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Sojitz to Spin Off Part of its Uniform-related Business

Sojitz announces that its Board of Directors passed a resolution to transfer part of its uniform-related business to wholly owned subsidiary Sojitz General Merchandize Corporation (Sojitz GMC), via a corporate separation effective April 1, 2010.

This corporate separation is classified as a simplified absorption-type separation, involving the transfer of operations to a consolidated subsidiary. Certain details and items otherwise required to be disclosed are therefore omitted.

1. Purpose of corporate separation

Sojitz is optimizing its business on a group-wide scale, and has decided to center its domestic uniform-related business on wholly owned subsidiary Sojitz GMC to enhance the business and promote effectiveness. Domestic uniform-related operations involve sales of uniform apparel and related products to the Japanese market, which are carried out by the General Merchandise Unit of Sojitz's Consumer Lifestyle Business Division. In accord with the decision, part of Sojitz's uniform-related business will be transferred to Sojitz GMC via a corporate separation effective April 1, 2010.

2. Details of corporate separation

(1) Schedule

January 29, 2010	Resolution of the Board of Directors to approve the corporate separation agreement
February 8, 2010	Conclusion of corporate separation agreement (planned)
April 1, 2010	Effective date of corporate separation (planned)

As permitted by Article 784, paragraph 3 of the Companies Act, Sojitz will carry out the corporate separation without calling a general meeting of shareholders to seek approval of the corporate separation agreement, as otherwise required by Article 783, paragraph 1 of the Companies Act (simplified absorption-type corporate separation).

(2) Separation procedure

Sojitz will spin off a part of its uniform-related business and transfer it to Sojitz GMC.

(3) Shares allocated

No shares will be allocated to any parties.

(4) Handling of Sojitz's warrants and convertible bonds (cum warrants)

There are no outstanding warrants or convertible bonds (cum warrants) issued by Sojitz

(5) Decrease of capital etc. due to the separation

No change will occur to Sojitz's capital and capital reserve.

(6) Rights and obligations assumed by the transferee company

Sojitz GMC will assume the assets and liabilities, and concomitant rights and obligations, of Sojitz Corporation's uniform-related business. However, it will not assume operating assets such as accounts receivable nor labor agreements that apply to employees engaged in the transferred business operations.

(7) Prospects for fulfillment of obligations

Sojitz currently knows of no factors that could hinder Sojitz Corporation's and Sojitz GMC's ability to fulfill their respective obligations as of the effective date of the corporate separation.

3. Profile of transferor and transferee (as of March 31, 2009)

	Transferor company	Transferee company
(1) Company name	Sojitz Corporation	Sojitz General Merchandize Corporation
(2) Head office	1-20 Akasaka 6-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo	3rd. fl., Kokusai Sanno-buiding, 3-5 Akasaka 3-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo
(3) Representative (as of June 26, 2009)	Yutaka Kase, President	Kazuhiko Tsutsui President & CEO
(4) Business	General trading company	Consumer related-products trading company
(5) Capitalization	¥160,339 million	¥450 million
(6) Established	April 1, 2003	October 2, 1967
(7) Number of shares issued	Common Shares: 1,251,499,501	Common Shares: 900,000
(8) Fiscal year end	March 31	March 31
(9) Number of employees	17,524 (consolidated)	50
(10) Principal clients	As a general trading company principally engaged in the trading of commodities, Sojitz Corporation has many clients in Japan and overseas.	—

(11) Main banks	The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. The Norinchukin Bank, Ltd. Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation Resona Bank, Ltd.	The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. The Bank of Yokohama, Ltd.
(12) Major shareholders and percentage of ownership (common shares, i.e., excluding preferred shares)	Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. 12.21% The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. 2.85% Trust & Custody Services Bank, Ltd 1.85% CBLDN Legal + General Assurance Pensions Management Limited 1.17% Investors Bank and Trust Company (West) - Pension Fund Clients 1.05%	Sojitz Corporation 100%
(13) Relationships between the parties	Equity	Sojitz owns 100% of Sojitz GMC's shares
	Personnel	Sojitz seconds directors and corporate auditors to Sojitz GMC
	Operations	Provision of some services; no reciprocal sales or purchases of goods

(14) Financial results for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009
(yen in millions, except net assets per share and EPS)

Fiscal year ended March 31,	Sojitz Corporation (consolidated)			Sojitz General Merchandize Corporation (non-consolidated)		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
Net assets	¥ 531,635	¥ 520,327	¥ 355,503	¥ 900	¥ 853	¥ 955
Total assets	2,619,507	2,669,352	2,312,958	3,560	3,152	2,856
Net assets per share (¥)	144.22	383.46	256.17	1,000	948	1,062
Net sales	5,218,153	5,771,028	5,166,182	14,488	14,179	13,577
Ordinary income	89,535	101,480	33,636	61	111	253
Net income	58,766	62,693	19,001	42	18	138
EPS (¥)	83.20	51.98	15.39	47	20	153

4. Business operations to be separated

(1) Major products handled in the uniform-related business operations to be separated

Business apparel, general merchandise

(2) Financial results of the business operations to be separated

(fiscal year ended March 31, 2009)

	Business operations to be separated (A)	Sojitz Corporation (non-consolidated) (B)	Ratio (A / B)
Net sales	¥2,733 million	¥3,217,313 million	0.08%

(3) Assets and liabilities to be separated (as of March 31, 2009)

Assets	Book value	Liabilities	Book value
Current assets	¥1,261 million	Current liabilities	¥548 million
Fixed assets	¥60 million	Fixed liabilities	¥0 million
Total	¥1,321, million	Total	¥548 million

5. Status of Sojitz after corporate separation

(1) Changes in company name, registered address, representatives, categories of business, capitalization, and accounting period

None.

(2) Changes in assets and business performance

Sojitz Corporation's (non-consolidated) assets will slightly decrease by the amount transferred to the transferee company, but there will be no impact on Sojitz's total consolidated assets.

6. Overview of accounting treatment

The transferee company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sojitz Corporation, so the transfer constitutes a transaction under common control. The assets and liabilities transferred will therefore be recorded at book values appropriate to Sojitz Corporation.

7. Effect on earnings forecast

There are no changes to Sojitz's forecast of consolidated business performance. The impact on Sojitz's non-consolidated business performance will be minor.