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## **Koei Chemical Starts to Produce Pyrrole, a Raw Material for Remdesivir**

Koei Chemical Company, Limited (President: NISHIMOTO Ray) has started to produce “Pyrrole”, a key raw material to construct framework of Remdesivir (Gilead Sciences, Inc.) which is therapeutic drug for the novel coronavirus disease (hereinafter “COVID-19”) at our Chiba Plant in Sodegaura, Chiba.

We have already started to produce “Pyrrole” for overseas contract manufacturer from this March and now we have started to increase production window. We believe that it is our social mission to supply “Pyrrole” steadily and stably as the sole manufacturer of “Pyrrole” in Japan so we have strengthened our supply capability as one of our top priorities.

We will continue supplying “Pyrrole” so that we can make a meaningful contribution to fighting off COVID-19.

(For Reference)

Koei Chemical Supplies Raw Materials for Remdesivir and Avigan®

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