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**Lithium Energy Japan Steadily Increasing Lithium-ion Battery Production
Mitsubishi Motors Selects Batteries for New i-MiEV High-end Model G**

Lithium Energy Japan (LEJ) announced today that its lithium-ion battery LEV50 has been selected by Mitsubishi Motors Corporation to power the long-range, high-end G model (16 kWh battery capacity) of its next-generation electric vehicle, i-MiEV. LEJ's batteries powered previous models of the i-MiEV and will continue to power new models. Mitsubishi Motors has also selected LEJ's batteries to power the long-range version (16 kWh battery capacity) of its MINICAB-MiEV light commercial vehicle slated to go on sale in winter 2011.

LEJ began mass producing lithium-ion batteries in June 2009 at its Kusatsu Plant in Shiga Prefecture, Japan. It has increased production every year since while engineering performance improvements and enhancing quality. LEJ plans to increase battery production to 50,000 units annually in fiscal 2012 after completion of the Ritto Plant in Shiga Prefecture, now under construction and scheduled to come online in April 2012.

Since LEJ's lithium-ion battery was first adopted for Mitsubishi Motors' i-MiEV in June 2009, it has also been chosen for PSA Peugeot Citroën's iOn and C-Zero vehicles, along with Mitsubishi Motors' MINICAB-MiEV (16 kWh battery capacity), and PSA Peugeot Citroën's electric vehicles Partner and Berlingo. LEJ is actively marketing the batteries to automakers in order to expand their adoption.

The GS Yuasa Group has accumulated more than a decade of knowhow in large lithium-ion battery development, covering such special applications as aircraft and space vehicles, as well as industrial applications such as automated guided vehicles and regenerative electric energy storage system for railways. The Group intends make maximal use of this experience in meeting burgeoning demand for electric and hybrid vehicle batteries, while also expanding industrial applications. This will also help to lower the environmental impact of vehicles and industrial equipment.

Images

1. i-MiEV model G



2. Lithium-ion Battery Cell and Module



LEJ's Lithium-ion Battery Production Capacity

Year	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
Annual production capacity*	1,900 units	9,000 units	18,000 units	50,000 units

*Production capacity in terms of i-MiEV vehicles

Overview of LEJ Production Sites

Plant	Kusatsu	Kyoto	Ritto
Location	Kusatsu City, Shiga Prefecture	Minami-ku, Kyoto City (within GS Yuasa head office site)	Ritto City, Shiga Prefecture
Annual production capacity (in terms of i-MiEV vehicles)	6,800 units	11,000 units	50,000 units
Start of shipments	June 2009	December 2010	April 2012

Overview of LEJ

1. Company name	Lithium Energy Japan	
2. Establishment	December 12, 2007	
3. Head office	1, Inobanba-cho, Nishinosho, Kisshoin, Minami-ku, Kyoto, Japan	
4. Capital	¥8.5 billion	
5. Shareholders	GS Yuasa International Ltd.	51.0%
	Mitsubishi Corporation	41.9%
	Mitsubishi Motors Corporation	7.1%
6. Business description	Development, manufacturing and sales of large lithium-ion batteries	