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Daishowa Paper Manufacturing Splits Off Its Engineering & Maintenance Division and Sets Up Daishowa UniTech

Tokyo, November 1, 2001 – Daishowa Paper Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Japan’s leading pulp, paper and paperboard manufacturing firm and a member of the Nippon Unipac Holding Group, today announced the split off of its Engineering & Maintenance Division as of December 1, 2001. At the same time, the company will establish a wholly owned subsidiary, Daishowa UniTech Co., Ltd., to develop and concentrate expertise in engineering and manufacturing technology for the next generation. Funded with startup capital of ¥30 million, Daishowa UniTech will initially perform contracted maintenance work for Daishowa Paper Manufacturing’s facilities and equipment. In the near future, the new subsidiary will provide customer-oriented maintenance solutions for manufacturing facilities and equipment for other companies.

The split off of Daishowa Paper Manufacturing’s maintenance operations from the company represents the latest step in the mid-term management plans that were announced in March 2000. In accordance with these plans, the company has been carefully reviewing internal operations and will continue to study possible additional split offs and subcontracting arrangements to further streamline operations, improve productivity and shareholder value, and strengthen the company’s financial health to

ensure its continued prosperity in the fiercely competitive environment of the global marketplace.

Outline of Daishowa UniTech

Startup capital: ¥30 million

President: Masayuki Hayashi (presently Managing Director and General Manager of

Production Technology at Daishowa Paper Manufacturing)

Address: 798 Hina, Fuji-shi, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan

Employees: 170

Start of operations: December 1, 2001