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Sojitz Corporation

# Sojitz Corporation Announces Organizational Reforms and Executive Appointments

Sojitz Corporation has approved the following changes to the company organizational structure, as well as to executives and other management.

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#### I Organizational Reforms

### 1. Organizational Reforms (effective as of April 1, 2019)

### [Business Departments]

• The Machinery & Medical Infrastructure Division will have its Plant Project Department, Industrial Machinery & Bearing Department, and Medical Infrastructure Department reorganized into the Industrial Machinery & Plant Project Department, the Bearing & Forefront Industry Dept. and the Medical Infrastructure Department.

### [Corporate Departments]

- The **Board Meeting Operation Office** will be established under the Board of Directors.
- The Human Resources & General Affairs Department and IT Planning Department will be reorganized into the Human Resources Department, the General Affairs & IT Operation Department, and the ERP Transition Office.
- The Logistics Business Department and Overseas Project Development Office will be dissolved.

#### [Other]

• The Executive Officer in charge of a given corporate department will now be referred to as the **Chief Operating Officer (COO)** of that department.

#### 2. Purpose of Organizational Reforms

#### [Business Departments]

• By increasing the number of staff in the Machinery & Medical Infrastructure Division working on medical infrastructure projects, we aim to both increase the speed at which we accumulate productive assets, as well as consolidate and realign our strongest markets and functions to reinforce our ability to create business opportunities and draft financing plans.

#### [Corporate Departments]

- The Board Meeting Operation Office will strengthen administration of the Board of Directors and support its effective administration in order to improve corporate governance.
- The Human Resources & General Affairs Department and the IT Planning Department will be reorganized into the Human Resources Department and General Affairs & IT Operation Department in order to (1) develop staff and



promote workplace engagement; (2) accelerate efforts to create a better work environment, such as by introducing teleworking protocol; and (3) raise the organization's ability to implement new ideas. Furthermore, this reorganization will establish the ERP Transition Office, which will help introduce a new core system for the company.

- The Logistics Business Department will be dissolved, with its duties related to legal matters or risk management reincorporated into the Legal Department and Risk Management Planning Department, respectively. This will improve company expertise regarding trade compliance measures and strengthen risk management with regards to import/export trade control.
- The Overseas Project Development Office will be dissolved, having fulfilled its mission of creating business in target regions and revising existing business models. Part of its duties will be transferred to the Corporate Planning Department.



### II Executive Appointments

### 1. Executive Officers

(1) New appointments: 4 (effective as of April 1, 2019)

Name	New position	Current position
Ikuo Koinuma	Executive Officer COO, Machinery & Medical Infrastructure Division	Vice COO, Machinery & Medical Infrastructure Division General Manager, Planning & Administration Office
Masanori Kawakami	Executive Officer COO, Internal Control Administration Department, ERP Transition Office	Corporate Officer General Accounting, IT Planning
Yoshiki Manabe	Executive Officer COO, General Accounting Department, Finance Department, Structured Finance Department, IR Office	CFO & CAO for the Americas CFO & CAO, Sojitz Corporation of America
Tatsuya Morita	Executive Officer COO, Legal Department, Public Relations Department General Manager, Legal Department	Corporate Officer Legal, Public Relations General Manager, Legal Department



(2) Promotions: 5 (effective as of April 1, 2019)

Name	New position	Current position
Seiichi Tanaka	Executive Vice President CFO Executive Management of General Accounting, Finance, Structured Finance, IR, M&A Management Office, Controller Office Oversight	Senior Managing Executive Officer CFO Executive Management of General Accounting, IT Planning, M&A Management Office, Controller Office Oversight IR, Finance, Structured Finance
Ryutaro Hirai	Senior Managing Executive Officer Executive Management of Business Group (Automotive, Aerospace & Transportation Project, Machinery & Medical Infrastructure, Energy & Social Infrastructure, Metals & Mineral Resources) East Asia	Managing Executive Officer President & CEO for Asia & Oceania Managing Director, Sojitz Asia Pte. Ltd. General Manager, Singapore Branch
Koichi Yamaguchi	Managing Executive Officer COO, Aerospace & Transportation Project Division	Executive Officer COO, Aerospace & Transportation Project Division



