



# Advanced Li-Ion Polymer Battery Cell Manufacturing Plant in USA

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# OVERVIEW

## TIMELINE

- ◆ Start date : 09/01/2009
- ◆ End date: 05/31/2013
- ◆ Percent Complete: 85%

## BARRIERS

- ◆ Investment Cost Increase
- ◆ Adaptation and application of new technology into a new facility

## BUDGET

- ◆ Total Project Funding:
  - DOE Share: \$151,387,000
  - LGCMi Share: \$155,140,000
- ◆ Funding Received by 2012.1Q : 123.8M
- ◆ Funding for FY2012 Project : 27.5M

## PARTNERS

- ◆ DOE/NETL
- ◆ LG Chem Ltd.
- ◆ Architect & Engineering Firm
- ◆ Design Builder
- ◆ State of Michigan
- ◆ City of Holland, MI
- ◆ Various suppliers in near Holland

# PROJECT OBJECTIVE

## : LI-ION BATTERY CELL MANUFACTURING FACILITY

To design, construct, start-up and validate a production facility for Li-Ion Polymer Batteries in Holland, Michigan, USA.

- ◆ After starting assembly operations in 2012, the various efforts will be continued through 2013 to stabilize production and to provide quality products to customers. A high volume electrode manufacturing line will also be installed.
- ◆ When it reaches full-scale operation in 2013, more than 250 direct employees (Operators, Engineers, Management & Administration staff) will be working at the facility.

### Number of Employee by Year



# MILESTONES I.

On schedule and no issues.

## Schedule

Classification		2010	2011	2012	2013
Phase I (Assembly)	Building	6	9	Completion of Building	
	Equip-ment		11	Q2	
Phase II (Electrode)	Building		6	6	
	Equip-ment		6		Q2

## Updates

### > Phase I : Complete

- Completed all construction work in 2011
- Completed production equipment installation
- Under process / product verification

### > Phase II (Electrode Line) : On-track

- Construction progress: 100%
- Under equipment installation

# Milestone II.

## 2010

08/2009 DOE Grant Award

05/2010 Completion of General Contractor Selection

07/2010 Groundbreaking Ceremony



## 2011

02/2011 Completion of Enclosure

06/2011 Completion of Equipment Delivery

09/2011 Completion of Equipment Set-up

10/2011 Start to Production Process Verification



## 2012

01/2012 Achieved the ISO/TS 16949 LOC

03/2012 Under Product and Process Verification

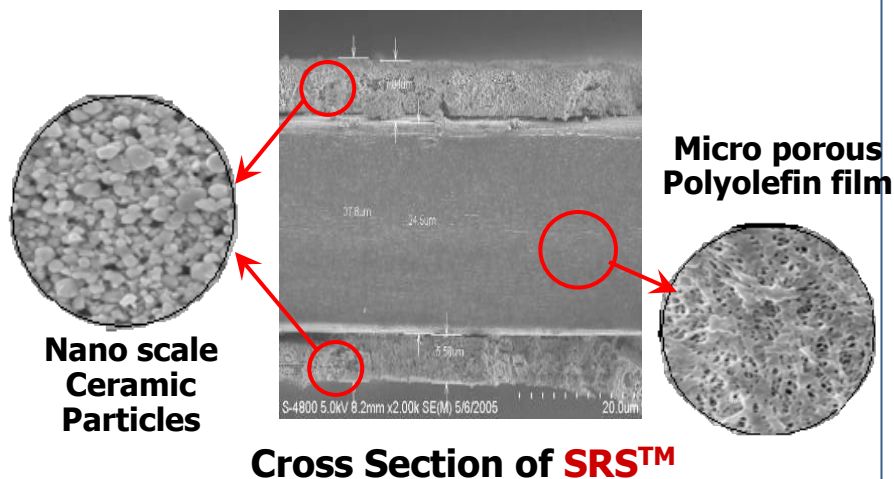


# INTRODUCTION OF UNIQUE TECHNOLOGY

LGCMi introduced the following two unique technologies from Korea to USA.

