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AIMECHATEC, Ltd.

**Issuance of preliminary injunctive relief of patent infringement
against Shin-Etsu Engineering Co., Ltd.**

On November 16, 2020, the Tokyo District Court issued a preliminary injunctive relief decision granting the petition filed by AIMECHATEC, Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "the Company"), regarding the preliminary relief case of the injunction against patent infringement(*1) by Shin-Etsu Engineering Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: 2-9 Kanda Nishikicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo. Hereinafter referred to as "Shin-Etsu"). With this order, the domestic sales and domestic manufacture for such sales of the vacuum assembly equipment (product name "AESUV") utilizing any adhesive parts in its substrate holder mechanism, manufactured and sold by Shin-Etsu Engineering, shall be prohibited.

In addition, the Company had separately filed a patent infringement lawsuit (the main lawsuit) against Shin-Etsu Engineering seeking an injunction for their manufacture and sales etc. of AESUV based on the same patent right and compensation for damages, and the court has already disclosed its impression regarding the infringement, and the trial for damages is currently ongoing.

Furthermore, the Company holds the following patent rights overseas (Korea, China, Taiwan) in the technical fields related to the same patent rights and will exercise appropriate measures for these rights considering proceedings in the future of the main lawsuit. (Korea: KR10-0483518, China: CN1249495C, Taiwan: TWI266104B)

The Company is positioning its intellectual property rights as important management resources and is determined to continue implementing appropriate measures against any acts infringing the Company's intellectual property rights.

***1: For details please see our news release dated March 17, 2020.**

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