

POSSOL **INNOTECH**

# Smart Steel for a Greener Future

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Eco-friendly **corrosion-resistant coating solutions** that extend the life of steel components while lowering CO<sub>2</sub> across manufacturing.



PoSSEN® Technology

# Company Overview

POSSOL INNOTECH is a specialized materials startup spun off from POSCO, dedicated to solving corrosion challenges in steel structures with eco-friendly inorganic coating technology.



## Establishment

**November 2024**

Officially spun off from POSCO In-house Venture Program



## Location

**Incheon, South Korea**

Michuhol Tower Annex A, Yeonsu-gu



## Core Business

**R&D & Surface Treatment**

Eco-friendly inorganic anti-corrosion coating & fasteners



## Certifications

ISO 9001

ISO 14001

Venture Company

R&D Center



## Key Programs

**TIPS Selection (2025)**

POSCO INNOVILT Brand Certification



## Proprietary Brand

**PoSSEN<sup>®</sup>**

POSCO Steel Surface Solution with Eco-friendly Nano-coating

# Timeline & Milestones (2023-2025)

**2023.11**

- Selected as POSCO in-house venture (POVENTURES 5th)
- 'POSSOL INNOTECH TF Team' Launched

**2024.04 - 06**

- POSSOL INNOTECH Certification
- Pre-startup Package Selection
- KIBO Camp Excellence Award

**2024.11 - 12**

- Incorporated: POSSOL INNOTECH
- PoSSEN® Trademark Registration
- R&D Department Recognition

**2025.01 - 02**

- ISO 9001 / 14001 Certification
- Venture Company Certification
- Joined POSCO Eco-Materials Research Union

**2025.04 - 12**

- TIPS Program Selection
- Seed Investment (250M KRW)  
- Infobank / Daejeon Changkyung
- NST OEM Agreement
- Energy Spot Distribution MOU

**2026.01 - 03**

- Samsung C&T Residential Supply Started
- Livestock Barn Repair Screws Supply
- KDB NextONE Program Selection
- INNOPOLIS Global PoC (Solar Structure Fasteners)

# The Problem: Corrosion is Costly & Persistent



## 3-4%

of Global GDP Lost

Annual economic loss due to corrosion damage worldwide, impacting infrastructure sustainability.



## 20-50%

Lifespan Reduction

Structural lifespan significantly shortened in marine & offshore environments without proper protection.



## Accelerated

Marine Damage

Shift to floating solar & offshore wind exposes components to harsh salt/humidity, accelerating failure.



## Fasteners & Brackets: The Weakest Link Critical Failure Point

While structural steel (like PosMAC) is highly durable, the **connection points (bolts, nuts, brackets)** often corrode first due to galvanic reaction and insufficient coating protection, compromising the entire structure's integrity and safety.



### Stainless Steel (STS)

Commonly used for high corrosion resistance but comes with significant trade-offs.

#### ✖ MAJOR DRAWBACKS

Extremely high cost (3-5x vs carbon steel) and potential for galvanic corrosion when paired with other metals.



### Aluminum Alloys

Lightweight alternative often used in solar mounting structures.

#### ✖ MAJOR DRAWBACKS

Insufficient mechanical strength for high-load structural applications compared to steel components.



### Organic Coatings

Traditional paints and polymer-based protective layers.

#### ✖ MAJOR DRAWBACKS

Environmental issues (VOCs), peeling over time, and lower long-term durability in UV/marine conditions.

