

## **Expanding our SCR NO<sub>x</sub> removal business**

In order to expand Hitachi Zosen Corporation's NO<sub>x</sub> removal business, we have decided the operation of the Scottsboro factory (located in Alabama, U.S.) to be commenced by March 2010 through one of our group companies, H&N Catalyst Manufacturing LLC. The factory's production capacity of NO<sub>x</sub> removal catalysts is expected to be 4,000 m<sup>3</sup> per year.

This commencement of operation is to respond to the surge in demand for NO<sub>x</sub> removal equipment installed in coal-fired boilers due to tightening NO<sub>x</sub> emission regulations in the United States and to prepare for the future increase of orders in the Chinese market.

Our company began the development and sales of NO<sub>x</sub> removal catalysts in the 1970s. Since then, we have delivered more than 330 units of NO<sub>x</sub> removal equipment to our clients, not only within Japan, but also to the United States, China, South Korea, Taiwan and the Middle East and have provided our clients with a high level of satisfaction. Based on this accumulated experience and our NO<sub>x</sub> removal catalyst technology, we will keep on exercising our utmost efforts to contribute towards the conservation of the global environment from the approach of preventing atmospheric pollution.