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**To whom it may concern**

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**Notice Concerning Withdrawal from Malaysian-Based Timber and Logging Business  
and the Dissolution of Related Subsidiary**

Sojitz Holdings Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Sojitz Holdings" or "the Company") today announced details of its decision to withdraw from the timber and logging business in Malaysia. At the same time, the Company has resolved to dissolve subsidiary Meranix Investment Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "Meranix"), the company through which Sojitz Corporation has actively participated in this business.

**1. Meranix Investment Ltd. Profile**

- (1) Location : Republic of Liberia
- (2) Representative : Satoru Yasuda
- (3) Activities : Investment company engaged in timber and logging activities and ownership of timber rights in Malaysia
- (4) Established : March 1996
- (5) Paid-in Capital : US\$ 40 million
- (6) Shareholder : Sojitz Corporation (100%)

**2. Rationale**

Sojitz Holdings has been engaged in timber and logging activities in a joint venture with a forest products and building materials conglomerate based in Malaysia. For an extended period, this business has experienced losses impacted by risks related to fluctuations in major Asian currencies and a prolonged slump in forest products and buildings materials markets. As a result, Sojitz Holdings has decided to withdraw from this business in accordance with the New Business Plan and efforts to accelerate selection and focus initiatives.

In addition, Meranix will cease investment management activities in line with business withdrawal and its dissolution.

**3. Outlook**

Sojitz Holdings plans to complete proceedings in connection with the liquidation of Meranix by March 31, 2005.

The Company expects to incur a consolidated loss of approximately ¥10.7 billion in connection with business withdrawal and Meranix liquidation. A provision including the

aforementioned amount has been provided in line with plans to create a robust asset portfolio. Accordingly, announced forecasts for consolidated business results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005 remain unchanged.