energy Co., Ltd. (CEO: Tetsuo Funamoto, hereinafter "LCE"), which is an associated company of Takara Leben Co., Ltd. (Representative Director: Kazuichi Shimada, hereinafter "Takara Leben") and develops commercial solar power plants across Japan.

The operating company has been jointly invested in by Takara Leben, LCE, Ricoh Leasing Co., Ltd., and ACA Bridge GK (hereinafter "ACAB"), and Osaka Gas became an additional investor by acquiring part of the stake held by ACAB.

Considering that the land available for large-scale development of solar power plants is decreasing, Osaka Gas is actively allying with excellent developers to develop commercial solar power plants, mainly small- and medium-sized ones, at multiple sites and become a joint owner. Osaka Gas's investment in the operating company this time is in line with this strategy. In addition, Osaka Gas will take over all the electricity produced at the solar power plants, aiming to increase the supply of renewable energy to customers that aim to achieve RE100 and promote ESG management.

On the other hand, the Takara Leben Group has been promoting its energy business through the development and operation of renewable energy assets, mainly the development of small-scale solar power plants in Japan by LCE, and in order to establish a business model that does not rely on the FIT system,^{*1} it is promoting collaboration with partners that have a strong foundation in the electric power business.

Besides this investment, Osaka Gas and the Takara Leben Group have also agreed on continuous collaboration. They will leverage Osaka Gas's strong foundation in the electric power business and LCE's development capability to jointly develop and own FIT and non-FIT solar power plants,^{*2} mainly small- and medium-sized ones.

Toward the achievement of carbon neutrality by 2050, the Daigas Group aims to contribute to increasing the use of renewable energy worth 5 GW^{*3} in Japan and overseas, including in-house development and ownership as well as procurement from other companies, by FY2030, and at present, it has contributed to that worth approximately 1.3 GW.

The Takara Leben Group is actively promoting its energy business as its second core business after the sale of real estate. Since the start of its energy business in 2013, it has steadily expanded the scale of the business. Its investment corporation is the first fund listed on the infrastructure fund market of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. As of the end of September 2021, it has an approximately 360 MW track record of in-house development and procurement of electric power.

Both groups will continue to strive to realize a carbon-neutral society through the development and supply of renewable energy.

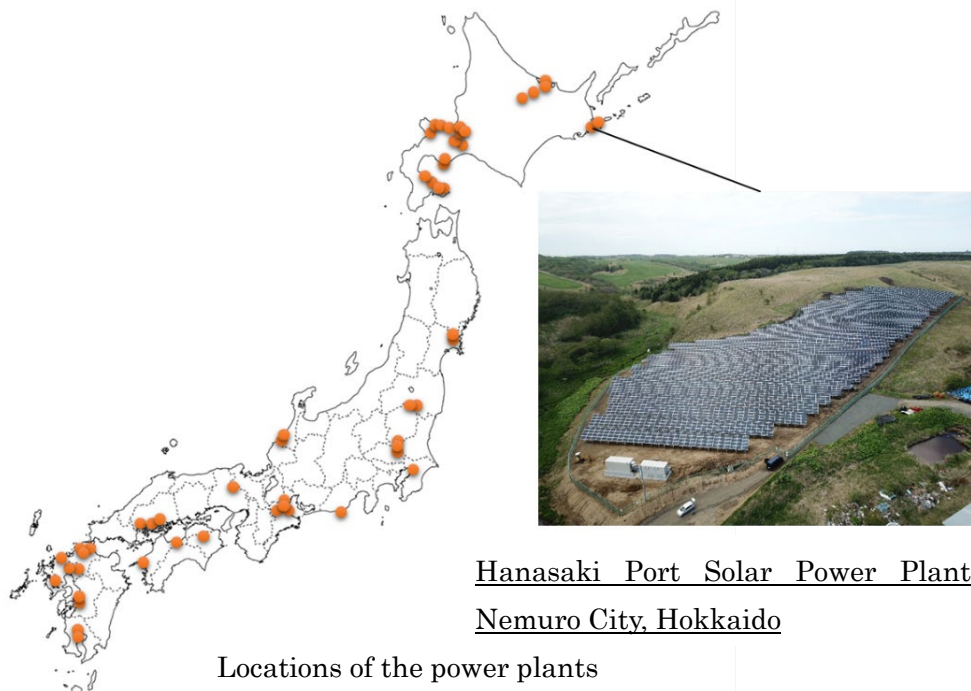
*1: A feed-in tariff program for renewable energy

*2: Renewable electricity generated at the non-FIT solar power plants is planned to be purchased by Osaka Gas over a long period.

*3: The renewable energy mentioned here includes energy from power sources to which the FIT program applies, such as solar, wind and biomass power.

1. Overview of jointly owned small- and medium-sized solar power plants

Locations	17 prefectures (Hokkaido to Kyushu)
Number of power plants	82 plants
Production capacity (total)	Approx. 35.5 MW
Start of operation	June 2018 to October 2020



2. Company profile

<Leben Energy NO.1 GK>

Company name	Leben Energy NO.1 GK
Headquarters	1-8-8 Harumi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
Representative	Representative employee: General Incorporated Association CE Management Officer performing duties: Kenzo Yamamoto
Establishment	July 19, 2021
Main business	Ownership and management of solar power plants

<Osaka Gas>

Company name	Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.
Headquarters	4-1-2 Hiranomachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka
Representative	Masataka Fujiwara, Representative Director and President
Capital	132.16666 billion yen
Establishment	April 10, 1897
Main business	Production, supply and sale of gas; generation and sale of electricity, etc.

<Takara Leben>

Company name	Takara Leben Co., Ltd.
Headquarters	Tekko Building 16F, 1-8-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Representative	Kazuichi Shimada, Representative Director
Capital	4,819 million yen
Establishment	September 21, 1972
Main business	Planning, development and sale of own-brand "Leben" and "Nebel" series condominiums and detached houses, energy business, hotel business, rebuilding and redevelopment business, sale of overseas real estate, etc.

<LCE>

Company name	Leven Clean Energy Co., Ltd.
Headquarters	1-8-8 Harumi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
Representative	Tetsuo Funamoto, Chairman and Representative Director
Capital	1,305 million yen
Establishment	March 29, 2016
Main business	Business related to planning, design, construction and management of facilities for the sale of renewable electricity and associated facilities and systems, and consulting services related to them, etc.