

## **TOYO VALVE CO., LTD.**

To Whom It May Concern,

January 1st, 2023

### **Countermeasures Against Counterfeit Products on International Market**

The KITZ Group, concentrating on valve manufacturing business, is dedicated to diversifying its range of valves in terms of materials, appearance and size. The KITZ Group, as a manufacturer of valves for the control of fluids, has offered products around the world ranging from the domestic applications such as water and sewer systems, distribution networks of hot water and natural gas, air-conditioners, to industrial processes regarding to oil refining, chemicals, pharmaceuticals and foods.

The KITZ Group is currently implementing the countermeasures against counterfeit products on international market. The inferior counterfeit products may cause the leakage of high temperature / hyperbaric fluid and chemicals, endangering the health of operators. The users' business will also be severely affected by cessation of production due to exchange of the genuine products. Furthermore, the trade of inferior counterfeit products, not only brings negative effects to the sale of genuine products, but also causes substantial damage to "TOYO" brand and the enterprise value. In order to protect the intellectual property right of the KITZ Group, with the cooperation of Chinese relevant authorities, the KITZ Group will take countermeasures including legal actions to address the issue of counterfeit products.

China will be the targeted country where countermeasures against counterfeit products should be implemented. The anti-counterfeit countermeasures will be implemented by TOYO VALVE CO., LTD., KITZ CORPORATION (The original name was 'KITAZAWA VALVE CO., LTD.' , and the original name registered in China was 'KITAZAWA CO., LTD.' ) and KITZ Corporation of Shanghai.

■A Brief Introduction of The Corporation.

KITZ Corporation of Shanghai

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Established :February, 2003

The Scope of Business :Sales, marketing and distribution of valves

The Statement

TOYO VALVE CO., LTD., with a history of approximately one century, continuously offers high-quality products and various services through the products of 'TOYO' brand. In order to enhance the service and brand, in 2004, TOYO VALVE CO., LTD. has become the subsidiary of KITZ CORPORATION, and authorized KITZ CORPORATION and its subsidiaries to sell the 'TOYO' brand products of TOYO VALVE CO., LTD. in overseas market.

In Chinese market (including Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan), to ensure the interest of our clients and to eradicate the counterfeit products or similar inferior products, we hereby state that KITZ Corporation of Shanghai, as the wholly owned subsidiary of KITZ CORPORATION has been fully authorized to deal with the sale and marketing activities of 'TOYO' brand.

January 1st, 2023

Takashi Taira

President

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