Iwatani Finances Environment and Energy-related Fund

- Accelerates creation of new businesses through tie-ups with prospective venture companies -

Iwatani Corporation (Head Offices: Osaka and Tokyo, President: Mitsuhiro Tanimoto, Paid-in Capital: 20 billion yen) has decided to finance the EEI No.4 Innovation & Impact limited partnership for investment, which is a venture capital fund that makes investments in venture companies that was established by Energy & Environment Investment, Inc. in the environment and energy field, with the aim of achieving the further growth of the total energy business.

Iwatani's LPG business has the largest customer base in Japan. It has established a nationwide system that enables security workers to reach a site within 30 minutes in an emergency. By leveraging this network, Iwatani is currently planning to build a platform to provide new services and values to customers by using the gas leak detector equipped with a communication function (patent pending) as an IoT gateway (e.g. elderly monitoring service and provision of health information).

Through this finance, Iwatani aims to promptly achieve the development of new businesses and services by acquiring information on venture companies with new technology and business models in the environment and energy field as required, and by working to create opportunities to enter into business and capital tie-ups with prospective companies.

■ Outline of Energy & Environment Investment, Inc.

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■ Outline of EEI No.4 Innovation & Impact limited partnership for investment

Investment	Companies with new technologies and new services in the energy industry
destination	and companies in the peripheral fields that are expected to expand and make
	progress, e.g. smart homes
Period	10 years (may be extended for a maximum of two years)