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Harnessing light and water, the power of nature cleanses the Earth.

> Hosting a superb harmony of nature and life, the Earth is truly a miracle. With this miracle now under threat,

TOTO developed the HYDROTECT technology to protect our planet. Just like nature, HYDROTECT draws on sunlight, rainwater, and other natural forces to help cleanse the global environment. This means a more comfortable living environment for all of us. Our technology harnesses the power of nature



to cleanse the environment naturally and protect the future of the planet.

The benefits of plants can be seen not only in their oxygen-generating capabilities. Do you have any idea roughly how much rain falls around the world?



HYDROTECT has the same purifying capabilities as plants.

each year...much more than most people would even guess. In an effort to harness the beneficial properties of this tremendous natural resource, we have equipped HYDROTECT with self-cleaning capabilities, enabling it to use rainwater to clean² dirt from buildings naturally and effectively. Your offices, apartment buildings and homes will become cleaner every time it rains.

HYDROTECT uses rainwater to wash away dirt.

The answer is 108 trillion tons¹

Let us tell you something interesting that will make you like cleaning. What can we do to make the planet healthier and people around the world happier?

> HYDROTECT harnesses the power of nature to purify the air and minimize negative environmental forces, enabling you to make your everyday living environment more beautiful without making any extra effort or changes to the way you live. TOTO intends to take HYDROTECT global to help protect environments all over the world, harnessing much-needed technology that strikes a balance between eco-awareness and comfort.

HYDROTECT will help promote environmental cleansing the world over.

Germans have a saying: "Order is half of life." As this suggests, it is very important to keep your surroundings clean and tidy, because if you can

do so on a day-to-day basis, you somehow get the feeling that a large part of your life will go well. HYDROTECT can help you do just that. Thanks to its antibacterial, anti-mold, anti-dirt and anti-odor capabilities*, HYDROTECT helps you keep your surroundings clean and even healthier, leaving you free to enjoy your life.

HYDROTECT lends a hand with day-to-day cleaning.

Harnessing the power of light to cleanse the environment

Essentially, HYDROTECT is an environmental cleaning technology utilizing photocatalysts that harness the power of light and water to purify air and clean surfaces — automatically. It can be used effectively in numerous applications, from exterior walls to interior walls and floors.



The photocatalytic properties of HYDROTECT

HYDROTECT produces a number of environmentally-beneficial effects, including air purification and self-cleaning, through a process similar to photosynthesis in plants. When exposed to sunlight, HYDROTECT's photocatalytic layer (titanium dioxide) breaks down organic material so that it is easily washed away with rain or water.



When exposed to light, titanium dioxide (TiO₂) produces electrons (e⁻) and holes (h⁺). These react with oxygen and water (O₂,H₂O) in the air and produce activated oxygen (O₂⁻,OH), which decomposes various organic substances and bacteria, on the surface of products. When titanium dioxide (TiO_2) is exposed to light, the titanium (Ti) reacts with water (H₂O) in the air, producing a hydrophilic group (-OH) layer that blends easily with water on the surface of products.

Air purification 🌼

When exposed to sunlight, HYDROTECT on the surface of buildings exterior walls removes nitrogen oxides (NOx) produced by exhaust fumes and smoke, and purifies the air.



Self-cleaning 😳

Since HYDROTECT keeps buildings clean effortlessly, it reduces the amount of detergents and cleaning water needed for maintenance and improves environmental conservation.



Antibacterial, anti-mold, anti-dirt and anti-odor capabilities 😳

By decomposing organic substances, photocatalysts also help improve hygiene inside and outside buildings, making it easy to keep walls, floors and other surfaces clean in locations such as toilets, bathrooms and kitchens and exteriors.



HYDROTECT Partners continue expanding globally

HYDROTECT Partners are spreading throughout the world through partnerships. TOTO will continue contributing to environmental purification along with our partners and customers, utilizing the photocatalytic technologies and experience accumulated to date, to disseminate HYDROTECT even further.



Feedback from overseas companies

Dieter Schäfer

Chief Executive Officer, Deutsche Steinzeug Cremer & Breuer AG (Germany) President, German Ceramic Tile Association / President, European Ceramic Tile Manufacturers' Federation



We have been using this groundbreaking environmental technology on our tiles for more than a decade now and have successfully increased sales based on the trusting and cooperative relationship that we have built up with TOTO. Although environmental protection was not such a prevalent issue when we first started using HYDROTECT, "green building" has now become a major priority. HYDROTECT is likely to be an essential technology for use in both new buildings and renovations in the future. The various benefits offered by HYDROTECT will have an even greater impact as they are incorporated into more and more building materials. As the number of companies using HYDROTECT is increasing, the future of our planet will be a bright one.

Photocatalyst-related patents and license agreements at work both within Japan and abroad

In addition to the basic invention of photoinduced super-hydrophilic technology, we have filed more than 1,200 domestic and overseas patent applications in relation to applied products, manufacturing technology and coating materials and have been granted approximately 350 worldwide patents to date. We have also signed license agreements with 97 manufacturers (including 17 overseas manufacturers) across a wide range of sectors mainly in Japan, North America and Europe.



Basic patents granted in countries around the world

Japan	China	Hong Kong	Taiwan	Korea	India	Thailand	Indonesia	Philippines
Singapore	Malaysia	Vietnam	United States	Mexico	Canada	Brazil	Australia	New Zealand
Germany	Czech Republic	United Kingdom	France	Italy	Sweden	Denmark	Belgium	Holland
Luxemburg	Spain	Portugal	Greece	Austria	Monaco	Switzerland	Ireland	Finland

HYDROTECT licensee companies

SAINT-GOBAIN REFORMANCE FASTICS Saint-Gobain Destromance Flastics Cardinal Glass Industries Cardinal Glass Industries

PPG Industries

Air purification effect attained so far Equivalent to approx.

150 million m²

of green land

When converted to an area of green land that purifies the air in a similar way, the air purification effect of HYDROTECT obtained to date is equivalent to approx. 150 million m².¹ This means that the amount of NOx discharged by approx. 1.8 million passenger cars² has been purified.

Track record in environmental contributions

recognized both in Japan and globally

HYDROTECT has been recognized for its unique technology that cleans houses and the air with the force of nature, and it is highly valued by public institutions. TOTO will continue contributing to environmental conservation by disseminating HYDROTECT.



* Please refer to our company's website for details on the bases for calculating the air purification effect. The track record was calculated based on the domestic and overseas shipment of external coatings and tiles by the end of May 2010 1 Calculation based on the NOx absorption capability of green land (lawns and fields) being 4.4 mg/m² per day, pursuant to the Manual on Tree Planting for Air Purification (revised edition) published by the Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency of Japan.

2 Calculation based on NOx emissions of \$82.2mg per day when a DBA gasoline powered passenger vehicle with an emission coefficient of 0.0125 drives 28.0km, the average daily driving distance of private cars. References for the passenger cars, vehicle types, models and emission coefficient were obtained from Emission Coefficient, a reference guide for preparation programs related to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, the Road Transport Bureau's Automobile Usage Management Plan and Regular Report, which are published under the Act Concerning Special Measures for Total Emission Reduction of Nitrogen Oxides and Particulate Matter from Automobile Usage Management Plan and Regular Report, which are published bused on the average annual driving distance of private cars (10,575km) provided in the 2004 Basis Survey on Automobile Inspections, Check-ups and Maintenance published by the Road Transport Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan.

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