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## Oji Holdings Acquires AustroCel Hallein, a Biorefinery Company in Austria

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Oji Holdings Corporation (President: Hiroyuki Isono; Head Office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo) announces the signing of a share transfer agreement with TowerBrook Capital Partners (“TowerBrook”), an international investment management firm, to acquire all shares of AustroCel Hallein GmbH (Head Office: Austria; hereinafter “AustroCel”), a company engaged in the manufacturing and sales of dissolving pulp (hereinafter “DP”) and bioethanol.

AustroCel is one of Europe’s leading biorefinery companies which manufactures DP, with applications in bio-based performance chemical products and utilizes the residual streams that are generated during the production of DP to produce advanced biofuels. The business supplies bio-based products to a global customer base and operates a circular, zero waste model, which extracts the full value of wood.

Austrocel has made significant investments in recent years resulting in a highly profitable business model which is recognised by customers as a differentiated biorefining platform. In particular, AustroCel is a pioneer in the bioethanol sector, beginning commercial sales in 2021. Additionally, the company’s lignin-based hydrogel granules made from byproducts of DP, is a biodegradable solution which absorbs and subsequently releases water thereby significantly reducing irrigation needs and supporting farmers facing the ongoing challenges of climate change.

This acquisition will accelerate the transformation of our business portfolio, moving the Forest Biomass Business to the core of Oji Group, which is proposed in “Medium-Term Management Plan 2027” announced in May 2025.

\*1 Short for Renewable Energy Directive. The regulation targets the binding renewable energy used in EU to be at least 42.5% by 2030, which the percentage was elevated from REDII of 32%.

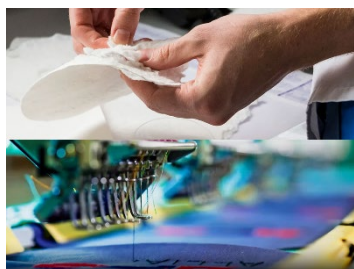
### 【AustroCel Overview】

Company Name	AustroCel Hallein GmbH
Location	Hallein, Salzburg, Austria
Business	Manufacturing and sales of dissolving pulp and biorefinery
Annual Sales	168million Euros (as of December 2024)

**【AustroCel's Business Areas】**

**BioMaterials**

commodity grade DP  
(for viscose and bio based  
fabrics)



**BioPerformance**

high-end grade DP  
(for construction,  
inks/laquers, food, pharma  
etc.)



**BioFuels**

utilizes the by-product  
from DP manufacturing  
(bioetanol, biogas etc.)



**【Impact on the Financial Results in the Current Fiscal Year】**

This matter will have a minor impact on forecast financial result for the fiscal year ending March 2026.

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