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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Voyage of Solar Power Business at our Hokkaido District Office**

Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd. (“JAPEX”) is pleased to announce the second voyage of a solar power business in Tomakomai City, Hokkaido, Japan, where JAPEX has been operating the Yufutsu Oil and Gas Field, to effectively utilize unused space on its Hokkaido District Office.

JAPEX recently announced by its June 4 news release on the launch of solar power business through a newly established company, Solar Power Tomakomai Co., Ltd., jointly funded with Sumitomo Corporation. On the other hand, in this press release, JAPEX announces that it will engage in solar power generation independently as a sole operator.

JAPEX believes that operating two solar power businesses in the same region will enable more efficient business operation given factors such as the sharing of monitoring data to be obtained in the operation of both businesses.

JAPEX has been identifying the environment and innovative technology business as one of JAPEX’s major growth strategies. As an energy supplier, JAPEX will expand its business in renewable energies in addition to oil and gas as its main field, thereby continuing to contribute to the development of society with less environmental impact.

#### **[Business Outline]**

Location:	134-109 Numanohata, Tomakomai-City, Hokkaido, Japan
Installation Area:	62,000 m <sup>2</sup> (within JAPEX’s Hokkaido District Office)
Installed Capacity:	1,800 kilowatts (solar panels: 2,400 kilowatts)
Start of Construction:	September 2013 (planned)
Completion of Construction:	July 2014 (planned)
Start of Operation:	August 2014 (planned)

**【Image of solar panels to be installed at our Hokkaido District Office】**

