Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd. (President: Mitsuyoshi Shibata; hereinafter, Furukawa Electric) and Fujikura Ltd. (President: Yoichi Nagahama; hereinafter, Fujikura) have agreed to start discussions for transferring two businesses currently operated by VISCAS Corporation (President: Susumu Sakuma; hereinafter, VISCAS), a joint venture company formed by Furukawa Electric and Fujikura. The "underground and undersea power transmission line business" will be transferred to Furukawa Electric, while the "power distribution line/overhead power transmission line business" will be transferred to Fujikura, with a tentative date of October 1, 2016. (*Notes)

After the businesses have been transferred, Furukawa Electric and Fujikura (or their subsidiaries) plan to take over all VISCAS assets required to administer each business autonomously and to transfer all employees working in these transferred businesses.

Furukawa Electric and Fujikura will now enter full-blown business reorganization discussions with the goal of reorganizing VISCAS in October 2016.

Furukawa Electric and Fujikura are working diligently to transfer the businesses smoothly without causing any inconvenience to their customers, and ask for their continued support and understanding as the reorganization is implemented.

(*Notes)

Underground and undersea power transmission line business: The manufacturing and selling of mainly underground cables (66 kV or higher), undersea cables, and their component parts, and the contracting of related construction work.

Overhead power transmission line business: The manufacturing and selling of overhead power transmission lines and component parts.

Power distribution line business: The manufacturing and selling mostly of underground and overhead power distribution lines (below 66 kV).
About VISCAS Corporation

VISCAS is a joint venture company of Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd. and Fujikura Ltd. that was formed by combining the underground/undersea power transmission cable engineering and overseas sales and marketing divisions of each company. In January 2005 the scope of the business merger was expanded to include the Manufacturing/Construction Division and Domestic Sales Division of these businesses, as well as the power distribution line/overhead power transmission line business.

On April 1, 2015, the "underground and undersea power transmission line business" and "overhead power transmission line business" overseas businesses of VISCAS were transferred to Furukawa Electric and Fujikura, respectively.