Name	New position	Current position
	Managing Executive	
	Officer	Executive Officer
	President & CEO for the	President & CEO for the
Voji Igutoni	Americas	Americas
Koji Izutani	President, Sojitz	President, Sojitz
	Corporation of America	Corporation of America and
	and Sojitz Canada	Sojitz Canada Corporation
	Corporation	
	Managing Executive	
	Officer	
	President & CEO for Asia	Executive Officer
Chimana Vasana	& Oceania	
Shigeya Kusano	Managing Director, Sojitz	COO, Machinery & Medical
	Asia Pte. Ltd.	Infrastructure Division
	General Manager,	
	Singapore Branch	

### (3) Retirees: 2 (effective as of March 31, 2019)

Name	Current position	
	Executive Vice President	
	Executive Management of Business Group (Automotive,	
Toshiharu	Aerospace & Transportation Project, Machinery &	
Yoshimura	Medical Infrastructure, Energy & Social Infrastructure,	
	Metals & Mineral Resources)	
	East Asia	
Masashi	Managing Executive Officer	
Shinohara	President & CEO for Middle East & Africa	

Mr. Toshiharu Yoshimura and Mr. Masashi Shinohara are to be appointed as Corporate Advisors of Sojitz Corporation.



### 2. Changes to Executives' Areas of Responsibility (effective as of April 1, 2019)

Name	New position	Current position
Seiichi Tanaka	Executive Vice President CFO Executive Management of General Accounting, Finance, Structured Finance, IR, M&A Management Office, Controller Office Oversight	Senior Managing Executive Officer CFO Executive Management of General Accounting, IT Planning, M&A Management Office, Controller Office Oversight IR, Finance, Structured Finance
Shigeru Nishihara	Senior Managing Executive Officer COO, Corporate Planning Department, Corporate Sustainability Office CCO	Senior Managing Executive Officer Corporate Planning, Corporate Sustainability, Overseas Project Development Office CCO
Ryutaro Hirai	Senior Managing Executive Officer Executive Management of Business Group (Automotive, Aerospace & Transportation Project, Machinery & Medical Infrastructure, Energy & Social Infrastructure, Metals & Mineral Resources) East Asia	Managing Executive Officer President & CEO for Asia & Oceania Managing Director, Sojitz Asia Pte. Ltd. General Manager, Singapore Branch



Name	New position	Current position
Masaaki Kushibiki	Managing Executive Officer COO, Human Resources Department, General Affairs & IT Operation Department	Managing Executive Officer Human Resources & General Affairs
Shigeya Kusano	Managing Executive Officer President & CEO for Asia & Oceania Managing Director, Sojitz Asia Pte. Ltd. General Manager, Singapore Branch Executive Officer	Executive Officer COO, Machinery & Medical Infrastructure Division
Takafumi Ogasawara	COO, Risk Management Planning Department, Risk Management Department	Executive Officer Internal Control Administration, Risk Management Planning, Risk Management
Ken Kuribayashi	Executive Officer COO, Global Business Support & Promotion Department	Executive Officer Global Business Support & Promotion
Yoshito Suzuki	Executive Officer COO, Business Innovation Office	Executive Officer Logistics Business, Business Innovation



### 3. Updated List of Executives

### (1) Directors

 $7~\rm directors$  (finalized at General Shareholders' Meeting scheduled for June 2019)

Rank	Name
Representative Director,	Yoji Sato
Chairman of the Board	10,11 54.00
Representative Director,	Takashi Hara
Vice Chairman	Takasiii IIaIa
Representative Director,	Masayoshi
President & CEO	Fujimoto
Representative Director,	Seiichi Tanaka
Executive Vice President	Senciii Tanaka
Representative Director,	Shigeru
Senior Managing Executive	
Officer	Nishihara
Director	Kayoko Naito
Director	Norio Otsuka

Ms. Kayoko Naito and Mr. Norio Otsuka satisfy the requirements to be appointed outside directors as stipulated in Article 2, Paragraph 15 of the Companies Act.

