

July 28, 2009

For Immediate Release

The Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd.

(Stock code: 5801)

SWCC Showa Holdings Co., Ltd.

(Stock code: 5805)

**Furukawa Announces Temporary Suspension of Negotiations on Integration of Sales of General-Purpose Electric Wires for Construction and Electrical Appliances Markets**

The Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd. (TSE: 5801) and SWCC Showa Holdings Co., Ltd. agreed today to temporarily suspend negotiations about the integration of their sales divisions for general-purpose electric wires for the construction and electrical appliances markets.

Negotiations have been temporarily suspended because there is a need to reexamine recent developments in the construction and electrical appliances markets and the changing conditions surrounding the electric wires industry and there is also a need to review future business policy in general. It is currently uncertain when negotiations will be resumed.

The main companies to be integrated are Furukawa Elecom Co., Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Furukawa, and the Sales Division for general purpose electric wires for the construction and electric appliances markets and equipment associated with electric wires of SWCC Showa Cable System Co., Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Showa HD.