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Koei Chemical Starts to Produce Pyridine, a Raw Material for Avigan®

Koei Chemical Company, Limited (President: NISHIMOTO Ray) has started to produce “Pyridine”, a raw material in manufacturing process of Favipiravir (FUJIFILM Toyama Chemical Co., Ltd. “Avigan®”, hereinafter “Avigan”) which is therapeutic drug for the novel coronavirus disease (hereinafter “COVID-19”) at our Chiba Plant in Sodegaura, Chiba.

We believe that it is our social mission to supply “Pyridine” steadily and stably as the sole manufacturer of “Pyridine” (except tar distillate products) in Japan so we have strengthened our supply capability as one of our top priorities in response to governmental appeals for domestic production of Avigan.

We will continue supplying “Pyridine” so that we can make a meaningful contribution to stockpiles of Avigan for two million patients which Japanese government aims to and fighting off COVID-19.

(For Reference)

Koei Chemical Supplies Raw Materials for Remdesivir and Avigan®

https://www.koeichem.com/dcms_media/other/20200430release_en4367.pdf