# Market Opportunity (Growth Potential)

Global Fastener Market (2023)

## \$91.3 Billion

↑ Massive Scale Industry



Marine Fastener Market

## \$26.5 Billion

≡ High-Value Segment



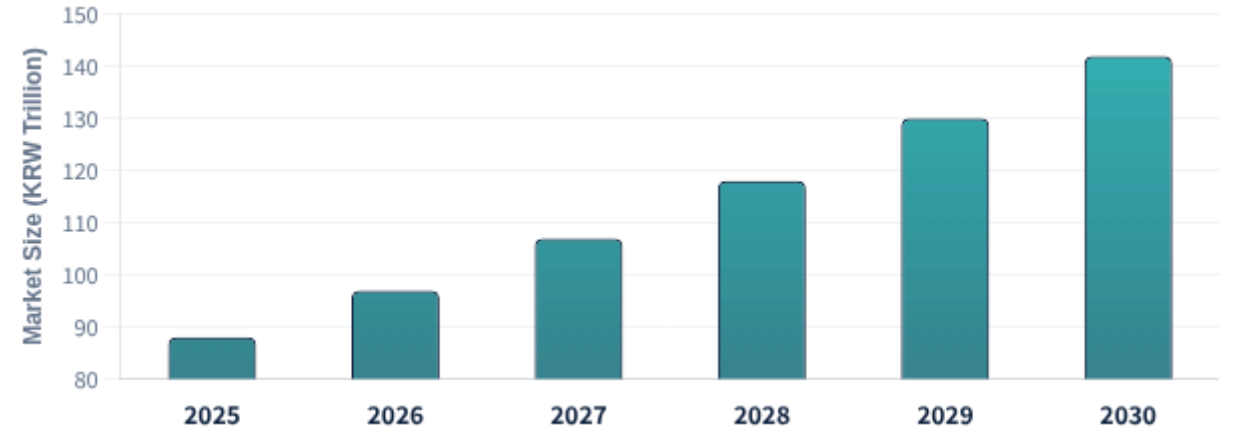
Floating Solar Growth

## 22% CAGR

↗ Rapid Expansion



### Corrosion-Resistant Steel Components Market (KRW Trillion)



### Strategic Market Drivers

- Shift from land to **water/offshore** installations demands superior corrosion resistance (10x durability).
- Longer structural design life (20-30 years) requires advanced protection beyond standard galvanization.
- Global push for **low-carbon solutions** favors eco-friendly coating technologies like PoSSEN®.

# The PoSSEN<sup>®</sup> Solution Advanced Inorganic Coating Technology

## PoSSEN<sup>®</sup>

POSCO Super Sustainability  
under harsh ENvironment

A revolutionary inorganic coating solution designed specifically to extend the lifespan of steel structures while significantly reducing the carbon footprint of the manufacturing process.

- ✓ **Optimized for PosMAC<sup>®</sup> Steel**
- ✓ **Eco-friendly Low-Temp Process**



### Galvanic Corrosion Prevention

Matches electropotential of PosMAC<sup>®</sup> and aluminum structures ( $\pm 0.05V$  range), eliminating the "battery effect" that corrodes standard fasteners.

**Solves the #1 Failure Cause**



### Low-Carbon Manufacturing

Cures at low temperatures (200-250°C) compared to conventional 450°C+ processes, reducing energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

**36.6% CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction**



### Extreme Durability

Inorganic coating with special anti-corrosion pigments provides barrier protection that outperforms standard Zinc and Electro-galvanized coatings.