### (2) Auditors

5 auditors (effective as of April 1, 2019)

	Name
Audit &	Tomishi
Supervisory Board	Junichi Hamatsuka
Member	
Audit &	
Supervisory Board	Takayuki Ishige
Member	



Audit &	
Supervisory Board	Mikinao Kitada
Member	
Audit &	
Supervisory Board	Kazunori Yagi
Member	
Audit &	
Supervisory Board	Kambayashi Hyo
Member	

Mr. Takayuki Ishige, Mr. Mikinao Kitada, Mr. Kazunori Yagi, and Mr. Hyo Kambyashi satisfy the requirements to be outside directors as stipulated in Article 2, Paragraph 15 of the Companies Act.

### (3) Executive Officers

28 officers (effective as of April 1, 2019)

Rank	Name	Position
Chairman	Yoji Sato	
Vice Chairman	Takashi Hara	Executive Management of Kansai Office
Duosidont	Masayoshi	CEO
President	Fujimoto	CEO
Executive Vice President	Seiichi Tanaka	CFO
		Executive Management of General
		Accounting, Finance, Structured
		Finance, IR, M&A Management
		Office, Controller Office Oversight
Senior		COO, Corporate Planning
Managing	Shigeru	Department, Corporate
Executive	Nishihara	Sustainability Office
Officer		CCO



Rank	Name	Position
Senior Managing Executive Officer	Tsutomu Tanaka	Executive Management of Business Group (Chemicals, Foods & Agriculture Business, Retail & Lifestyle Business, Industrial Infrastructure & Urban Development)
Senior Managing Executive Officer	Ryutaro Hirai	Executive Management of Business Group (Automotive, Aerospace & Transportation Project, Machinery & Medical Infrastructure, Energy & Social Infrastructure, Metals & Mineral Resources) East Asia
Senior Managing Executive Officer	Masao Goto	General Manager, Kansai Office
Managing Executive Officer	Yasushi Nishimura	President & CEO for China Chairman & President, Sojitz (China) Co., Ltd. General Manager, Qingdao Branch and Chongqing Office Chairman, Sojitz (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., Sojitz (Dalian) Co., Ltd. Sojitz (Guangzhou) Co., Ltd., and Sojitz (Hong Kong) Ltd.
Managing Executive Officer	Masaaki Kushibiki	COO, Human Resources Department, General Affairs & IT Operation Department
Managing Executive Officer	Koichi Yamaguchi	COO, Aerospace & Transportation Project Division



Rank	Name	Position
Managing		President & CEO for the Americas
Managing Executive	Voii Igutoni	President, Sojitz Corporation of
	Koji Izutani	America and Sojitz Canada
Officer		Corporation
Managina		President & CEO for Asia & Oceania
Managing	Chiaran Varian	Managing Director, Sojitz Asia Pte.
Executive Officer	Shigeya Kusano	Ltd.
Officer		General Manager, Singapore Branch
		Director/CEO & President, Thai
		Central Chemical Public Company
Executive	Yoshihiro	Limited
Officer	Tamura	(finalized at the General
		Shareholders' Meeting scheduled for
		March 2019)
Executive	Catam	President & CEO for Europe, Russia
Officer	Satoru Takahama	& NIS
Officer	Takanama	Managing Director, Sojitz Europe plc
Executive	Takafumi	COO, Risk Management Planning
Officer		Department, Risk Management
Officer	Ogasawara	Department
Executive	Masakazu	COO, Energy & Social Infrastructure
Officer	Hashimoto	Division
Executive	Naolri Voltovama	COO, Retail & Lifestyle Business
Officer	Naoki Yokoyama	Division
Executive	Toshifumi	Vice President for the Americas
Officer		(South America)
Officer	Murata	Chairman, Sojitz do Brasil S.A.
Executive	Van Vaniharrashi	COO, Global Business Support &
Officer	Ken Kuribayashi	Promotion Department
Executive	Waranilaa Caasilai	COO Chamicala Division
Officer	Kyosuke Sasaki	COO, Chemicals Division
Executive	Vachita Cara 1:	COO Ducinos I
Officer	Yoshito Suzuki	COO, Business Innovation Office
Executive	Masaaki Bito	COO, Metals & Mineral Resources
Officer	WIASAAKI DILO	Division



