

March 27, 2009

Sojitz Corporation to Divest Shares in Affiliate Chelsea Japan Co., Ltd.

Sojitz Corporation today announced that it resolved its decision to and entered into an agreement to divest its entire share holdings in affiliate Chelsea Japan Co., Ltd., to Mitsubishi Estate Company Limited, a partnering investor in Chelsea Japan. Details follow.

1. Reason for stock divestiture

Since opening Gotemba Premium Outlets in July 13, 2000, Chelsea Japan has been going on to develop and operate another six outlet centers: Rinku Premium Outlets, Sano Premium Outlets, Tosu Premium Outlets, Toki Premium Outlets, Kobe-Sanda Premium Outlets, and Sendai-Izumi Premium Outlets. Chelsea Japan plans to open another center, Ami Premium Outlets, this summer in Ami-cho, Ibaraki prefecture.

Chelsea Japan has achieved growth that far exceeds the projections set forth in its business plans when the company was established, and has become a leading developer and operator of outlet centers in Japan. Sojitz is currently actively renewing assets to ensure sustained investment in growth businesses, and consequently decided to divest all of its share holdings in Chelsea Japan to Mitsubishi Estate, a partnering investor in Chelsea Japan.

2. Profile of Chelsea Japan

(1) Company name	Chelsea Japan Co., Ltd.
(2) Representative	Toshihide Yoshimura, President
(3) Head office	3-2-3 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
(4) Established	July 2, 1999
(5) Main lines of business	Development, ownership and operation of premium outlets in Japan
(6) Fiscal year-end	March
(7) Number of employees	148 (as of February 2009)
(8) Paid-in capital	249,500,000 yen

(9) Number of shares issued and outstanding	4,990 shares
(10) Major shareholders and percent ownership	Chelsea Property Group (a division of Simon Property Group, Inc.): 40% (1,996 shares)
	Mitsubishi Estate Company Limited: 30% (1,497 shares)
	Sojitz Corporation: 30% (1,497 shares)

(11) Operating performance and financial data for recent years (millions of yen)	Fiscal year ended March 31,		
	2006	2007	2008
Net sales	16,308	18,129	21,275
Operating income	4,045	5,193	5,292
Recurring profit	3,598	4,764	4,815
Net income	2,123	2,806	2,713
Total assets	38,657	45,643	58,417
Net assets	5,421	8,177	10,840

3. Acquirer of divested shares

(1) Company name	Mitsubishi Estate Company Limited
(2) Representative	Keiji Kimura, President & CEO
(3) Head office	1-6-1 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

4. Number of shares divested, divestiture price, and pre- and post-divestiture percent ownership

(1) Number of shares before	1,497 shares (ownership: 30%)
(2) Number of shares divested	1,497 shares (price: 24.0 billion yen)
(3) Number of shares after	0 shares (ownership: 0%)

5. Schedule

March 27, 2009	Share divestiture agreement entered into
March 30, 2009	Date of divestment of shares

6. Impact on Sojitz's earnings forecast

Due to this divestment of shares, Sojitz will record a gain on sale of stock in an affiliate company of around 22.6 billion yen on a non-consolidated basis, and a gain on sale of investment securities of around 19.4 billion yen on a consolidated basis.

The consolidated and non-consolidated earnings forecasts for the full fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, remain unchanged.