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## Kureha Invests in Leading Touch Technology Developer Cambridge Touch Technologies Ltd.

Kureha Corporation announces it has become a leading investor in the Series B funding round(\*1) that was recently completed by Cambridge Touch Technologies Limited ("CTT").

CTT is a fast-growing high tech company, spun-out of the University of Cambridge in England, and develops UltraTouch sensors(\*2) based on its unique touch signal processing algorithms combined with specialized piezoelectric film(\*3). Their technology, due to its simple architecture, enables lower costs and improved performance compared to existing technologies.

With the Series B funds raised, CTT aims to accelerate its technology and application development targeted for smartphones and automobiles as well as other electronic devices.

Kureha has since 1970 manufactured polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF), and one of the applications for this polymer is piezoelectric film sold under the trade name KF Piezo.

In 2016, Kureha began to support CTT's development of UltraTouch sensors by leveraging Kureha's material technologies and know-how accumulated over the years.

Kureha's investment in CTT is aligned with its initiative set out in the current mid-term management plan Kureha's Challenge 2020, which aims to promote downstream application development and exploring new market opportunities for existing businesses.

Kureha will further enhance collaboration with CTT through capital participation to expand the KF Piezo film business.

## Note:

- \*1 Series B funding round: The next round of investment to support the expansion of Cambridge Touch Technologies, following the first round completed in December 2015.
- \*<sup>2</sup> UltraTouch sensors: Sensors to detect both the location and the force of pressure on the surface when touched by fingers, etc.
- \*<sup>3</sup> Piezoelectric film: A film which generates electricity (exhibits piezoelectric and pyroelectric effects) when mechanical stress, compression or heat is applied, and is often used as a pressure sensor, acceleration sensor and fire detector as well as for sound pickup devices and audio speakers, etc.

<u>Overview of the investee</u> Company name: Cambridge Touch Technologies Limited Established: 2012 Company representative: Corbin Church, CEO and co-founder Location: 154 Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge, CB4 0GN, UK Website: <u>http://www.camtouch3d.com/</u>

## Financial details of the investment

Information including the amount of investment or acquired stakes in CTT is not disclosed.



UltraTouch sensors with KF Piezo

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