

Marubeni Invests in Brazilian Agri Input Retailer Adubos Real

On October 29th, Marubeni Corporation (hereinafter “Marubeni”) made an equity investment in Adubos Real S.A. (hereinafter “AR”), a company that sells agri-input products in Brazil, thereby making AR a subsidiary company of Marubeni.

AR was established in Minas Gerais State and has been contributing to local growers for 39 years through their business. The company is continuously developing as a leading player among agri-input retail service providers.

In recent years, in conjunction with world population growth and the change in food supplies based around developing countries, growers are expected to improve the productivity, quality and safeness of their agricultural products, while at the same time preserving the environment, all while working with limited farmland.

Marubeni works with, develops and promotes agri-input businesses in order to address such social challenges and to support sustainable agricultural production and is currently expanding its retail business globally, particularly in North America, the EU and Asia.

Moving forward, Marubeni will share its accumulated experiences and knowledges with AR. Through this partnership, Marubeni will strive to support growers with the solutions they need for the advanced challenges they face, thus contributing to the growth and development of Brazilian agriculture.

< Overview of AR >

Company Name	: Adubos Real S.A.
Location	: Pouso Alegre, Minas Gerais, Brazil
Established	: 1980
Net Revenue	: Approx. 7 billion yen (BRR1=JPY27)
Business	: Agri-input (seeds, fertilizers, crop protection products) retail and related services
Number of Employees	: Approx. 220
HP	: http://www.adubosreal.com.br/