

September 3, 2026

Zeon establishes Zeon Chemicals Kurashiki to take over the acrylic rubber business of Tohpe Corporation

Zeon Corporation (Zeon; head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Tetsuya Toyoshima) established Zeon Chemicals Kurashiki Co., Ltd. ("the new company") on July 23, 2026, to take over the acrylic rubber business of Group company Tohpe Corporation (Tohpe). On August 21, Tohpe and the new company entered into an absorption-type company split agreement. Accordingly, Zeon today initiated the procedures required under the Companies Act. By positioning the new company as a key manufacturing site for Zeon's specialty rubber business, one of its core businesses, Zeon aims to further bolster its competitiveness and enhance the corporate value of the entire Group. The new company is scheduled to begin operations on October 30, 2026.

Acrylic rubber is a type of specialty rubber offering excellent heat resistance and is used in automotive parts such as oil seals and hoses. With four manufacturing sites in Japan, the United States, and Thailand, the Zeon Group has established a global supply system for the product.

On May 11, 2026, Zeon announced the transfer of its shares in Tohpe to NATOCO Co., Ltd. (NATOCO; head office: Miyoshi City, Aichi Prefecture; President and Representative Director: Taichi Kasuya) as part of the transfer of Tohpe's paints business to NATOCO.* The acrylic rubber business operated by Tohpe alongside its paints business continues to demonstrate strong synergy within Zeon's Elastomers Business. Going forward, we intend to further strengthen operational coordination between the new company's acrylic rubber business and our existing businesses to enhance the entire Group's corporate value.

Overview of the new company

Company name: Zeon Chemicals Kurashiki Co., Ltd.
Address: 8252-39 Tamashima-Otoshima, Kurashiki City, Okayama Prefecture, Japan
Representative: Koji Minami
Paid-in capital: JPY 10 million
Business: Manufacturing and sale of acrylic rubber, and related business activities
Major shareholder and ownership ratio: Zeon Corporation (100%)
Established: July 23, 2026

*Related Press Release

May 11, 2026

[Zeon signs agreement to sell its shares in Tohpe and transfer Tohpe's paints business to NATOCO](#)

For more information, contact:

Department of Corporate Communications, Corporate Planning Division, Zeon Corporation

Phone: +81-3-3216-2747

[Contact form](#)