

当社は福島県いわき市の四倉工業団地内に新工場の建設を決定し、2月2日同市と工場立地の基本協定を締結、発表しました。本年5月に着工、2012年4月の操業開始を目指します。

操業当初は、主力製品のひとつであるセレンの精製を、現在の横浜工場と並行して行う計画です。セレンは、CIGS化合物半導体型太陽電池の材料として使われるほか、当社が強みを持つ医療用診断装置(X線センサー)の材料としても需要が伸びており、同工場の完成により、精製、回収能力の拡充を図ります。

NRM has concluded a contract with Iwaki-city, Fukushima-Prefecture in the North-east of Japan to purchase a part of land in the Yotsukura Industrial Complex since 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2011. NRM will commence building a new plant in the Complex from May, 2011 to complete and start operation in April, 2012.

In the early stage from its start of operation, NRM plans to use the new facility for the refinement of Selenium, which is one of their main products, along with its existing plant in Yokohama. Demand for Selenium is increasing for the CIGS solar cell, and for the medical equipment (X-ray Sensor) material, in which field NRM has the biggest share in the world. The new plant will enhance the capacity of Selenium refinement and reclamation for NRM.