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## Investment in Next-Generation Microcrystalline Cellulose Technology — Strengthening the Microcrystalline Cellulose Business and Forest Biomass Business —

Oji Holdings (CEO: Hiroyuki Isono, Head office: Tokyo) announces the entrance into an investment agreement to subscribe for a third-party allotment of shares in Nordic Bioproducts Group Oy (hereinafter "NBG"), a company possessing innovative microcrystalline cellulose (hereinafter "MCC") technology, with the aim of building a strategic partnership.

By integrating the technologies of NBG and our company, it is possible to build an efficient manufacturing system. Establishing an integrated production system will contribute to reducing operating costs and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, leading to the realization of a sustainable and competitive production model. We will accelerate the realization of Forest Biomass Business with NBG, the developing the next-generation of advanced bio-solutions to drive the global green transformation.

### 【NBG Overview】

Company Name	Nordic Bioproducts Group Oy
Head Office	Espoo, Uusimaa, Finland
Business	Manufacture and sales of microcrystalline cellulose and R&D on advanced utilization of forest resources
Manufacturing Location	Lappeenranta, South Karelia, Finland



From right: Olli Kähkönen, CEO of NBG;  
Hiroyuki Isono, CEO of Oji Holdings



Examples of MCC Application

### 【Impact on 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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