# NEWS RELEASE



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AIR WATER INC.

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## **Air Water Acquired Shares of TOMCO2 SYSTEMS COMPANY**

- To establish an equipment design, manufacturing and sales base in the U.S. -

Air Water Inc. (Chairman of the Board, CEO Masahiro Toyoda, hereafter "Air Water") announced that it has acquired all shares of TOMCO2 SYSTEMS COMPANY (headquartered in Loganville, USA, hereafter TOMCO2), a manufacturer of carbon dioxide-related equipment, as of February 23, 2018.

#### 1. Purpose of the acquisition of shares

Our corporate group's engineering business provides solutions that meets our customers' needs in a continuous and integrated manner, from the development through to design, procurement, manufacturing, construction and maintenance of all types of supply plants—and equipment centering on high-purity gases such as oxygen and nitrogen and ultra-low temperature and high vacuum systems including a dry ice cleaning system and other gas application and LNG-related equipment. In overseas operations, our engineering business established its manufacturing and sales base in Asia for our cryogenic liquefied gas storage bulk tanks, liquid cylinders, beverage carbonation, MicroBulk, lorries, vacuum insulated pipe and vaporizers through conversion of a cryogenic equipment manufacturer, Taylor-Wharton Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. (hereafter TWM) into a subsidiary in February 2016 and has since been operating manufacturing and sales businesses globally for our cryogenic equipment.

Delivering trusted CO2 solutions since 1970, TOMCO2 Systems has established itself as the world leader in CO2 products and services. While known throughout the industry for the legendary quality of their long-lasting tanks, they also take pride in providing exceptional engineering expertise to develop cutting-edge CO2 solutions from start to finish.

TOMCO2 Systems is uniquely capable of designing, fabricating, servicing, installing and inspecting turn-key solutions to fit any CO2 application needs. Through their innovation and resourcefulness, TOMCO2 Systems' team of experts continually tackles complex challenges with customized CO2 solutions in the areas of Industrial Equipment, Water Technologies, Fire Systems, and Parts and Service.

Eric Rottier will be CEO of TOMCO2 in addition to his role as CEO of TWM. Roland Wright will be COO in addition to his role as COO of TWM and Luke Bradshaw will be President. The company will continue to operate under the TOMCO2 brand in their Loganville facility. Eric Rottier

commented, "I am extremely excited to have TOMCO2 join our group. They have a committed team of employees and an exceptional track record in the industry. We look forward to investing in the growth of TOMCO2."

By acquiringTOMCO2, our engineering group has established its first equipment design, manufacturing and sales base within the Unites States and will make a full-fledged entry into the US market in the fields of industrial gas-related systems, equipment and applications. Air Water will strive to strengthen its engineering business overseas through a fusion of technology, products and sales networks between our corporate group and these overseas subsidiaries having TWM and TOMCO2 at its center.

## 2. Outline of share acquisition

(1) Date of acquisition: February 23, 2018
(2) Investment ratio: 100% of issued shares

### 3. Outline of acquired company

(1) Corporate name: TOMCO2 SYSTEMS COMPANY

(2) Date established: April 1970

(3) Location: 3340 Rosebud Road, Loganville, GA, USA

(4) Representative: Dan Templeton

(5) Description of business: Manufacturing and sales of carbon dioxide-related equipment and

systems

(6) Capital: 530,000 dollars (56,180,000 yen after conversion)

(7) Number of employees: 138

(8) Net sales: Approximately 4 billion yen (Sales for 2017 ending December)

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