**4x Better Performance (CCT)**



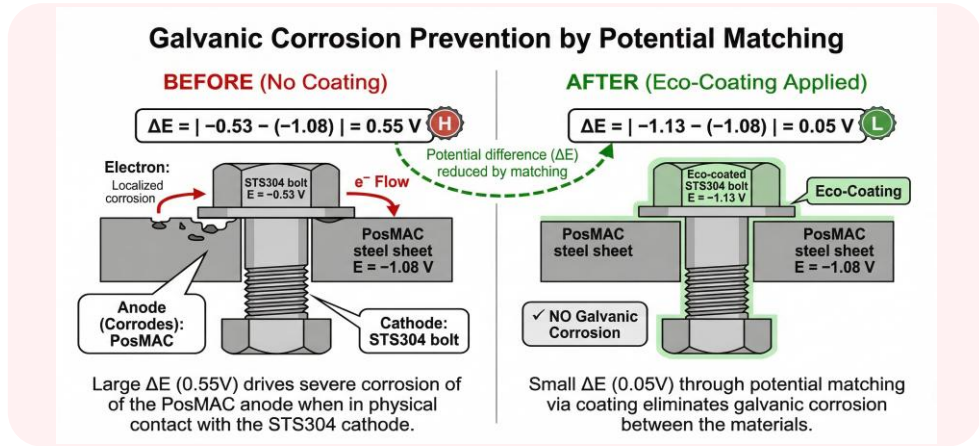
### Proven Compatibility

Officially validated for use with high-corrosion-resistant zinc alloy steels (PosMAC<sup>®</sup>), ensuring system integrity for solar and marine projects.

**POSCO Certified**

# Technology: Galvanic Corrosion Prevention

## ⚠ The Galvanic Corrosion Problem



**Mechanism:** When dissimilar metals (like PosMAC and Stainless Steel) contact in an electrolyte, a "battery effect" occurs.

The metal with lower potential (Anode) corrodes rapidly to protect the one with higher potential (Cathode).

## 🔍 Field Reality

- Standard zinc plating dissolves too quickly.
- STS bolts cause the surrounding PosMAC structure to rust, leading to connection failure.

## ✅ The PoSSEN® Solution: Potential Matching

**HDG**



**STS**



**PoSSEN®**



### Barrier Protection

Dense inorganic layer blocks moisture and oxygen from reaching the base metal.

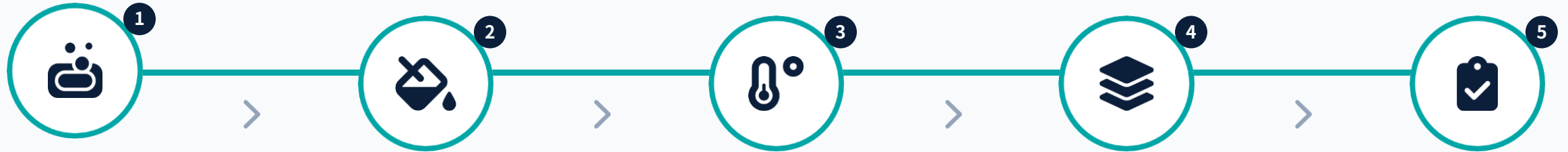
### Sacrificial Action

Controlled sacrificial protection prevents red rust even if coating is scratched.

### Repeated Tightening

Maintains thread integrity and corrosion resistance even after 5x tightening cycles.

# Technology: Coating Process Flow



## Pretreatment

Blast cleaning & degreasing  
Surface prep

## 1st Coating

Dip & Spin Method  
Uniform application

## Drying (Curing)

210-250°C  
Low-Temp Process

## 2nd Coating

Additional Layer  
Enhanced barrier

## Final Cure & QA

210-230°C  
Inspection

### Precision Thickness



**15 ± 5 μm**

Optimal thickness for thread fit and corrosion resistance without compromising assembly.

### Eco-Friendly



## Low-Temp Curing

~250°C process reduces energy consumption compared to hot-dip galvanizing (450°C+).

### Scalability

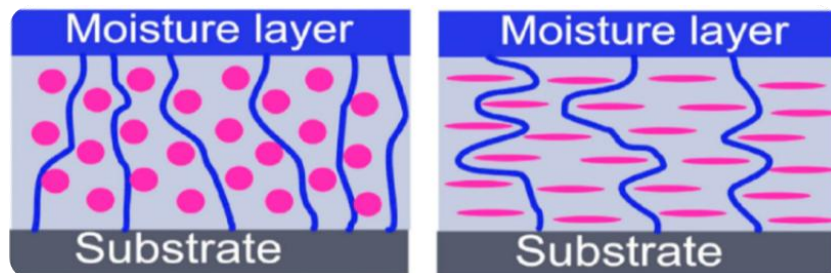


## OEM Ready

Designed for repeatable quality in mass production environments with consistent output.

