

## Press Release

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### Establishment of Akishino Mold Laboratory, Ltd.

Mori Seiki has recently established the Akishino Mold Laboratory in the City of Yamatokoriyama, Nara Prefecture.

Die and mold manufacturers have their own production techniques, but usually do not release them. To the contrary, Akishino Mold Laboratory as a mold plant for Mori Seiki's customers, will make information and know-how regarding CAM, tools, peripheral equipment, machining methods available to the public. We hope that die and mold manufacturers will use Akishino as their laboratory.

Akishino Mold Laboratory's capital is 100 million Yen and will operate in an area of about 2,300 m<sup>2</sup> at Mori Seiki's Nara Campus (No. 2 Plant) with a staff of 12. Mr. Shingo Goda is assigned as General Manager of the Laboratory, which will commence operations starting May 25, 2007.

Equipments include 10 machining centers (including 5-axis machines), 2 lathes and 1 integrated mill turn center, all made by Mori Seiki. Other companies' machines include 3 wire-cut EDM machines, 3 diesinking EDM machines, 1 EBM surface finishing machine, 1 microhole EDM machine, 3 grinding machines, 4 measuring machines, 3 injection molding machines, a laser welding machine, a die spot press, etc.

Akishino Mold Laboratory is targeting for sales of 200 million Yen in its first year of operation, and 400 million Yen after 3 years. It will place emphasis rather on quality than on size of its business in order to gain knowledge about die and mold machining and to provide feedback to Mori Seiki for machine development.

Prospective customers for the laboratory are manufacturers of small and medium-sized resin molds Akishino Mold Laboratory is expecting to receive contracts for machining from these companies. By fully utilizing Mori Seiki's machine tool know-how and the latest equipment, Akishino will offer complete back-up for its customers in all areas, as a laboratory, a support center, a supplier and a showroom. The laboratory aims to offer solutions against problems our customers face during die and mold manufacturing in areas such as stock utilization, cycle time and maintenance.

Mori Seiki will take advantage of knowledge regarding die and mold machining gained through operation of this laboratory by utilizing them for development of future machines in order to win new orders.



(View of Mori Seiki's Nara Campus No. 2 Plant)



(Inside Akishino Mold Laboratory)

[Akishino Mold Laboratory, Ltd.]

Location : 106, Kitakoriyama, Yamatokoriyama, Nara  
(in Mori Seiki's Nara Campus No. 2 Plant)

Business : Design, manufacture and sale of small and medium-sized resin molds and parts

Establishment : July 13, 2006 (starts operations on May 25, 2007)

Capital : 100 million yen (wholly owned by Mori Seiki)

Employees : 12

Objective : To obtain knowledge about die and mold machining, and to provide feedback for the development of Mori Seiki machines.

Sales : 200 million yen in the first year, 400 million yen after 3 years