

JOINT STATEMENT ON THE SECOND MEETING OF WORLD LCD INDUSTRY COOPERATION COMMITTEE (WLICC)

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The Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA), Electronic Display Industrial Research Association of Korea (EDIRAK) and Taiwan TFT-LCD Association (TTLA) today held the second meeting of the “World LCD Industry Cooperation Committee (WLICC)” in Hsinchu, Taiwan. WLICC has been organized in July 2001 for a new industrial mechanism aimed at contributing to the promotion of global LCD industry cooperation to work on environmental issues.

It is the principal mission of WLICC to address efforts being made around the world to share understanding on the current situation surrounding the LCD industry and ensure its sound development in the future through periodic meetings and other information exchanges. As for the purpose of WLICC, it opens the door for worldwide affiliation. In future, Europe, the U.S. and other Asian countries and regions, including China, are expected to join.

Today’s second WLICC meeting was hosted by TTLA and convened by JEITA, and under the chairmanship of Mr. Fumiaki Funada. He is the group deputy general manager of the Display Technology Development Group of Sharp Corp. Total 15 people from the LCD industry worldwide attended, including Dr. Kyu-Ha Chung, vice president of Samsung Electronics, representing from EDIRAK, and Mr. H.B. Chen, president of AU Optronics Corp, representing from TTLA.

The following subjects were discussed and confirmed during the meeting.

1. WLICC’s Action Policy and Confirmation

As energy saving and space saving are characteristics of LCDs the markets and demands for these are increasing every year. With a growing concern for global environmental issues, members of the LCD industry share a strong desire to establish a mechanism for effective industry cooperation aimed at promoting the development of more advanced and more environmentally conscious LCDs.

WLICC’s main items to develop are:

- (1) Making efforts to reduce PFC emission through fair and equitable burden among members, and active information exchanges, adopting effective approaches toward implementation of global warming countermeasures.

As for this concern, the 2nd WLICC meeting has adopted the “Position Paper

Regarding PFC Emission Reduction Goal” (attached) submitted by WG1. This position paper, through discussions of the last 5 meetings of WG1, and come to conclusion by all WG1 members, indicating the consensus to reduce the aggregate absolute emissions of PFCs from the TFT-LCD fabrication facilities to less than 0.82 MMTCE (million metric tons of carbon equivalent) by the year 2010, and the reduction goal will be applied among LIREC, EDIRAK/EALCD and TTLA , and be reviewed duly based on the latest technology progress.

- (2) Exchanging information on disposal of waste LCD panels. As the increase of the disposed LCDs in future may cause stronger control and regulations on LCDs, WLICC will continue to make efforts to minimize environmental burden both in LCD manufacturing processes and for waste LCDs at disposal.

2. WLICC Membership

WLICC welcomes as its members any industry associations, organizations and consortia representing LCD device manufacturing industries of all countries and regions worldwide, which are major suppliers of LCD products to world LCD markets.

Information about JEITA, EDIRAK and TTLA may be found on each association’s representative website;

JEITA : www.jeita.or.jp

EDIRAK : www.edirak.or.kr

TTLA : www.ttla.org.tw