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**Nippon Gases Norway to Construct New Air Separation Plant
Supporting Growth and Supply Security for Aquaculture and Regional Industry**

Nippon Sanso Holdings Corporation (Head Office: Tokyo, Japan; President CEO: Toshihiko Hamada) has announced that its Norwegian subsidiary, Nippon Gases Norway, under its European operating company Nippon Gases Euro-Holding S.L.U. (Head Office: Madrid, Spain; Chairman & President: Raul Giudici), will construct a new air separation plant at the Viganeset industrial area in Hjelmeland municipality. The investment totals 400 million NOK, and the plant is scheduled to start operations during the summer of 2027. This project aims to strengthen the supply infrastructure for industrial, food-grade, and medical gases for the aquaculture sector and other industries in southwestern Norway, while also contributing to the revitalization of the local economy.

In Hjelmeland municipality, southwestern Norway, Nippon Gases Norway has decided to build its fourth air separation plant in the country. With an investment of 400 million NOK, the new facility will reinforce the reliable supply of industrial and medical gases for the region's aquaculture, industry, and healthcare sectors.

The choice of Viganeset industrial area as the site for the new plant was made possible through close collaboration with Hjelmeland municipality and local aquaculture operator Årdal Aqua. During the construction phase, orders placed with local contractors are expected to create new jobs and contribute to the economic development of the region.

The start of operations is planned for the summer of 2027. Once operational, the plant will support the region's green transition and reinforce stable gas supply, helping to build a sustainable industrial foundation.

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