

Built to Last, Ready to Scale: GX MINERALS Closes Approx. JPY 460 Million Series A++ Round

With its Tahara Factory in commercial operation, the maker of “DIA,” a filler for weight reduction and decarbonization, channels new funding into advanced functional materials, quality assurance, and IP

GX MINERALS INC. (Headquarters: Okazaki, Aichi, Japan; Chairman & Representative Director (CEO): Hirotake Hayashi; hereinafter “GX MINERALS”) develops, manufactures, and sells the high performance filler “DIA” (2D platy talc). Today, the company announced that it has closed its Series A++ round, raising a total of approximately JPY 460 million, including debt financing. The investors and lenders are NEX-T Tokai Innovation Fund (co-managed by Prime Partners and Tokai Tokyo Securities), The Okazaki Shinkin Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, and three individual and corporate investors.

■ Background

Since its founding in May 2023, GX MINERALS has proposed and delivered products built around “DIA,” a high performance filler developed through industry-academia-government collaboration. These products combine decarbonization with enhanced performance of resin composite materials.

Having reached the stage of stable, reliable supply, GX MINERALS has broadened its focus. In addition to volume supply for resin applications, the company is working to expand applications for “DIA” into high-value fields such as advanced functional materials. The Series A++ round was carried out to support this expansion.

■ Use of Proceeds

The funds raised in this round are allocated to the following:

1. Development and evaluation of specialty grades for advanced functional materials (including in-house sample evaluation and analysis)
2. Building quality assurance and validation systems, and hiring the talent to run them
3. Securing and maintaining intellectual property rights (in Japan and overseas)

■ What Is “DIA”?



High Performance Filler “DIA”

“DIA” is a high performance filler made of 2D platy talc, developed through industry-academia-government collaboration. It is produced by increasing the aspect ratio of talc, a layered mineral, through proprietary technology; the platelets are thin relative to their width, which is what the company refers to as “2D platy.” When compounded with resin, it delivers both high rigidity and weight reduction.

Beyond its role as a reinforcement in automotive resins, “DIA” can also act as a nucleating agent and contribute to heat resistance, polymer morphology control, and gas permeability control. This breadth of application is one of its defining features. It also improves recyclability through monomaterial design, contributing to a circular economy. It supports the carbon neutrality and ESG initiatives of companies in the automotive and advanced functional materials sectors from the materials side. Grades are designed to meet customer specifications for each application, from resins to advanced functional materials.

■ About the Tahara Factory

The Tahara Factory (Tahara City, Aichi) was completed in January 2026 and entered commercial operation in July 2026. Located on a site of approximately 3,300 square meters, it manufactures “DIA” with an annual production capacity of approximately 10,000 tons, using CO₂-free electricity among other measures to reduce its environmental footprint.



“Tahara Factory, now in commercial operation”

■ Comment from the Chairman

“Our business is built on designing our 2D platy talc, ‘DIA,’ to meet customer specifications across applications, from resins to advanced functional materials. In July 2026, our Tahara Factory entered commercial operation, putting a solid supply foundation in place. The funds from this round are dedicated

to developing specialty grades for advanced functional materials and to building the evaluation and quality assurance systems that support them. We believe the true value of a material lies not in producing it once, but in delivering the same quality, time after time. Step by step, we are building a Japanese materials foundation for the next generation of industry.”

■ Comment from the Investor



Hideyuki Nakanishi, Investment Manager, NEX-T Tokai Innovation Fund (co-managed by Prime Partners and Tokai Tokyo Securities)

“GX MINERALS is a company with proprietary processing technology that further enhances the quality of high-end talc. Its products contribute to enhancing the performance of resins and other materials, and are highly regarded across a wide range of applications, particularly in the automotive industry. In July 2026, its Tahara Factory entered commercial operation, and the company now has the structure in place for volume production. Together with our fellow financial institutions in the Tokai region, we support the company’s ambitions, and we look forward to seeing its products become the standard for high-end talc.”

■ Company Profile

Company Name: GX MINERALS INC.

Established: May 16, 2023

Representative: Chairman & Representative Director (CEO): Hirotake Hayashi / President & Director (COO): Takao Ikeda

Business Activities: Development, manufacturing, and sales of high performance fillers that drive GX, as well as development, manufacturing, and sales of resin composite materials incorporating these fillers

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