



Veneno Technologies Co. Ltd., a Novel Bio-Active DRP Discovery Company, has signed Capital and Business Alliance Agreement with KH Neochem Co., Ltd.

TSUKUBA CITY, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan, December 2, 2024. **Veneno Technologies Co. Ltd.** ("Veneno") is pleased to announce that we have entered into a capital and business alliance agreement with KH Neochem Co., Ltd. (TSE: 4189, President and CEO: Michio Takahashi, "KH Neochem") for the aim of creating further synergies between Veneno's DRP drug discovery and KH Neochem's glycan business.

Through this alliance, we aim to further increase the value of DRP and to promote its DRP drug discovery platform business and contribute to next-generation pharmaceutical development.

About Veneno Technologies Co. Ltd.

Veneno Technologies has focused on disulfide-rich peptides (DRPs), peptides with high biological activity, and developed a proprietary drug discovery platform, "Veneno Suite™," to accelerate DRP drug discovery. This new technology will promote the development of new drug discovery and bio-chemical business for membrane proteins such as ion channels, transporters and GPCR, which have been considered difficult to discover.

URL: <https://veneno.jp/>

What is a disulfide-rich peptide (DRP)?

DRPs are a general term for peptides with multiple disulfide bonds in the molecule, usually consisting of 20 to 80 amino acids. The rigid framework created by the multiple disulfide bonds makes DRPs resistant to degradative enzymes and highly thermally stable. It is also known to have low immunogenicity due to its compact and stable structure. These properties make DRP a useful lead molecule for bio-active peptide discovery.

About KH Neochem

Corporate Overview (as of December 31st, 2023)

Company name: KH Neochem Co., Ltd.

President & CEO: Michio Takahashi

Establishment: December 2010 (Our predecessor Kyowa Yuka, was established in November 1966)

Capital: 8.8bn JPY

Head office: 2-3-1, Nihonbashi-Muromachi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-0022, Japan

Employees: 831 (Consolidated)

Business: Research, manufacture, and sale of petrochemical products

Main products: Performance materials (refrigeration lubricant raw materials, cosmetics ingredients)

Electronics materials (high-purity solvents for semiconductors and flat panel displays)

Basic chemicals (solvents for coatings and inks, raw materials for plasticizer)

Group Companies: Kurogane Kasei Co., Ltd. / Kurogane Fines Inc. / KH Neochem Americas, Inc. / Shanghai Seika Trading Co., Ltd.

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