

## Komatsu Expands Production Capacity of the Shonan Plant

*Vilvoorde, November 4 2009* – Komatsu Ltd. (President and CEO: Kunio Noji) recently expanded the production capacity of the Shonan Plant in Hiratsuka, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan.

The Shonan Plant manufactures key components for the PC200-8 Hybrid hydraulic excavator. Power-generating motors, motors that turn the upper structure of excavators, inverters and capacitors are all built in Shonan, then sent to the Osaka Plant in Hirakata, Osaka, where the PC200-8 Hybrid is assembled. Komatsu has at this time spent JPY1.66 billion for capital investment to expand production capacity and, as a result, is now able to produce up to 100 units per month.

In June 2008, Komatsu introduced the PC200-8 Hybrid hydraulic excavator, the world's first hybrid construction equipment on the market, to the Japanese market. In August this year, Komatsu expanded the sales of the PC200-8 Hybrid to China, where demand for construction equipment is growing. Komatsu also plans to introduce the PC200-8 Hybrid to the United States before the end of 2009.

Based on tests performed by Komatsu, the PC200-8 Hybrid achieves on average a 25% reduction of both fuel consumption and CO2 emissions, with up to a maximum reduction of 40%.

Komatsu is determined to fulfil its responsibilities as a leading company and will continue to aggressively introduce construction equipment featuring reduced environmental impact and less CO2 emissions.



*Komatsu's Shonan Plant with the administration building in the foreground and the manufacturing plant in back.*

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**Outline of Komatsu's Shonan Plant**

Representative: Kou Shimizu, Plant Manager of Shonan Plant, Production Division

Address: 3-25-1 Shinomiya, Hiratsuka City, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan

Site area: Approx. 68,000 square meters

Floor area: Approx. 26,000 square meters

No. of employees: 173 persons

Production: Controllers, monitors, KOMTRAX terminals, and components for hybrid construction equipment (power-generating motors, motors to turn the upper structure of hybrid hydraulic excavators, inverters and capacitors)

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