Announcement regarding Acquisition of Part of Business of Proterial, Ltd.

Okaya & Co., Ltd. is pleased to announce that we have decided to acquire all elements of the Piping Components business of Proterial, Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as Proterial).

1. Background and purpose of the business acquisition

In 1910 Tobata Foundry Co., the predecessor of Proterial, began manufacturing fittings with "Gourd brand", and the business has expanded throughout its long history. It began dealing in fittings over 100 years ago, and has since expanded the range of products it handles from castings to stainless steel, valves, polyethylene products, and piping components.

The fitting and valve business plays a part in the social infrastructure for gas and water supply, and is an important business requiring a stable supply of high-quality products that meet high safety standards and specifications. The fine flow business's main customers are semiconductor manufacturing equipment manufacturers. As the semiconductor market is expected to develop in the medium to long term, future growth of the business is expected.

We will inherit the technology cultivated by Proterial and maintain the highly credible "Gourd brand" and other brands in the piping components business. At the same time, we will continue to develop products that meet market needs and contribute to the development of social infrastructure.

2. Outline of the target business

(1)	Fitting and valve business Fine flow business	Development, manufacturing, and sale of casts, stainless steel fittings, flexible piping and fittings, polyethylene piping, fittings, and various valves for gas, expansion tanks and Chilled Tower products. Development, manufacturing, and sale of precision flow control devices for semiconductor manufacturing equipment, vaporizers
3. Outline of Proterial, Ltd.		
(1)	Representative	Sean M. Stack
(1)	Head office	Toyosu Prime Square, 5-6-36 Toyosu, Koto-ku, Tokyo
(2)	Capital	JPY 310.0 million
(4)	Business purposes	Manufacture and sale of special steel, rolls, automotive castings, piping components, magnetic materials, power electronics materials, electric wires & cables, automotive components, etc.
(5)	Number of employees (consolidated base)	26,496 (as of the end of March 2023)
(6)	Consolidated sales	JPY 1,118.9 billion (fiscal year ending March 2023)
4. Schedule		
	Date of agreement conclusion	March 21, 2024

5. Influence on our consolidated results

Date of acquisition

We will continue to discuss the specific scheme with Proterial for the future business acquisition. Due to this matter, there is no change in our consolidated earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending February 2024.

Scheduled for July-August 2024