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Zeon invests in Inkbit, a U.S. startup developing 3D inkjet printer systems

Zeon Corporation

Zeon Corporation (Zeon; head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Tetsuya Toyoshima), through its venture capital arm Zeon Ventures Inc. (California, U.S.A.; representative: Yoshihiro Kagawa), has invested in Inkbit Corporation (Inkbit), a U.S. startup developing high-precision, multi-material 3D inkjet printing systems. Through this investment, Zeon intends to create new applications for its products and develop new materials.

Inkbit developed Vision-Controlled Jetting™ (VCJ), a multi-material 3D inkjet printing system capable of scaling seamlessly from prototyping to volume production on the same platform. VCJ is designed for volume manufacturing of 3D printed parts made from polymers with multiple properties. It enables production of high-precision parts using an integrated 3D scanning system to control the generation of layers in real time.

Through this investment, Zeon intends to utilize VCJ to create new applications for its products and develop new materials, expected to be applied across diverse sectors including robotics, healthcare, mobility, industrial automation, and defense. Zeon will also support the further growth of Inkbit and explore potential collaborations with the company by sharing various assets of the Zeon Group.

Zeon is striving toward achieving the STAGE30 medium-term business plan target of increasing net sales of new businesses by 60 billion yen in fiscal 2030 (compared to fiscal 2019). The company also continues its commitment to realizing a sustainable Earth and safe and comfortable life for people through the investment in and support for startups in four key areas (healthcare and life sciences, CASE and MaaS*, telecommunications (5G/6G), and energy conservation) and the provision of indispensable products and services that contribute to realizing a sustainable society.



Outline of Inkbit

Company name: Inkbit Corporation
Business: Development of high-precision, multi-material 3D inkjet printing systems
Representative: Davide Marini
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URL: <https://inkbit3d.com/>

Outline of Zeon Ventures

Company name: Zeon Ventures Inc.
Business: Investment in startup companies and other activities
Representative: Yoshihiro Kagawa
Address: 25 Metro Drive, Suite 238, San Jose, California 95110, U.S.A.
Investment scale: US\$ 50 million
URL: <https://www.zeon.ventures/>

Reference: <https://www.zeon.co.jp/en/news/assets/pdf/220207.pdf> (press release)

*CASE: Connected, Autonomous, Shared & Services, and Electric; MaaS: Mobility as a Service

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