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KANEKA CORPORATION

KANEKA Biodegradable Polymer Green Planet™ is adopted in shopping bags for JALUX

Shopping bags made from KANEKA Biodegradable Polymer Green Planet™*1 (referred to below as Green Planet™) by Kaneka Corporation (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Minoru Tanaka) have been adopted by JALUX Inc. (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; CEO: Masashi Shinohara). This is the first time Green Planet™ is used for shopping bags and will be introduced in the BLUE SKY*2 Naha Airport Store operated by JALUX on 1st July, with plans to expand the number of introduced stores in the future.

Green Planet™ is a biodegradable polymer developed by Kaneka and is 100% derived from plants. With its excellent biodegradability in a wide range of environments, Green Planet™ has been certified as biodegradable in seawater by “OK Biodegradable MARINE” *3 and is contributing to the reduction of marine pollution. JALUX operates BLUE SKY stores in 27 airports across Japan in addition to a wide range of other businesses. JALUX has declared that it is working on environmental issues and the achievement of a Recycling-based society that promotes sustainability management such as using environmentally friendly materials, and then as part of it, has adopted Green Planet™ to contribute to reducing the effects on the environment. These newly introduced shopping bags have the same excellent durability as conventional commodity plastic. Kaneka and JALUX will work on developing various products using Green Planet™ in the future.

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. Green Planet™, which has been used for these shopping bags, has met the requirements for the biodegradable and biomass-based plastics mark in the biodegradable plastic identification indicator system which the Japan BioPlastics Association will begin to operate in July 2021.

*2. JALUX has 78 stores across 27 Japanese airports (as of March 2021), providing various products and services such as local specialties. [URL:https://bluesky.jalux.com/](https://bluesky.jalux.com/)

*3. 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.

<General description of JALUX Inc.>

Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo

CEO: Masashi Shinohara

Business description: aviation/airports, life services, retail, food and beverages

Established: 28 March 1962

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Shopping Bag



BLUE SKY Naha Airport Store