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NSG Group to Establish “Business Innovation Center” for New Business Development and Customer Value Creation

TOKYO (June 18, 2018) - NSG Group announced today that, effective July 1, 2018, it will establish “Business Innovation Center (BIC)” for leading the Group’s growth strategy by developing new businesses customized for different markets around the world.

To provide a new perspective different from the existing business units or R&D organizations, Satoshi Ishino, an experienced new business development professional, has been named Executive Officer, Chief Development Officer (CDO) and Head of BIC. Mr. Ishino joins NSG Group from Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd., a leading manufacturer of electronic materials.

Tasked with finding business partners from a variety of organizations, including academic research institutions, start-up companies and investors, BIC is also expected to improve innovation and customer orientation throughout the Group. In addition to enhancing profitability in core business and increasing top line in growth business, the establishment of BIC is one of the key strategic actions for this fiscal year which began in April.

With BIC’s business development activities, NSG Group is taking an important step towards creating a new customer value.

NSG Group (Nippon Sheet Glass, Co.Ltd.) is one of the world’s largest manufacturers of glass and glazing products for the architectural, automotive industry and technical glass sectors. With around 27,000 employees, NSG Group has principal operations worldwide and sales in over 100 countries. Founded in 1918, the company was transformed in 2006 with the acquisition of Pilkington plc, itself a global leader in the glass industry and the inventor of the Float Glass process. The Pilkington name was retained as a brand for the Group’s architectural and automotive products. www.nsg.com

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