# Technology: Composition & Potentials

	<b>Binder Type</b>	Epoxy-based Organic/Inorganic Hybrid
	<b>Composition</b>	<b>Base:</b> Zinc (Zn) & Aluminum (Al) Flake Mixture Includes special anti-corrosion additives
	<b>Thickness</b>	15 ± 5 µm (Standard Specification)
	<b>Curing Temp</b>	200°C – 250°C (Low-Temperature Process)
	<b>Appearance</b>	Silver Grey (Metallic finish)
	<b>Function</b>	Galvanic Corrosion Prevention + Barrier Protection



tortuous pathway

## ⚡ Natural Potential (vs. SCE)

PoSSEN® Bolt  
**-1054.7 mV**

PosMAC® 3.0  
**-1041.6 mV**

✓ Perfect Potential Match ( $\Delta < 50\text{mV}$ )

## Protective Mechanism



### Tortuous Diffusion Path

Lamellar Zn & Al flakes create a complex, winding path that physically blocks moisture and oxygen from reaching the substrate.



### Active Passivation

Special anti-corrosion additives promote the formation of a stable passivation layer, self-healing minor surface damage.

# Performance: Cyclic Corrosion Test (ISO 14993)

## Corrosion Resistance Comparison (Cycles to Red Rust)

KTR  
Verified



## 4x - 8x Superior Durability

PoSSEN® Marine grade withstands 500+ cycles in ISO 14993 CCT compared to just ~60 cycles for conventional Zinc plating, offering a massive leap in lifespan.

## Repeated Tightening Integrity

Even after **5 repeated tightening cycles**, the coating layer maintains structural integrity without peeling or cracking, ensuring long-term maintenance capability.

## Certified No Red Rust

Official KTR test reports confirm **>300 cycles with zero red rust formation**, validating performance for critical infrastructure projects.

# Economics: Lifecycle Cost Advantage

## Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) Analysis

### 10-Year Lifecycle Cost Comparison (Index)

Category	Conventional Material	PoSSEN® Solution	Savings
Initial Material Cost	100 (Index Base)	120	+20%
Installation Labor	300	300	-
Maintenance (10 yrs)	1,600 (8 cycles)	780 (3 cycles)	-51%
<b>Total Cost (10 yrs)</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>-40%</b>

#### Strategic Insight

While initial material cost is slightly higher (+20%), the drastic reduction in maintenance cycles leads to a **40% total cost savings** over a 10-year period.

