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**Nippon Sanso Holdings Integrated Report 2023 won the No. 1 Ranking
Worldwide in the 2022/23 Vision Awards Annual Report Competition
sponsored by US LACP**

Nippon Sanso Holdings Corporation (“NSHD,” President CEO: Toshihiko Hamada) is pleased to announce that the English version of its Integrated Report 2023 won the top spot worldwide in the overall ranking for the 2022/23 Vision Awards Annual Report Competition. The competition results have been released by the League of American Communications Professionals LLC (LACP), a US organization.



LACP Vision Awards is one of two largest US annual report competitions, and nearly 1,000 companies and organizations entered the 2022/23 competition. Assessment criteria includes report narrative, message clarity, and creativity. NSHD was ranked No. 1 among all reports and also received number one placement among the Top 100 Reports Worldwide. In addition, NSHD won the Platinum Award and the Technical Achievement Award.

For details of the results, see the following:

<https://www.lacp.com/202223vision/awards-annual-report-competition-1234a.htm>

Our integrated report covers the NSHD Group’s management strategy, financial information such as performance highlights, and non-financial information such as sustainability activities. We issue the report every year as a tool to communicate with our investors, employees in our group, and any other stakeholders. In creating the award-winning integrated report, we explained our stories of sustainable growth and value creation in an easily understandable manner by incorporating specific examples

centered around our Medium-Term Management Plan, NS Vision 2026—Enabling the Future, released in May 2022.

We will strive to achieve a better understanding of our group by communicating with all our stakeholders via the integrated report, our website, and other media.

The Nippon Sanso Holdings Group is the world's fourth-largest supplier of industrial, electronic, and medical gases, operating in four geographic regions - Japan, U.S., Europe and Asia & Oceania - covering over 30 countries and regions. In addition, the Thermos business supplies THERMOS branded products to more than 120 countries worldwide. Since its foundation as Nippon Sanso Ltd. in 1910, the group stands for creating social value through innovative gas solutions that increase industrial productivity, enhance human well-being and contribute to a more sustainable future. With more than 19,000 employees, together, we are “The Gas Professionals” and we all have the same goal: “Making life better through gas technology.”

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