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STAR MICRONICS CO., LTD.

## New Kikugawa South Factory Completed and Dedication Ceremony Held

—Toward a Cutting-Edge Smart Factory That Addresses Environmental Performance and Labor Saving Needs—



▲ Exterior of the Kikugawa South Factory



▲ Dedication ceremony

STAR MICRONICS CO., LTD. ("the Company", Head Office: Suruga-ku, Shizuoka City, Shizuoka Prefecture; Representative Director, President and Chief Executive Officer: Mamoru Sato) is pleased to announce that it held a dedication ceremony on February 5 after completing construction of the new Kikugawa South Factory within the premises of its factory in Kikugawa City, Shizuoka Prefecture.

The Kikugawa South Factory was constructed with the aim of enhancing production capacity of spindles, a core component of the machine tools manufactured by the Company. Construction began in July 2024 and operations commenced in December 2025.

As a cutting-edge smart factory that balances concerns for the environment and the need for manufacturing efficiency, the Kikugawa South Factory will contribute to the development of a manufacturing system that is consistent with a leading manufacturer of automatic lathes.

### ■ Features of the New Factory

#### 1. High levels of environmental performance

As a factory designed with environmental consideration, the Kikugawa South Factory was the first building in Shizuoka Prefecture to receive the ZEB certification under the Building-Housing Energy-efficiency Labeling System (BELS), an indicator of energy-saving performance and the highest S ranking under the CASBEE evaluation and certification method<sup>\*1</sup>. Among a host of features, solar power generation panels with an output of approximately 800kW have been installed on the roof. Through this initiative, positive steps have been taken to reduce primary energy consumption by 111% compared with conventional buildings.

\*1 Reference: Kikugawa South Factory Becomes First Building in Shizuoka Prefecture to Receive Both ZEB and CASBEE S-Rank Certifications (press release dated July 2024) [https://star-m.jp/eng/files/ir\\_news\\_20240712\\_01.pdf](https://star-m.jp/eng/files/ir_news_20240712_01.pdf)

#### 2. A manufacturing site designed to promote labor savings

This manufacturing site incorporates state-of-the-art equipment and systems that are designed to promote labor savings, including the use of autonomous mobile robots (AMRs) that support the automation of in-factory logistics. AMRs employ advanced sensors to recognize their surroundings thereby autonomously

transporting materials and processed goods while avoiding collisions with people and obstacles.

Furthermore, the Company has introduced a manufacturing support system that visualizes work procedures and inspection records as well as a scheduler system that automatically puts forward optimal schedules for complex processing as part of its digital transformation (DX) initiatives. Through these and other means, the Company will continue to address worksite issues while improving efficiency.

### 3. A workplace environment that promotes interaction

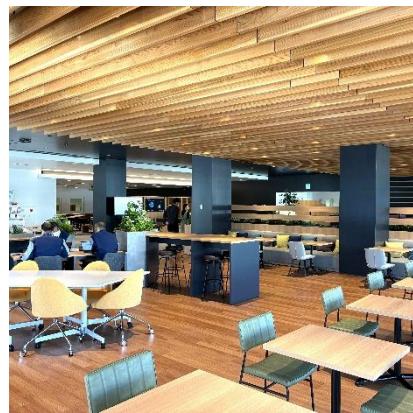
Office areas for both development and manufacturing departments are designed on a single open floor plan basis with the removal of walls to promote interaction. The introduction of areas that encourage communication between departments helps foster the creation of new ideas while accelerating the pace of development. At the same time, the Company has established a cafeteria space as a place for employees to relax and interact.



▲Solar power generation panels



▲Autonomous mobile robot (AMR)



▲Cafeteria space

### ■ Building Overview

Building name: Kikugawa South Factory

Location: 1500-34, Kitanoya, Misawa, Kikugawa (within the current Kikugawa Factory premises)

Activities: Manufacture of core components

Structural overview: Steel-framed three-story building

Building area: Approx. 10,300 m<sup>2</sup> (approx. 3,120 tsubo)

Total floor area: Approx. 13,700 m<sup>2</sup> (approx. 4,150 tsubo)

Total project expenses: Approx. ¥10 billion

Start of construction: July 2024

Start of operations: December 2025

Design and construction: Kiuchi Construction Co., Ltd.

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