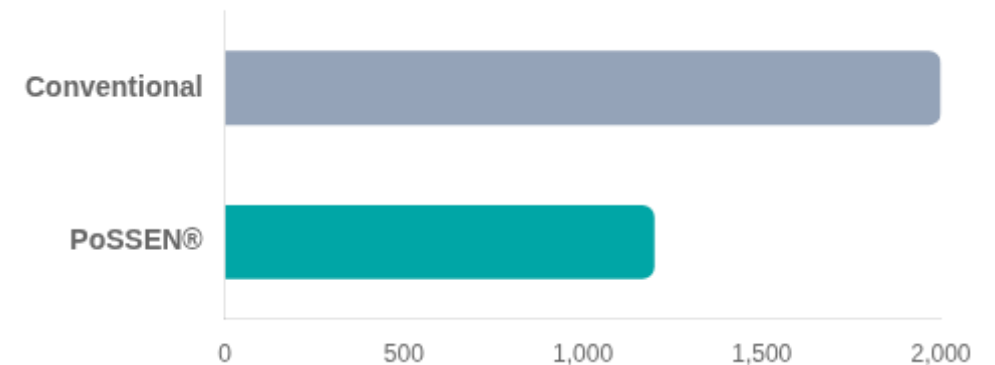
Initial Cost Advantage vs STS304

**15-20% Lower**

Maintenance Cost Reduction

**>40%**

### Total Cost Index (10 Years)



### Cost Structure Breakdown



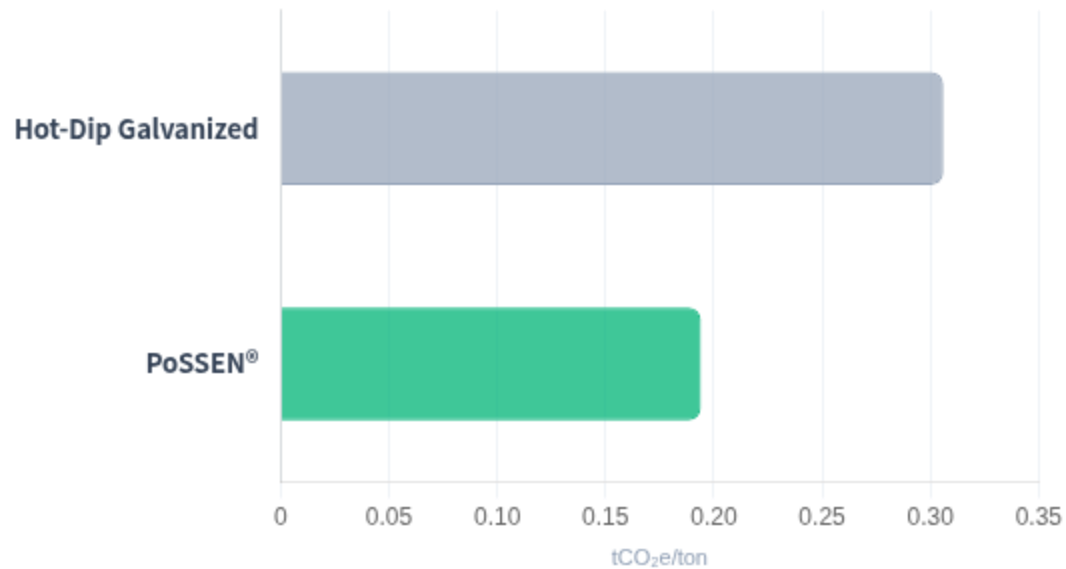
PoSSEN® Cost Distribution

# Environmental Advantage (Low-Carbon Manufacturing)

## CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Comparison

Unit: tCO<sub>2</sub>e/ton (Global Warming Potential)

↓ 36.6% Reduction



### Source Data:

- PoSSEN®: 0.194 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/ton (Based on internal LCA study)
- Hot-Dip Galvanized: 0.306 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/ton (Industry standard average)

## Low-Temperature Curing Process

Significantly lower energy consumption during production.

Conventional (HDZ)

~450°C

High Energy Intensity



PoSSEN®

~250°C

Eco-Friendly Efficiency

## ESG & LCA Compliance

- ✓ Supports **Scope 3 Emission Reduction** goals for automotive and construction partners.
- ✓ Aligns with global environmental regulations (EU CBAM, REACH) by eliminating hazardous heavy metals.
- ✓ Enhances **Lifecycle Assessment (LCA)** scores for green building certifications (LEED, BREEAM).

# Product Lineup (Comprehensive Solutions)



## PoSSEN® Coated Fasteners

고내식 코팅 파스너

### PRODUCT OVERVIEW:

High-performance bolts, nuts, and washers designed for extreme environments with galvanic corrosion prevention.

Land Grade: Solar & construction (250+ cycles)

Water Grade: Floating solar (350+ cycles)

Marine Grade: Offshore & coastal (500+ cycles)

#### ✓ KEY BENEFIT:

Matches PosMAC® potential ( $\pm 0.05V$ ) for extended system life.



## SSEN ZINC Spray

센징크 스프레이 (N-30 / N-50)

### PRODUCT OVERVIEW:

Advanced aerosol maintenance solution for on-site repair of cut edges, welds, and scratches on galvanized steel.

