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Ajinomoto Group to Participate in the “Recovery of Degraded Pasture Verification Study” Project in Cooperation with Japanese Government Assistance Program for Brazil

Contributing to conversion of degraded agricultural fields into cropland
using biostimulant technologies

TOKYO, March 27, 2025 – Ajinomoto Co., Inc. (“Ajinomoto Co.”) has decided to participate as a partner in the “Recovery of Degraded Pasture Verification Study” Project in Brazil as part of the Japan-Brazil Green Partnership Initiative (“Japan-Brazil GPI”). The aim of the Japan-Brazil GPI is to assist in promoting environmental and climate change countermeasures and sustainable development by providing Japanese technologies and knowledge to Brazil. Through its consolidated subsidiary, Ajinomoto Brazil, Ajinomoto Co. will provide products utilizing its biostimulant development and production technologies and take part in a project to conduct a verification study for this Project into cropland at a model farm in Brazil.

In the Japan-Brazil GPI launched at the Japan-Brazil Summit Meeting held in Brazil in May 2024, projects such as the Recovery of Degraded Pasture being promoted by the Brazilian government are positioned as major initiatives in which Japan will provide assistance toward the realization of sustainable agriculture (See [MOFA: Japan-Brazil Summit Meeting](#)). To this day in Brazil, soil degradation has been progressing, together with replant failures and nutrient depletion in topsoil due to insufficient long-term soil management. As a result, the strengthening of climate change countermeasures, effective utilization of



Example of degraded pasture

farmland through soil fertilization, and promotion of sustainable agricultural production have been recognized as challenges. As measures in response to these challenges, the Japan-Brazil GPI will provide technological assistance for soil restoration, low-carbon agriculture, regenerative agriculture, and financial assistance for various materials, equipment, and facilities to promote the strengthening of bilateral relations between the two countries. On March 26, 2025, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan announced the signing by both governments of a Letter of Intent of “the Recovery of Degraded Pasture with the Federative Republic of Brazil”.



Ajinomoto Brazil's biostimulant products

As a partner in this project, Ajinomoto Co. will provide biostimulant products, such as the liquid fertilizers for foliar application produced by Ajinomoto Brazil, AJIFOL® and AMINO Arginine, to a model farm that grows soybeans, corn and pasture grass, and verify their effectiveness. Since these products are based on a coproduct (fermented mother liquor) obtained in the process of producing AJI-NO-MOTO® Umami Seasoning, which is made mainly from sugarcane, and are rich in various amino acids, they can be expected to enhance the growth potential of plants and improve its yield and quality. In addition to the effective utilization of a coproduct,

Ajinomoto Brazil establishes a biocycle whereby it returns the coproduct to the sugarcane fields to promote sugarcane growth, which in turn can be utilized as a raw material for further production of AJI-NO-MOTO® Umami Seasoning. Promoting reduction of the environmental burden by establishing such a biocycle, Ajinomoto Brazil has been appraised by the Brazilian market, leading to the selection of the company's biostimulant products for this project.

Since its establishment in 1956, Ajinomoto Brazil has developed a wide range of businesses as one of the main overseas corporations of the Ajinomoto Group, such as seasonings, food products, amino acids for pharmaceuticals, foods, and livestock feed, nutritional supplements, and cosmetic ingredients, as well as the agricultural materials business including BS products, which has been selected for the project. Toward the achievement of its purpose of contributing to the well-being of all human beings, our society and our planet with AminoScience, the Ajinomoto Group has identified four strategic growth areas: Healthcare, Food and Wellness, ICT, and Green. Through its participation in the Japan-Brazil GPI, it aims to contribute to sustainable agricultural and food systems.

Reference

■ Outline of Ajinomoto Brazil

- (1) Company name: Ajinomoto do Brasil Indústria e Comércio de Alimentos Ltda.
- (2) Location: State of Sao Paulo, Federative Republic of Brazil
- (3) Established: 1956
- (4) Representative: Shigeo Nakamura, President (to be succeeded by Naoko Yamamoto from April 1, 2025)
- (5) Business fields: Seasonings, food products, amino acids for pharmaceuticals, foods, and livestock feed, nutritional supplements, cosmetic ingredients, production and sales of agricultural materials, etc.
- (6) Employees: 3,024 (as of February 28, 2025)
- (7) Website: <https://www.ajinomoto.com.br/>

The Ajinomoto Group will contribute to the well-being of all human beings, our society and our planet with "AminoScience" based on the corporate slogan "Eat Well, Live Well.". The Ajinomoto Group has offices in 34 countries and regions, and sells products in more than 130 countries and regions. In fiscal 2023, sales were 1.4392 trillion yen (9.9 billion U.S. dollars). To learn more, visit www.ajinomoto.com.

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