

Sojitz Cororation

Notice of Transfer of Sojitz Metals Business

(Japan, January 25, 2005)--As described below, in response to the in-progress plan to improve asset soundness, and as a core process for business withdrawal, Sojitz Corporation will transfer the nonferrous metal business and sales of reinforced and bar steel of 'Sojitz Metals Co., Ltd.', a wholly owned subsidiary engaged in sales of nonferrous metals and reinforced and bar steel products.

1. Nonferrous metal business

Date of business transfer: February 1, 2005

Transferee: Nissho Iwai Alconix Corporation

Property subject to transfer: Nonferrous metal business (annual sales of approximately 6.5 billion yen) and operating assets for the subject business

2. Sales of reinforced and bar steel products

Date of business transfer: February 1, 2005

Transferee: Nippon Steel Trading Co., Ltd.

Property subject to transfer: Goodwill of reinforced and bar steel product sales (annual sales of approximately 3 billion yen)

The nonferrous metal business is centered on aluminum, and its major customers are aluminum die cast manufacturers, the aluminum smelting industry, the iron and steel industry and the low-pressure aluminum product industry. By transferring the subject business, while pursuing 'selection and concentration', the Sojitz Group aims to expand the scope of Nissho Iwai Alconix, which conducts sales of nonferrous metal products.

In the sale of reinforced and bar steel products, Sojitz Corporation does not handle iron and steel products, and consequently, no synergetic effects with the main body are expected, resulting in the transferee review. An agreement has been reached, with the support of clients, that the subject operation will be transferred to Nippon Steel Trading.

Outline of companies subject to business transfer

[Sojitz Metals Co., Ltd.]

Date of incorporation: November 1937
Location of head office: 15-2 Nihonbashi 3-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
Representative: Kazuma Ito, President
Paid-in capital: ¥327 million
Number of employees: 39
Annual turnover: ¥22.2 billion (as of March 31, 2004)
Scope of business: Sales of nonferrous metals, reinforced and bar steel, contract work such as clean room design and construction

[Nissho Iwai Alconix Corporation]

Date of incorporation: July 1981
Location of head office: 9-13 Akasaka 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo
Representative: Eiitsu Masaki, President & CEO
Paid-in capital: ¥1,070 million
Number of employees: 196 (as of September 30, 2004)
Annual turnover: ¥83.6 billion (as of March 31, 2004)
Scope of business: Import/export and domestic transaction of aluminum/copper products, electronic materials, new materials, valves, joints, titanium products

[Nippon Steel Trading Co., Ltd.]

Date of incorporation: August 1977
Location of head office: 5-7 Kameido 1-chome, Koto-ku, Tokyo
Representative: Tomio Yoshizawa, Representative Director & President
Paid-in capital: ¥8,700 million
Number of employees: 462
Annual turnover: ¥855.4 billion
Scope of business: Trading arm of Nippon Steel Corporation specialized in iron and steel, focusing primarily on steel product transactions.

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