

## **Nabtesco Invests in sewts, a Provider of Robotic Solutions to the Textile Industry**

Nabtesco Corporation (headquarters: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Kazumasa Kimura) is pleased to announce that it has invested in sewts GmbH (“sewts”), a provider of robotic solutions with embedded software for the textile industry, through Nabtesco Technology Ventures L.P. (Managing Partner: Hiroshi Nerima), which it founded as a corporate venture capital firm.

Headquartered in Munich, Germany, sewts developed various image recognition applications for the textile industry and, by combining them with AI and advanced robotic systems technology, enabled the automation of complex work conventionally done by hand. VELUM, sewts’s robotic system, can feed washed clothes and fabrics into folding machines at a speed equal to or faster than humans in laundry factories. Through sewts’s robotic solutions, we will be able to contribute to alleviating the intensifying labor shortage and improving work efficiency in the professional laundry industry.

Through this investment, Nabtesco aims to acquire innovative technologies to solve social issues by accumulating technologies for image recognition, AI, and peripheral solutions, which are elemental technologies essential for automation.



VELUM, sewts’s robotic system

### [Outline of sewts]

Company name	sewts GmbH
Representative	Co-Founder and CEO : Alexander Bley
Address	Lichtenbergstraße 8, 85748 Garching b. München, Germany
Established	2019
Business content	Development and supply of robotic solutions for the textile industry
Website	<a href="https://www.sewts.com/">https://www.sewts.com/</a>

■About Nabtesco <https://www.nabtesco.com/en/>

Nabtesco was established through the integration of Teijin Seiki Co., Ltd. and NABCO Ltd. in 2003. Based on its unique motion control technology, Nabtesco manufactures components for machines to support the automation of production facilities and to provide safety, comfort and a sense of security for land, sea and air transportation. The company is proactively promoting co-creation, including fostering joint development with startups through CVC.