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AGC Biologics expands cell therapy development operations to Asia

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New site precedes the opening of a new AGC Biologics Yokohama manufacturing facility



AGC Biologics will commence cell therapy process development and clinical manufacturing services on July 1, 2025, at AGC Inc.'s Yokohama Technical Center (Japan), marking the latest step in the global expansion of the company's Global Cell and Gene Technologies Division.

The improved geographical footprint allows AGC Biologics to better serve customers requiring autologous and allogeneic products across all markets**,** with cell therapy manufacturing now available in three continents (Milan, Italy; Longmont, Colorado, US; Yokohama, Japan).

This new site precedes the opening of a new AGC Biologics Yokohama manufacturing facility on schedule to be operational in 2027 with pre-clinical through commercial services for mammalian-based protein biologics, cell therapies, and messenger RNA.

The Yokohama location will provide process transfer and manufacturing services for pre-clinical and clinical trials to serve an expanding global cell therapy market. Its core technologies include induced pluripotent stem cells, mesenchymal stem cells, hematopoietic stem cells, and CAR-T cell therapies.

AGC Biologics Cell and Gene Technology Center of Excellence in Milan, with its nine product approvals by the EMA and FDA, hundreds of batches manufactured, and 30-year track record, will support and enable the successful ramp up of operation in the new Yokohama site.

The AGC Inc. Yokohama Technical Center, built in 2020, is dedicated to advancing AGC Inc.'s research and development capabilities in materials science, chemical processes, and biotechnology.