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## **Yakult U.S.A. to Build Plant No. 2 in Bartow County, Georgia**

Yakult Honsha Co., Ltd. (President: Hiroshi Narita) today announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, Yakult U.S.A. Inc. (hereinafter Yakult U.S.A.), will begin construction of a second plant (hereinafter U.S.A. Plant No. 2) in October 2024, where *Yakult* and *Yakult Light* will be produced.

Yakult U.S.A. began producing *Yakult* in California in 2014 and expanded its sales area to the entire country in 2019. It currently sells *Yakult* and *Yakult Light* in retail stores, including supermarkets.

The sales performance Yakult U.S.A. has improved steadily as its sales area has continued to expand, and it projects further growth moving forward. The construction of U.S.A. Plant No. 2 in Bartow County, Georgia will enhance the company's production structure while also meeting increasing demand for its products.

In addition, U.S.A. Plant No. 2 is being built to meet the diversifying needs of customers and to maintain heightened consideration for the environment.

An overview of U.S.A. Plant No. 2 is as follows.

Illustration of the completed plant



Name: Georgia Plant (Plant No. 2) (subject to change)

Location: Highland 75 Industrial Park, Bartow County, Georgia, USA

Site area: approximately 214,000m<sup>2</sup>

Building area: approximately 20,000m<sup>2</sup>

Total floor area: approximately 24,000m<sup>2</sup>

Investment amount: 397 million USD (subject to change)

Start of production: September 2026 (subject to change)

Products: *Yakult*, *Yakult Light*

Production capacity: 1.79 million bottles/day at start of production (subject to change)

[Reference]

1. Overview of Yakult U.S.A. Inc.

(1) Company name: Yakult U.S.A. Inc.

(2) Established: October 1990

(3) Capital: 152.6 million USD (as of December 31, 2023)

(wholly owned by Yakult Honsha)

(4) Location: Fountain Valley, Orange County, California, United States

(5) Representative: Yutaka Misumi

(6) Number of employees: 168 (as of March 31, 2024)

(7) Sales performance: 664,000 bottles/day (average bottle sales between January and December 2023)

2. Overview of the California Plant (Plant No. 1)

(1) Name: California Plant (Plant No. 1)

(2) Location: Fountain Valley, Orange County, California, United States

(3) Site area: 35,653m<sup>2</sup>

(4) Building area: 7,115m<sup>2</sup>

(5) Total floor area: 8,353m<sup>2</sup>

(6) Start of production: May 2014

(7) Products: *Yakult*, *Yakult Light*

(8) Production capacity: 1 million bottles/day

- 3. Geographic locations of Yakult U.S.A. Inc. headquarters, the California Plant (Plant No. 1), and the Georgia Plant (Plant No. 2)