High inorganic content (Zn, Al, Mg)

Quick-drying MRO solution

Superior adhesion and barrier protection

#### ✓ KEY BENEFIT:

Extends maintenance intervals for installed infrastructure.



## PosMAC® Cable Trays

케이블 트레이 시스템

### PRODUCT OVERVIEW:

Corrosion-resistant cable management systems optimizing PosMAC® steel properties for electrical infrastructure.

Self-healing cut edge protection

High strength-to-weight ratio

Reduced maintenance requirements

#### 🤝 PARTNERSHIP:

JEAWON ACE INDUSTRY (Strategic Alliance)



## PosMAC® Conduits

고내식 전선관 시스템

### PRODUCT OVERVIEW:

Durable electrical conduit pipes utilizing PosMAC® technology for superior protection against moisture and chemicals.

3-5x lifespan of conventional galvanized

Excellent bendability and workability

Ideal for chemical plants & coastal zones

#### 🤝 PARTNERSHIP:

YUIL PIPE (Strategic Alliance)



## Automotive Components

자동차 정밀 부품

### PRODUCT OVERVIEW:

Precision-engineered automotive fasteners and components meeting strict OEM quality and durability standards.

High-strength bolt solutions (14T grade)

Hydrogen embrittlement resistant

Low friction coefficient control

#### 🤝 PARTNERSHIP:

Taeyang Metal (TIPS Collaboration)



## PosMAC® Steel Plates

구조용 강판 솔루션

### PRODUCT OVERVIEW:

The foundation of corrosion-resistant structures, offering self-healing properties through Mg-Al-Zn alloy coating.

Mg-Al-Zn ternary alloy coating

Superior red rust resistance

Base material for PoSSEN application

#### 🤝 PARTNERSHIP:

POSCO (Material Supplier & Licensor)

# Proof of Concept & Traction (Key References)

## Construction

DEPLOYED

### POSCO

Supplied **50,000+** PoSSEN® units for new construction facilities. Field-proven durability in industrial environments.

DEPLOYED

### Samsung C&T

Selected for Songdo Raemian apartment complex supply chain. Applied to critical exterior fasteners.

## Floating/Marine Solar

ONGOING VALIDATION

### Major Solar EPC

Multi-year performance validation in high-salinity marine environments. Monitoring corrosion resistance of structural connections.

PILOT TEST

### Energy Spot

Joint testing for floating PV mounting systems. Verifying compatibility with PosMAC® structures.

## Appliances

CONFIRMED

### LG Electronics

**Mini-Washer Leg Nut:** Application confirmed for mass production. Solved corrosion issues in humid laundry environments.

