Introduction

Invest KOREA Market Place (IKMP) is a project designed to help discover and support new investment projects for Korean SMEs, start-ups and local governments seeking foreign investment. Invest KOREA aims to use the IKMP platform to promote the globalization of Korean companies and institutions by utilizing KOTRA’s 36 overseas offices devoted to attracting foreign investment.

Every year in March, June and September, the project notice is available on KOTRA’s website at www.kotra.or.kr. Additionally, project information detailing investment opportunities in Korea is available on the Invest KOREA website at www.investkorea.org.

Investment Opportunities

Here are two Korean companies currently seeking foreign investment*. For more details, please contact Seo Dong Hyun, Senior Investment Consultant of the New Industry Investment Promotion Team, at dhseo@kotra.or.kr.

*Some information remains confidential.

1. Automobile/Machinery/Parts Company: Slewing Ring Bearing

Investment Highlights: The company produces sewing ring bearings, which are used in a wide range of equipment such as construction machinery, machine tools, tanks, self-propelled guns, naval guns, radars, aircraft, and etc. The company’s self-developed special post type jig allows for two-or three-stack machining process by pitch, thus increasing productivity.

Company Profile: The company was founded in May 2011, and specializes in manufacturing slewing bearings used to rotate moving parts by connecting moving and moved parts in construction equipment such as concrete pump cars and tower cranes. Also, the company is one of just 13 companies around the world that can manufacture slewing bearings for excavators.

Investment Requirements:
- Investment method: Financial investment (minority), strategic investment, M&A
- Amount: USD 1-5 million
- Region: All available

2. ICT Company: Face Recognition Biometrics

Investment Highlights: The company offers face recognition technology and infrared ray authentication for security purposes with a high level of accuracy, capable of authenticating individuals in caps and glasses. The technology also features an IoT function through the Ufacekey application which can be linked with smartphones to allow users to verify visitors and control their access in a simple, efficient manner.

Company Profile: The company was founded in October 2012, and has six local patents and utility models, as well as three designs related to face recognition in the process of being registered. The company offers an IoT security community service allowing users to watch intruders, send images to other users and security offices and operate sirens.

Investment Requirements:
- Investment method: Financial investment (minority), strategic investment, M&A
- Amount: USD 1 million
- Region: North America, China, Europe and Japan