Rank	Name	Position
Executive Officer	Hiroto Murai	COO, Automotive Division
Executive Officer	Ikuo Koinuma	COO, Machinery & Medical Infrastructure Division
Executive Officer	Masanori Kawakami	COO, Internal Control Administration Department, ERP Transition Office
Executive Officer	Yoshiki Manabe	COO, General Accounting Department, Finance Department, Structured Finance Department, IR Office
Executive Officer	Tatsuya Morita	COO, Legal Department, Public Relations Department General Manager, Legal Department

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### 4. Biographical Outlines of New Executives

#### Biographical Outline

#### Ikuo Koinuma

Birthplace: Gunma

Date of Birth: March 3, 1961

Education: Bachelor of Management from Gakushuin University's

Faculty of Economics, 1983

April 2018 - present Vice COO, Machinery & Medical Infrastructure

Division

General Manager, Planning & Administration Office

December 2017 General Manager, Medical Infrastructure Office,

Infrastructure & Environment Business Division

April 2017 (Concurrent) General Manager, Medical Infrastructure

Office, Infrastructure & Environment Business

Division

April 2016 General Manager, Transportation & Social

Infrastructure Department, Infrastructure &

**Environment Business Division** 

April 2013 (Concurrent) General Manager, Muscat Liaison Office

February 2012 (Concurrent) General Manager, Sanaa Liaison Office

July 2011 General Manager, Middle East & Africa Office

General Manager, Dubai Liaison Office

General Manager, Baghdad Liaison Office

September 2010 General Manager, Planning & Administration Office,

**Machinery Division** 

April 2009 (Concurrent) Regional General Manager, Machinery

Division, Middle East & Africa

October 2008 (Concurrent) Regional General Manager, Machinery

& Aerospace Division, Middle East & Africa

September 2008 Middle East & Africa Office

General Manager, Jeddah Branch

April 2006 General Manager, Jeddah Branch

October 2005 Sojitz Holdings and Sojitz Corporation merged to form the



newly named Sojitz Corporation

April 2004 Sojitz Corporation formed through the merger of Nichimen

Corporation and Nissho Iwai Corporation

General Manager, Istanbul Branch, Sojitz Europe plc

July 2003 General Manager, Istanbul Branch of Nissho Iwai Europe

plc

February 1992 Joined Nissho Iwai Corporation

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### Masanori Kawakami

Birthplace: Osaka

Date of Birth: January 11, 1963

Education: Bachelor of Commerce from Chuo University, 1986

April 2018 - present Corporate Officer

General Accounting, IT Planning

April 2017 Corporate Officer

General Accounting, IT Planning

General Manager, General Accounting Department

July 2014 General Manager, General Accounting Department

March 2007 Executive Vice President for China (Beijing)

October 2005 Sojitz Holdings and Sojitz Corporation merged to form the

newly named Sojitz Corporation

April 2004 Sojitz Corporation formed through the merger of

Nichimen Corporation and Nissho Iwai Corporation

April 1986 Joined Nissho Iwai Corporation

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#### Yoshiki Manabe

Birthplace: Hiroshima

Date of Birth: June 6, 1963

Education: Bachelor of Economics from Osaka Prefecture University,

1986

July 2017 - present CFO & CAO for the Americas

CFO & CAO, Sojitz Corporation of America

July 2015 General Manager, Controller Office (Automotive,

Aerospace & IT Business, Infrastructure &

Environment Business)

April 2015 General Manager, Controller Office (Energy, Metals &

Coal)

April 2012 General Manager, Controller Office, Energy & Metal

Division

October 2005 Sojitz Holdings and Sojitz Corporation merged to form the

newly named Sojitz Corporation

November 2004 Transferred to Sojitz Corporation of America (New York)

