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To Our Shareholders

Sojitz Corporation

Supplemental Explanation of “Proposal No. 2: Partial Amendments of the Articles of Incorporation” to be Submitted at the 19th Ordinary General Shareholders’ Meeting

Sojitz Corporation (“Sojitz”) would like to provide supplemental explanation about its views on (1) Amendments to the Convocation Rules for General Shareholders’ Meetings of “Proposal No. 2: Partial Amendments of the Articles of Incorporation” (hereinafter referred to as “this Proposal”), which will be submitted at the 19th Ordinary General Shareholders’ Meeting to be held on June 17, 2022. The supplemental explanation is as described below.

We appreciate the understanding and support of our shareholders.

The purpose of this Proposal is to expand Sojitz’s options in terms of the method of holding general shareholders’ meetings in response to the enforcement of the Act for Partially Amending the Industrial Competitiveness Enhancement Act and Other Related Acts. If this Proposal is approved and the amendments of the Articles of Incorporation take effect, Sojitz will be able to select an option to convene virtual only shareholder meetings (Note 1), in addition to conventional shareholders’ meetings with a designated physical venue and hybrid virtual shareholder meetings (Note 2).

Positioning the ensuring of opportunities for dialogue with shareholders as the fundamental and primary objective, Sojitz wishes to continue to retain the option of holding virtual only shareholder meetings into the future so that shareholders can attend general shareholders’ meetings even when it is difficult to physically come to the venue, and, furthermore, considering that uncertain external conditions are likely to persist, Sojitz believes it is in the interest of shareholders to secure such option early. Therefore, Sojitz has decided to submit this Proposal.

However, even if it becomes possible to hold virtual only shareholder meetings, Sojitz does not intend to straightaway switch to the holding of a virtual only shareholder meeting in normal times. Nor will Sojitz hold a virtual only shareholder meeting, particularly when dialogue with shareholders is necessary, with the intention of unreasonably infringing on the interests of shareholders who wish to have dialogue at a physical venue.

If this Proposal is approved, Sojitz will determine the method of holding general shareholders’ meetings through careful deliberation by the Board of Directors each time a general shareholders’ meeting is to be held, according the highest priority to the rights and safety of shareholders, and taking into consideration the social demands of the times and the circumstances of Sojitz and its shareholders.

- (Notes) 1. A general shareholders’ meeting held over the Internet, etc., without a physical venue, that shareholders can “attend” under the Companies Act.
2. A general shareholders’ meeting held at a physical venue where directors, shareholders, and others gather (a real shareholder meeting) in which, at the same time, shareholders who are not present at the real general shareholders’ meeting are allowed to attend from remote locations, exercise their voting rights, ask questions, etc., by means of the Internet, etc.