UNDER REVIEW

### LG Electronics

**AC Outdoor Unit:** Testing screws for outdoor durability against acid rain and pollution.

## Automotive

R&D PROGRAM

### TIPS Program

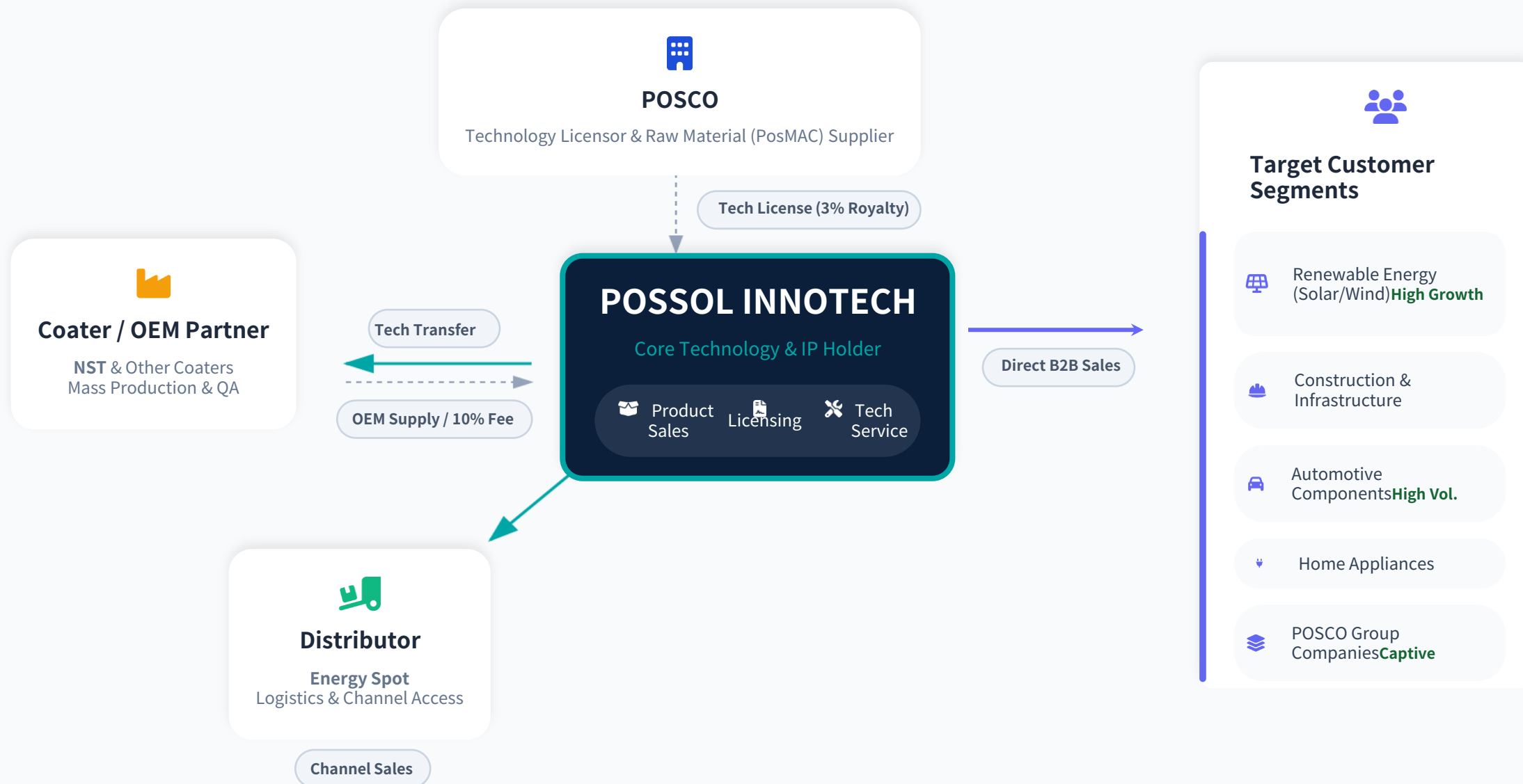
Selected for high-strength fastener development. Focusing on hydrogen embrittlement prevention.

COLLABORATION

### HL Mando

Joint development for vehicle chassis components. Targeting enhanced corrosion resistance specifications.

# Business Model (Value Chain & Revenue)





# Roadmap & Growth Plan Strategic Milestones (2025–2031)

## Phase 1: Foundation

KRW 2.8B

### 2025–2026

-  **Market Entry:** Establish foundation in construction & renewable sectors.
-  Secure initial POs from POSCO & Samsung C&T.
-  Complete PoC for floating solar applications.

#### Funding Target




**Pre-A: KRW 0.7–1.0B**

Seed investment & TIPS program

## Phase 2: Expansion

KRW 43B

### 2027–2028

-  **Production Scale-up:** Build Yeoncheon BIX factory.
-  Enter automotive supply chain (HL Mando partnership).
-  Expand product line to cable trays & conduits.

