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AGC to Enhance Production Capacity of Ultra-Thin Glass in Thailand

—50% increase for ultra-thin glass used for cover glass—

Tokyo, February 3, 2014—AGC, a world-leading manufacturer of glass, chemicals and high-tech materials, announces that it will build a new production facility for ultra-thin glass at the Rayong Plant of AGC Flat Glass Thailand (AFT). This new facility is dedicated to the production of ultra-thin glass, which is soda-lime glass, used as cover glass for the touch-screens of notebook computers and other electronic devices. AGC plans to start product supply in March 2014. The investment will boost the production capacity for ultra-thin glass by 50 percent.

Touch-screen function has become a popular feature of electronic devices, and its applications have been expanded into a wide range of devices such as notebook computers, in addition to globally disseminating smartphones and tablet computers.

While AGC's Dragontrail™, a specialty glass for chemical strengthening, is available for use as cover glass of such electronic devices, certain devices such as notebook computers use chemically strengthened glass that is manufactured using thin soda-lime glass. As applications for touch-screen panels diversify, the demand for chemically strengthened soda-lime glass is expected to grow along with specialty glass for chemical strengthening.

AFT has been manufacturing ultra-thin glass for over 10 years, with a high reputation among customers for the product quality. The new production facility is designed to leverage the technologies AGC has developed in the field of specialty glass for electronic applications, in addition to AFT's production technologies for ultra-thin glass, allowing production of higher quality glass.

AGC has already established a supply system that responds to expanding demand for chemically strengthened soda-lime glass in the cover glass market and maintain top market share by offering high-quality products. This will be achieved by leveraging the newly expanded ultra-thin glass production base in Thailand and collaborating with manufacturing and processing sites in Europe and China.

AGC will continue to meet the wide-ranging needs of customers as the sole glass maker that produces both Dragontrail, a specialty glass for chemical strengthening, and ultra-thin glass for cover glass.

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About the AGC Group

The AGC Group, with Tokyo-based Asahi Glass Co., Ltd. at its core, is a world-leading supplier of flat, automotive and display glass, chemicals and other high-tech materials and components. Drawing on more than a century of technical innovation, the AGC Group has developed world-class expertise in fields including glass, fluorine chemistry and ceramics technologies. The group employs some 50,000 people worldwide and generates annual sales of approximately 12 billion USD through business in about 30 countries. For more information, please visit www.agc-group.com/en.

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AGC Flat Glass Thailand

Representative: Hideki Shioi

Established: 1963

Production item: Architectural glass, automotive raw glass, industrial glass and mirror

Plant: Samut Prakan Plant, Chon buri Plant and Rayong Plant