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NITTOKU Chosen for the New Global Niche Top Companies Selection 100

NITTOKU has been selected today for inclusion in the New Global Niche Top Companies Selection 100, which involves receiving the approval of Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI).

In March 2014, NITTOKU was included in the Global Niche Top Company Selection 100.

During the six years since then, the operating environment has become increasingly global and complex. NITTOKU is honored to be chosen by METI as one of the 100 companies that is successful in today's extremely challenging business climate. The NITTOKU Group has a strong commitment to meeting the high expectations associated with this selection.

NITTOKU is constantly taking actions concerning the Sustainable Development Goals, environmental, social and governance issues, and the elimination of carbon. Progress in these areas requires the production of many types of devices. This includes devices essential for the use of clean energy that replaces energy from combustion, effective and safe devices for medical care and healthy living, and devices that enable people to enjoy safe and fulfilling lives. Equally important is the development and manufacture of equipment and systems for labor-saving automated production operations and for improving efficiency and quality.

In recent years, NITTOKU has been upgrading and developing a variety of automated production technologies in response to changes in the economic and business climate. These activities encompass control, transfer, handling, image processing, RFID, sensing, communications and many other fields. Operations extend well beyond creating production lines by combining processing and automated machines. NITTOKU supplies transfer lines capable of total control as a platform built using integral architecture for these machines. The result is highly productive production lines. In addition, NITTOKU is expanding its global support infrastructure in order to meet customers' requirements for production systems with the flexibility for changing the types and numbers of items that are manufactured. The goal of all these activities is to play a role in increasing worldwide the number of "smart" factories with substantial added value.

Structural reforms are needed in the manufacturing sector as the world advances to the fourth industrial revolution. NITTOKU is constantly looking for small and midsize companies with outstanding technologies that are globally competitive in niche markets. The aim is to use alliances to continue to provide frameworks for renewed growth.

NITTOKU will continue to develop systems for the most effective use possible of the world's resources and technologies based on the "culture of manufacturing" in global niche sectors. The entire NITTOKU Group is dedicated to using business activities for contributing to environmental safety and protection as well as sustainable growth for society.

■ New Global Niche Top Companies Selection 100

URL: https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/mono_info_service/mono/gnt100/index.html

■ Impact on results of operations

This matter will have only a negligible effect on the NITTOKU Group's results of operations.