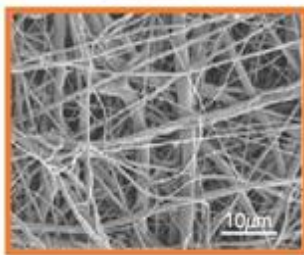


Mitsui Chemicals Expands Production Facilities for Meltblown Nonwovens

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (Tokyo: 4183; President & CEO: TANNOWA Tsutomu) has expanded its production facilities for meltblown nonwovens at wholly owned subsidiary Sunrex Industry Co., Ltd. (President: YUASA Hiroshi), starting operations at the new facilities here this January. The move comes as an effort to respond to growing demand for industrial-use meltblown nonwovens, and will increase the Mitsui Chemicals Group's overall production capacity for these materials by 50 percent.

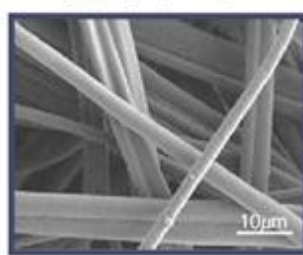
SYNTEX™MB

nano



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standard



Sunrex Industry's plant

Overview of facility expansion and Sunrex Industry:

1	Products	Meltblown nonwovens (product name: SYNTEX™ MB)	
2	Company name	Sunrex Industry Co., Ltd.	
3	Location	1 Asakecho, Yokkaichi, Mie Prefecture, 512-8501	
4	Business	Production of nonwovens and nonwoven-related products	
5	Establishment	1986	
6	Capital	240 million yen (100% owned by Mitsui Chemicals)	
7	Scale of expansion	Single line (50% increase)	
8	Expansion schedule	Start of construction	August 2018
		End of construction	June 2019
		Start of business operations	January 2020

Mitsui Chemicals is positioning its nonwovens business as a growth sector, making efforts here to supply high-quality nonwovens as industrial materials for a variety of applications. This includes use in car seats (product name: TAFNEL™), masks (product name: SYNTEX™) and agricultural sheets (product name: SYNTEX™). With particular respect to SYNTEX™ MB nano, marketing efforts are going toward use in filters and other such applications that will take advantage of the meltblown nonwovens line's superfine fibers, which are no more than several hundred nanometers in diameter.

Through this latest facility expansion, Mitsui Chemicals plans to further bolster and grow its business for nonwovens going forward.