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ZEON Corporation (President & CEO: Naozumi Furukawa) announced that its Specialty Plastics Division acquired ISO 9001:2000 certification, an international standard for quality management, on June 18, 2004. The Specialty Plastics Division handles the high-performance transparent thermoplastic resin Cyclo-olefin Polymer (COP, product names: ZEONEX[®] and ZEONOR[®]) and polymerized toner. With the rapidly increasing demand in recent years for COP used in precision molded products, including plastic lenses for mobile phone cameras, optical films and diffusion plates for LCDs, the quality requirements of COP products are extremely high and diversified. These same requirements are also demanded for the polymerized toner for printers and photocopiers that ZEON Corporation commercialized for the first time in the world.

Further to this satisfactory certification as standard, ZEON Corporation would strive to improve the standard of its quality management systems as well as product quality to a higher level.

All ZEON Corporation plants obtained ISO 9002 by June 1995, and the Rubber Division obtained ISO 9001:1994 in February, 1999. Subsequently, all ISO certifications were upgraded to ISO 9001:2000. The Latex Division and the Chemicals Division obtained ISO 9001:2000 in February, 2002. Having acquired ISO 9001:2000 for the Specialty Plastics Division, ZEON Corporation intends to acquire ISO certification for all business divisions as soon as possible to further improve customer satisfaction for its products and services.

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