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KANEKA CORPORATION

Straws made from Kaneka Biodegradable Polymer Green Planet™ are adopted in FamilyMart

Straws\*<sup>1</sup> made from Kaneka Biodegradable Polymer Green Planet™ (referred to below as Green Planet™) by Kaneka Corporation (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Minoru Tanaka) have been adopted by FamilyMart Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Kensuke Hosomi). From April 29 they will be introduced in selected FamilyMart stores in Japan as straws for Famima Café drinks and carton drinks.

FamilyMart is aiming to further their environmental support by increasing usage of environmentally friendly materials in accordance with “FamilyMart Environmental Vision 2050”, their Medium-to long-term environmental goals. Green Planet™ is a biodegradable polymer developed by Kaneka and is 100% derived from plants. It has been certified as biodegradable in seawater by “OK Biodegradable MARINE”<sup>\*2</sup> and has excellent biodegradability in a wide range of environments. Green Planet™ was selected by FamilyMart for its contribution to reducing environmental burden.

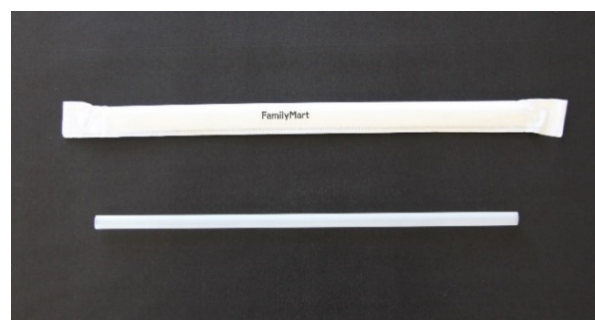
Based on our mission of “Kaneka thinks Wellness First”, Kaneka provides value globally as a solutions provider. Through the deployment of Green Planet™, Kaneka will continue to help solve the problem of environmental pollution.

\*1. Mass production technologies have been established in cooperation with Nippon Straw Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo; President: Keiji Inaba). Kaneka will continue to improve these technologies utilizing the manufacturing expertise of Nippon Straw.

\*2. Biodegrades at least 90% in seawater (30°C) within 6 months. The “OK Biodegradable MARINE” certificate was issued to Green Planet™ (formerly called PHBH™) in September 2017 by Vincotte, an international certifying body headquartered in Belgium. TÜV AUSTRIA Belgium NV took over the certification work from Vincotte in December 2017.



Famima Café (with Kaneka’s straws)



The straws given out at the stores