## SRS™

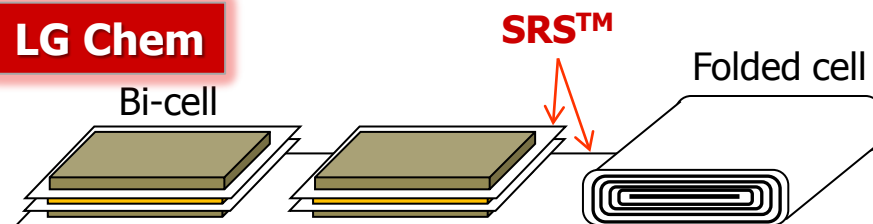
- ◆ Breakthrough technology to prevent safety issues in the Li-ion battery
- ◆ Mechanically, thermally improved separator



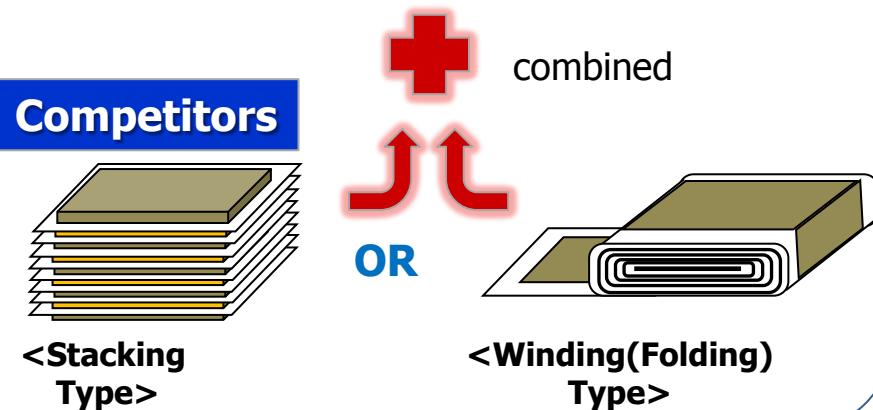
## STACK & FOLDING

- ◆ Stack the cut electrodes (bi-cell), then fold the bi-cells with SRS™ to make cells
- ◆ Safety, Performance excellence

### LG Chem



### Competitors





# MANUFACTURING FACILITY

With the cooperation of various USA partners, the building and its utilities were efficiently constructed and installed to support cell manufacturing technologies.



**Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer**



**Bird Eye View of LGCM**



**Dry and Clean Room**



**Road Expansion by City of Holland**



**Acetone Tank and Nitrogen Tank**

# VERIFIED EQUIPMENT

The verified quality equipment that has been used in Ochang, Korea was duplicated and set-up in Holland, MI, USA.

**LG Chem  
(Ochang, Korea)**

**LGCMi  
(Holland, MI, USA)**

**SRS**

Mixing Equipment  
Coating Equipment

**Assembly**

Notching Equipment  
Lamination Equipment  
Folding Equipment  
Packaging Equipment

