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Kobe Steel, Ltd.

Kobe Steel subsidiary Shinko Metal Products receives JIS certification

We once again deeply apologize for the considerable trouble we have caused to our customers, suppliers, shareholders and many others concerning the misconduct at Kobe Steel, Ltd. and its group companies.

Kobe Steel, Ltd. announces that today subsidiary Shinko Metal Products Co., Ltd. has acquired JIS certification for “JIS H3300 copper and copper alloy seamless pipes and tubes” from a JIS certification body.

In relation to the announcement entitled “Improper conduct concerning a portion of the aluminum and copper products manufactured by Kobe Steel” on October 8, 2017, Shinko Metal Products underwent an examination by a certification body resulting in cancellation notices of its JIS certification for “JIS H3300 copper and copper alloy seamless pipes and tubes” on December 8, 2017, as Shinko Metal Products reported results of dimensional measurements to customers and shipped products, although such measurements had not been carried out.

In response, Shinko Metal Products undertook the rebuilding of its quality management system to regain its JIS certification. These efforts led to Shinko Metal Products obtaining JIS certification today for “JIS H3300 copper and copper alloy seamless pipes and tubes.” From now on, Shinko Metal Products will be able to supply products displaying the JIS mark. During a transition period, Shinko Metal Products will switch to delivering products with the JIS mark.

Kobe Steel and its group companies have been striving to reacquire JIS certification and lift the temporary suspension. With today’s announcement on the reacquisition of JIS certification by Shinko Metal Products, Kobe Steel believes it has completed all the necessary actions to restore its JIS certification.

Kobe Steel will continue to steadily implement recurrence prevention measures and strive to restore the trust of its customers.

The impact of this release on Kobe Steel's business performance is unclear at this time. Kobe Steel plans to make an announcement when the extent of the impact becomes clear.

Details on JIS certification

Certificate holder: Shinko Metal Products Co., Ltd.
Certification body: JIC Quality Assurance Ltd.
JIS number, product and certification number: JIS H3300 copper and copper alloy seamless pipes and tubes (QA0819001)
Certification date: March 24, 2020

Outline of Shinko Metal Products Co., Ltd.

Company name: Shinko Metal Products Co., Ltd.
Address: 2-1, Komorie 2-chome, Moji-ku, Kita-Kyushu, Fukuoka, Japan
Representative: Hiroyuki Okamoto, President
Business: Manufacture and sales of copper tubes, fabricated products, composite products and other products
Established: May 1, 1955
Capital: 200 million yen (90% owned by Kobe Steel)
Sales: 4.6 billion yen (fiscal 2018)