

Corporate History

1970s-1980s

December 1970

Established as Korea Synthetic Rubber Industries Co., Ltd.

June 1973

Commissioned Ulsan SBR plant

October 1979

Commissioned Yeosu BD plant

June 1980

Commissioned Yeosu BR plant

December 1983

Commissioned Ulsan SB latex plant

June 1985

Merged with Korea Kumho Chemical Co., Ltd. and changed corporate name to Kumho Petrochemical Co., Ltd.

June 1985

Established Kumho Petrochemical Research Center

January 1988

Listed on the Korea Stock Exchange

November 1988

Commissioned Yeosu multi-purpose BR plant

1990s

April 1992

Commissioned Ulsan BD plant

July 1993

Opened office in Jakarta, Indonesia

April 1994

Opened Kumho Chemical Laboratories in Daejeon, Korea

August 1994

Launched SBS production

May 1997

Changed Miwon Petrochemical Co., Ltd. name to Kumho Chemicals, Inc.

July 1997

Commissioned Yeosu Energy I cogeneration plant

September 1997

Opened office in Shanghai, China

December 1997

Opened office in San Diego, USA

April 1998

Commissioned Yeosu SBS plant

October 1998

Commissioned Asan electronic materials plant

2000s

October 2000

Established Shanghai Kumho Sunny Plastics, China

January 2001

Merged with Kumho Chemicals, Inc. (Synthetic resins)

January 2002

Merged with Kumho Monsanto Co., Ltd. (Specialty chemicals)

February 2002

Opened office in Frankfurt, Germany

October 2004

Launched commercial production at Yeosu SSBR plant

November 2005

Received the USD 1 Billion Export Tower Award from the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy

September 2006

Established Nanjing Kumho GPRO Chemical, China

June 2007

Established Rizhao Kumho Jinma Chemical, China

June 2007

Opened office in Qingdao, China

December 2008

Received the USD 2 Billion Export Tower Award from the Ministry of Knowledge Economy

May 2009

Commissioned Yeosu Energy II cogeneration plant

September 2009

Established Kumho Terminal & Logistics

2010s

February 2011

Commissioned second Yeosu synthetic rubbers plant

March 2011

Commissioned Yesan building materials plant

December 2011

Received the USD 3 Billion Export Tower Award from the Ministry of Knowledge Economy

September 2012

Relocated Seoul headquarters

May 2013

Purchased equity stake in Korea Energy Power in Sacheon, Korea (Solar power)

October 2013

Commissioned carbon nanotube plant in Asan, Korea

December 2013

Launched commercial production at Asan carbon nanotube plant

July 2014

Completed 55,000 mtpy expansion of Ulsan PPG plant

May 2015

Participated in Korea Energy Power capital increase (92.6% equity stake)

June 2015

Yeonggwang Baeksu wind farm begins commercial operations

July 2015

Korea Energy Power wind turbines 3, 4 and 5 begin commercial operations

July 2015

Acquired Korea Energy Power wind turbine 6

October 2015

Acquired 32.5% equity stake in Yeonggwang Baeksu wind farm

October 2015

Completed Shanghai Kumho Sunny Plastics Minhang plant

March 2016

Opened office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

April 2016

Recognized as a major business conglomerate by the Korean government

April 2016

Commissioned Yeosu Energy II cogeneration plant expansion

August 2016

Completed 200,000 mtpy expansion of the Ulsan NB latex plant

August 2016

Acquired 100% equity stake in Kangwon School Solar Power through subsidiary Korea Energy Power

September 2017

Opened office in Atlanta, USA