**Formation**

Charging/Discharging Equipment  
Aging Equipment

**QA**

Inspection Equipment  
Test Equipment

**Electrode**

Mixing Equipment  
Coating Equipment



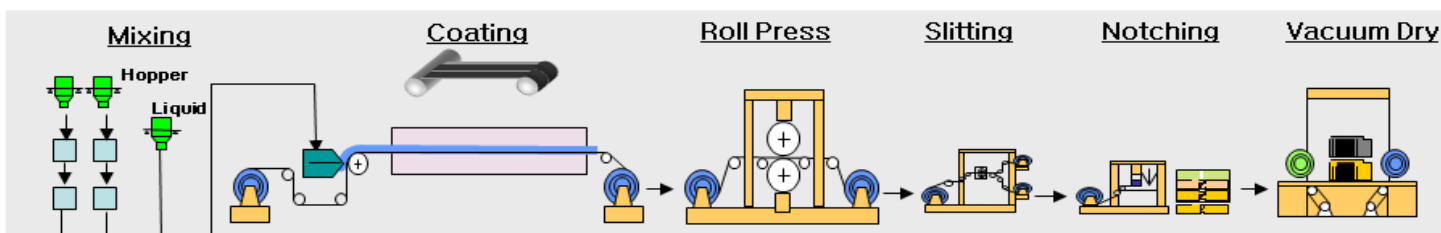


# REPLICATION OF PRODUCTION PROCESS

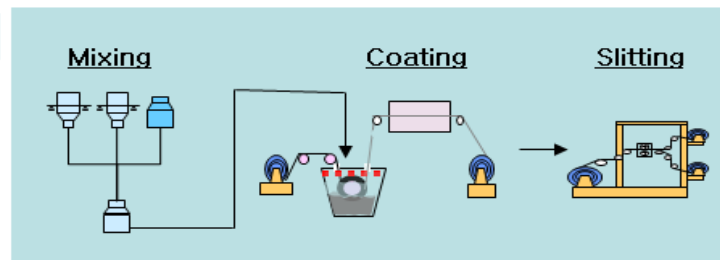
Adopted and replicated the most cutting edge Li-ion cell manufacturing process into USA.

