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LINKWIZ Inc. Completes Series C Funding Round, Raising a Total of 650 Million Yen

Hamamatsu, Japan – May 21, 2024 — LINKWIZ Inc. (Headquarters: Hamamatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture; CEO: Go Fukino; hereinafter referred to as "LINKWIZ"), a company specializing in the automation of industrial robots using 3D shape processing engines, has successfully completed a Series C financing round. Marubeni Ventures Inc. invests in this round as a lead investor, along with a fund operated by Shijo Corporation. With additional syndicated loans from Japan Finance Corporation and Hamamatsu Iwata Shinkin Bank, the total amount raised is 650 million yen.

Background and Purpose of Fundraising

Founded in Hamamatsu, a hub for manufacturing, LINKWIZ's corporate mission is to "revolutionize work through robotics that inherit human skills." Over the years, we have released several products, including the production optimization system "L-ROBOT," the automated inspection system "L-QUALIFY," and the production data management and analysis tool "LINKWIZ FACTORY CLOUD." This fiscal year, we introduced the "L-ROBOT Sheet Metal Welding Package," an all-in-one solution that simplifies welding automation for small and medium enterprises.

Despite overcoming the unprecedented crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Japan's manufacturing industry faces challenges such as an aging population and labor shortages. In response, there is a growing momentum toward automation, regardless of the size of the company.

The funds raised in this round will be used to accelerate the introduction of LINKWIZ products into manufacturing sites, including those in the automotive, agricultural machinery, and metal processing industries. Additionally, the funds will support the development of new applications, technology development, and human resource development to better meet the needs of manufacturing sites.

Messages from Investors

Marubeni Ventures

Hiroki Eda, President and CEO of Marubeni Ventures Inc.

"We believe that LINKWIZ's products will become key solutions to structural challenges faced by various manufacturing sites around the world. We will leverage the knowledge and network of the Marubeni Group to support LINKWIZ's global business expansion from Hamamatsu, a region that symbolizes Japanese manufacturing."

Nobu Tamura, President and CEO of Shijo Corporation

"Our investment is based on our confidence in a future where robotics and software converge. LINKWIZ's innovative technology enables advanced automation and work efficiency through the use of industrial robots. We expect that their vision will advance the development of manufacturing DX from Japan. We are committed to supporting the realization of this vision and development."

About LINKWIZ Inc.

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LINKWIZ provides innovative technologies that connect robots and humans. Industrial robots often face difficulties in adapting to variations in workpiece positions and shapes, leading to inefficiencies that humans must compensate for. LINKWIZ offers new value by developing software that enables robots to think and correct their movements. By replacing simple tasks currently performed by humans with robots, we can address the decline in skilled workers due to aging and population decrease, and allow people the opportunity to engage in more creative work. Our corporate mission is to "revolutionize work through robotics that inherit human skills."

Company Overview

- **Company Name:** LINKWIZ Inc.
- **URL:** <https://linkwiz.co.jp/>

- **Representative:** Go Fukino, CEO
- **Location:** 1044-2 Sasagase-cho, Chuo-ku, Hamamatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan
- **Founded:** March 2015
- **Capital:** 224,995,270 yen (as of May 21, 2024)
- **Business:** Development and provision of control software solutions for industrial robots (quality control, traceability, DX)

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