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## **Participation in the Joint Project “Swiftfab” Aiming to Strengthen the Storage Battery Manufacturing Equipment Industry**

HIRATA Corporation is pleased to announce that we have agreed to join Swiftfab Energy Systems, Inc. (provisional name, hereinafter “the Joint Entity”), a consortium established by equipment-related companies that are members of the Battery Association for Supply Chain (BASC\*), and will participate as a member in the joint project “Swiftfab” (hereinafter “the Project”) promoted by the Joint Entity.

### **I. Purpose of Establishing the Joint Entity**

The Joint Entity was formed by nine BASC member companies in the equipment sector with the aim of strengthening the storage battery manufacturing equipment industry. Its primary purpose is to advance the Project, which originated from BASC’s task force activities.

\*BASC: An industry association comprising 244 companies (as of November 2025) across a wide range of fields, including battery materials, equipment, manufacturing, and services, dedicated to the sound development of the entire battery supply chain. BASC promotes initiatives to address common challenges that are difficult for individual companies to solve alone, in alignment with Japan’s Battery Industry Strategy formulated by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, thereby enhancing the competitiveness of the storage battery industry—essential for achieving a decarbonized and digitally transformed society.

### **II. Overview of the Project**

“Swiftfab” is an industry-first advanced model that brings together the strengths of BASC member companies from various sectors to build a cross-industry manufacturing platform. The Project aims to reinforce Japan’s domestic supply stability and contribute to the realization of the storage battery industry strategy. Rather than optimizing individual companies, the goal is to achieve overall optimization across the industry.

The Project will jointly design and develop buildings, equipment, production systems, and integrated storage battery manufacturing lines, delivering solutions that enable the rapid establishment of high-quality battery production facilities at significantly reduced time and cost.

### III. Our Role and Contribution

To realize the cross-industry platform envisioned by the Project, effective coordination among companies working on different development themes is essential. We will play a key role in “in-process transfer” and “line simulation validation,” enabling optimization of the entire production line. Leveraging our extensive expertise in material handling solutions across diverse industries, we aim to contribute to structural transformation in the storage battery equipment sector and enhance the global competitiveness of Japan’s storage battery industry.

### IV. Impact on Our Financial Results

The impact of this initiative on our financial results is currently undetermined. Should any matters requiring disclosure arise, we will promptly announce them.

#### Reference: Project Overview

Project Name	Swiftfab (a coined term from “swift” and “fabrication”)
Entity Name	Swiftfab Energy Systems, Inc. (provisional)
Establishment Date	April 2026 (scheduled)
Location	Minato-ku, Tokyo (planned)
Joint Investors	Nine BASC member companies (Seibu Giken Co., Ltd.; Komatsu NTC Ltd.; Toshin Co., Ltd.; YUTAKA Electronics Industry Co., Ltd.; HIRATA Corporation; Hitachi, Ltd.; Ricoh Co., Ltd. (RICOH ELEMEX Corporation ); JTEKT Corporation; Taikisha Ltd.)
Business Scope	Development, design, sales, and operational support for storage battery manufacturing equipment and production lines (including lithium-ion batteries for automotive and stationary applications, and next-generation batteries)

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