## LG Chem's Cell Manufacturing Process

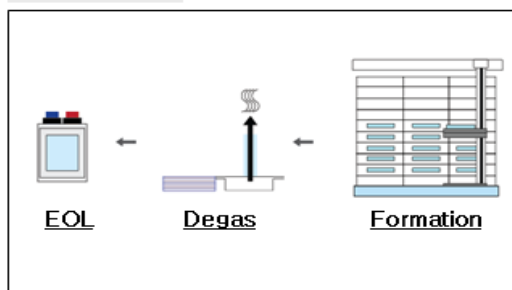
### Electrode



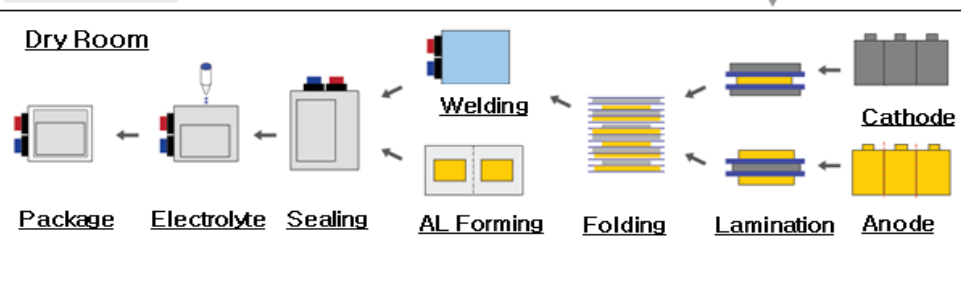
### SRS



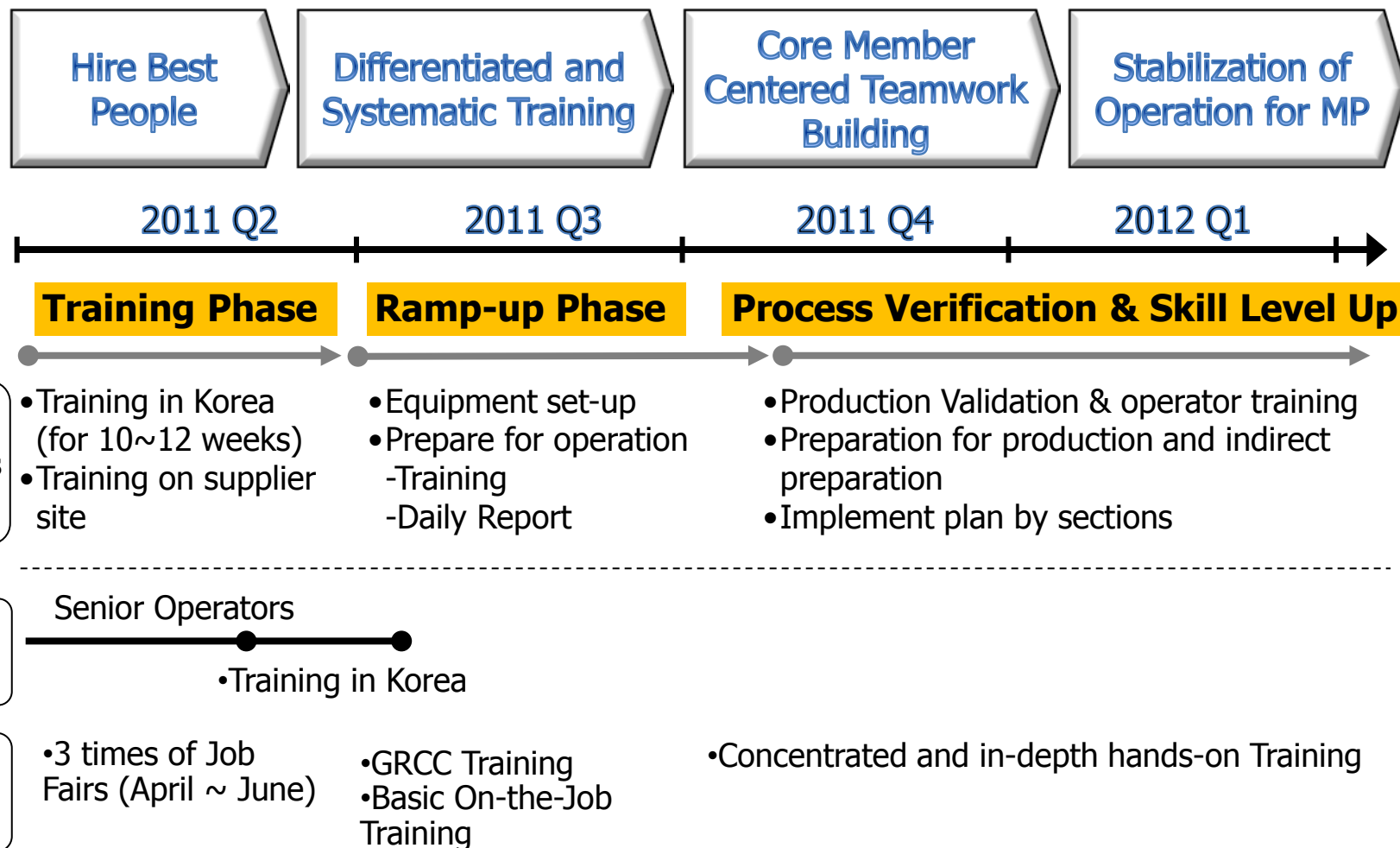
### Formation



### Assembly



# SUCCESSFUL HIRING AND TRAINING



# STANDARDIZED ISO/TS 16949 SYSTEM

Set-up the overall plant system in accordance with ISO/TS 16949:2009.  
LGCMi Received ISO/TS 16949 LOC(Letter of Conformance) on January 31, 2012.



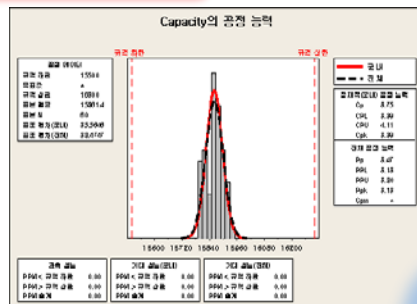
# INTENSIVE PROCESS VERIFICATION

Intensive process and product verification tests are on-going.  
(Process capability, dimensions, performance, reliability and safety, etc)