#### Funding Target




**Series A/B**

For facility CAPEX & scaling

## Phase 3: Global Leader

KRW 100B+

### 2029–2031

-  **Global Expansion:** Market entry into UAE, North America, Europe.
-  Dominate marine/offshore fastener market.
-  **IPO:** KOSDAQ listing preparation.

#### Strategic Goal

**KOSDAQ IPO**

Public listing & global brand

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## Let's build durable, low-carbon infrastructure together.

### PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Distributors & Importers



EPC Developers (Solar/Wind)

Fastener Manufacturers



Coaters & Surface Treaters



Automotive & Appliance OEMs



R&D Collaboration Partners

Schedule a Partnership Meeting →

# Why Kazakhstan / Why Almaty (2026 Apr Visit)

## Regional Strategic Context

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### Central Asia's Renewable Hub (중앙아시아 허브)

Kazakhstan serves as the gateway for renewable energy deployment across the region, with rapidly expanding solar and wind infrastructure projects.

### Demand for Durability (고내식 인프라 수요)

Harsh continental climates and the shift from land to water/offshore installations drive critical demand for corrosion-resistant fasteners and structural components.

### Low-Carbon Imperative (저탄소 공정 필요성)

Growing ESG mandates require sustainable materials like PoSSEN<sup>®</sup>-coated steel, utilizing low-temperature curing (200°C) to minimize carbon footprint.

## Visit Objectives in Almaty

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### Business & Industrial Center (비즈니스 중심지)

Almaty provides the ideal base for partner meetings, pilot planning, and establishing regional distribution networks for high-durability steel solutions.

### Partnership Alignment (파트너십 구축)

Engage with EPCs, fabricators, and distributors to map specific applications for PosMAC<sup>®</sup> structures and PoSSEN<sup>®</sup> fasteners.

### Pilot Definition (실증 프로젝트 정의)

Identify 1-2 strategic sites for proof-of-concept (PoC) trials to validate performance in local environmental conditions.

# Desired Partner Profile (Target Archetypes)



## EPC / Project Developer

EPC / 프로젝트 개발사 (Solar/Wind)

### THEY BRING:

Project pipeline access, site installation expertise, and direct influence on material specifications for renewable energy projects.

#### ✔ POSSOL PROVIDES:

PoSSEN® coated fastener packages, corrosion test protocols, and field trial (PoC) support.



## Steel Fabricator

강구조 가공/제작사 (PosMAC-based)

### THEY BRING:

Large-scale fabrication capacity for solar/wind structures and established supply chains using PosMAC® steel.

#### ✔ POSSOL PROVIDES:

Coating compatibility guidance (galvanic corrosion prevention) and application process know-how.



## Fastener Manufacturer

파스너 제조사

### THEY BRING:

Mass production scale, cold-forming capability, and existing customer base for standard and specialty bolts/nuts.

#### ✔ POSSOL PROVIDES:

Proprietary coating technology ( $15\pm 5\mu\text{m}$  thickness), quality standards, and repeatability guidance.



## Coater / Surface Treatment

코터 / 표면처리 파트너

### THEY BRING:

Dip-spin coating lines, curing ovens, and quality assurance (QA) operations for surface finishing services.

#### ✔ POSSOL PROVIDES:

Inorganic formulation supply and low-temperature process optimization ( $\approx 200\text{--}250^\circ\text{C}$  curing).



## Cable Tray & Conduit Mfr.

케이블 트레이 / 전선관 제조사

### THEY BRING:

Electrical infrastructure productization capabilities and specifications for cable management systems.

#### ✔ POSSOL PROVIDES:

Complete corrosion-resistant product packages and seamless integration with PosMAC® structural systems.



## Distributor / Importer

디스트리뷰터 / 임포터

### THEY BRING:

Market access, local warehousing, channel coverage, and support for navigating local certification requirements.

#### ✔ POSSOL PROVIDES:

Comprehensive technical support, marketing documentation, and proof-of-concept (PoC) collateral.