➡ Identically similar results between Korea and USA produced cells

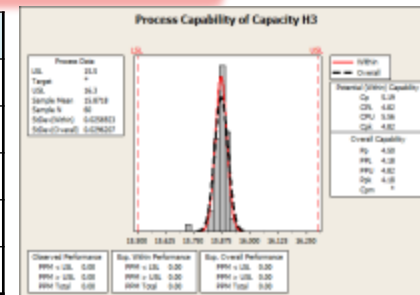
## Ochang Line 3

Capacity	
Average	15.86
Maximum	15.94
Minimum	15.79
N	60
CpK	3.39

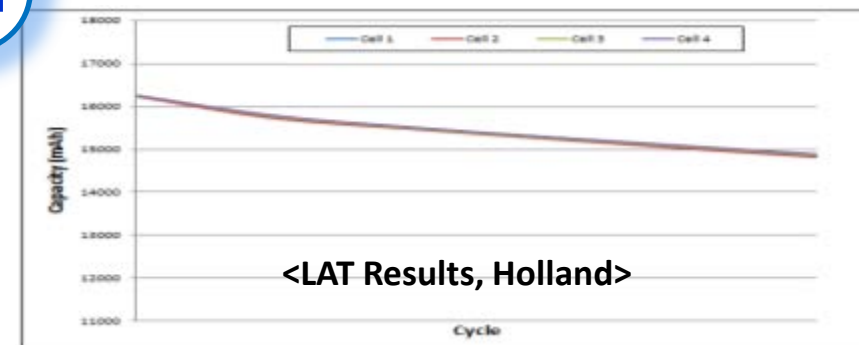
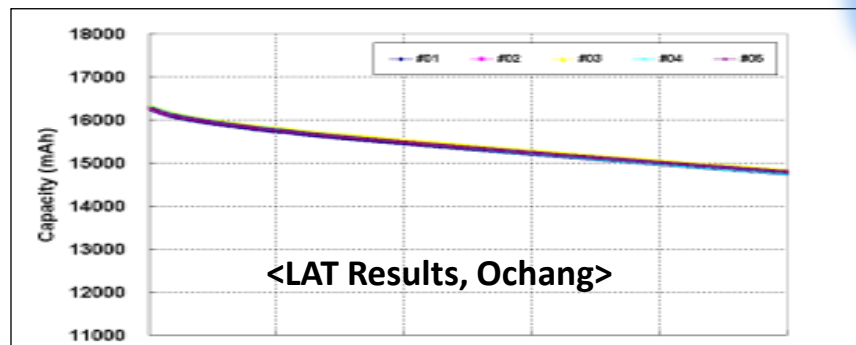


## Holland Line 3

Capacity	
Average	15.87
Maximum	15.92
Minimum	15.73
N	60
CpK	4.82



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# COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

Due to the great collaboration and enormous support from various public and private sectors, LGCMI could achieve the current status.

## ➤ DOE/NETL

- ☐ Clear guidelines for the DOE billing and reporting requirements
- ☐ Quick responses to specific inquiries

## ➤ State of Michigan

- ☐ Financial incentives (=tax credit) to LG Chem Michigan Inc.
- ☐ Coordination with state agencies (e.g., environmental permits)

## ➤ City of Holland

- ☐ Support and assistance in various areas (e.g., road expansion, site preparation)
- ☐ Renaissance zone designation in coordination with the State of Michigan

## ➤ Private Sector Partnership

- ☐ Timely cooperation and excellent support in the various stages of the project
- ☐ Anchor company of Michigan's SmartCoast Advanced Energy Storage cluster



# SUMMARY

LG Chem/LGCMI successfully completed project phase I.

- ◆ **Construction of building and facility were completed.**
  - No safety issues and no big troubles.
- ◆ **Completed the installation of cell manufacturing equipment.**
  - Verified equipment used in Ochang, Korea was installed and set-up.
- ◆ **Successfully replicated the cutting edge manufacturing technologies.**
  - Same advanced technologies for Li-ion cell manufacturing process were introduced to USA.
- ◆ **Process and product verification are under testing.**
  - Verification test results have been the same between Ochang, Korea and Holland, USA.
- ◆ **ISO/TS 16949 system was implemented .**
  - Received ISO/TS Letter of Conformance on Jan. 31, 2012

## SUMMARY (CONT.)

- **Hired and trained full time employees (195 as of 2011)**
  - Trained them with differentiated and systematic training program.
  - ➔ Intensive and repeated practice are being performed to achieve a similar skill level with Korea.

Project phase II step(Electrode) is on-track

- **Construction of facility for electrode**
  - Complete
- **Delivery and installation of electrode manufacturing equipment**
  - On-going

# FUTURE WORKS

To successfully complete the project, LGCMI's future work shall include:

- **Completion of Electrode Process Set-up**

- Successful adoption of most high-end technology for electrode production process
- Need to install and verify electrode equipment
- Continue to hire and train new employees for the electrode process

- **Customer Approval for Assembly Line**

- Will receive official customer approval for the newly set-up assembly production line for mass production.
- PPAP and QSB : On-going

- **Start of mass production and stabilization of production**

- Raise employee skill levels
- Continue to produce best quality products for our customers

# OF THE U.S. PEOPLE, BY THE U.S. PEOPLE, FOR THE U.S. CUSTOMERS

We, as LGCMi, produce the Li-ion cells that will power the electric vehicles of the United States of America.



<LGCMi Employees, Feb 2012>