April 2004 Sojitz Corporation formed through the merger of Nichimen

Corporation and Nissho Iwai Corporation

January 2004 Nissho Iwai Australia Limited becomes Nichimen-Nissho

Iwai Australia Limited (Sydney)

May 2003 Transferred to Nissho Iwai Australia Limited (Sydney)

April 1986 Joined Nissho Iwai Corporation

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### Tatsuya Morita

Birthplace: Fukuoka

Date of Birth: June 20, 1967

Education: Bachelor of Law from Waseda University, 1990

April 2018 - present Corporate Officer

Legal, Public Relations

General Manager, Legal Department

January 2014 General Manager, Legal Department

October 2006 Transferred to Sojitz Corporation of America (New

York)

September 2006 Joined Sojitz Corporation

August 2004 Resigned from Sojitz Corporation

April 2004 Sojitz Corporation formed through the merger of

Nichimen Corporation and Nissho Iwai Corporation

January 2003 Transferred to East Asia Region (Singapore)

Nissho Iwai Singapore Corporation

March 2002 General Manager, Jakarta Liaison Office

April 1990 Joined Nissho Iwai Corporation



### **III** Corporate Officer Appointments

Changes to Area of Responsibility: 2; New appointments: 5 (effective as of April 1, 2019)

Date	Name	New position	Current position
4/1	Noriyuki	Corporate Officer	Corporate Officer
	Kitamura	Deputy COO, Global	Senior General
		Business Support &	Manager, Global
		Promotion	Business Support &
			Promotion
4/1	Naoki Watanabe	Corporate Officer	Corporate Officer
		COO, M&A	M&A Management
		Management Office,	Office, Controller Office
		Controller Office	Oversight
		Oversight	
4/1	Yosuke Moriizumi	Corporate Officer	Managing Executive
		President & CEO for	Officer, JALUX Inc.
		Middle East & Africa	
4/1	Fumihiko	Corporate Officer	General Manager,
	Ushijima	General Manager,	Internal Audit Dept.
		Internal Audit Dept.	
4/1	Osamu Matsuura	Corporate Officer	General Manager,
		General Manager,	Secretariat Dept.
		Secretariat Dept.	
4/1	Taro Okamura	Corporate Officer	President, Sojitz
		President, Sojitz	(Shanghai) Co., Ltd.
		(Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	
4/1	Toshiaki Kasai	Corporate Officer	General Manager,
		Vice COO, Human	Human Resources&
		Resources, General	General Affairs Dept.
		Affairs And IT	
		Operation	
		General Manager,	
		Human Resources	
		Dept.	



### IV Other Appointments

Date	Name	New position	Current position
3/1	Keiko Nakahara	General Manager,	Corporate
		Corporate	Sustainability Office
		Sustainability Office	
3/1	Sadahisa	Management Support	General Manager,
	Tsukamoto	for Investor Relations	Investor Relations
			Office
3/1	Yumie Endo	General Manager,	Human Resources &
		Investor	General
		Relations Office	Affairs Dept.
4/1	Makoto Shibuya	Vice COO, General	Senior General
		Accounting, Finance,	Manager, Corporate
		Investor Relations,	Planning, Corporate
		Corporate	Sustainability,
		Sustainability	Overseas Project
			Development Office
			General Manager,
			Corporate
			Sustainability Office
4/1	Sadahisa	Deputy COO, Investor	Management Support
	Tsukamoto	Relations	for, Investor Relations
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4/1	Akira Mitsuda	General Manager,	Finance Dept.
		Structured Finance	
		Dept.	
4/1	Makiya Nami	General Manager,	Sojitz Shared Service
		General Affairs And IT	Corporation
		Operation Dept.	
4/1	Keita Fukuyama	General Manager, ERP	General Manager, IT
		Transition Office	Planning Dept.
4/1	Wataru Kaneko	General Manager, Risk	Risk Management
		Management Planning	Dept.
		Dept.	



Date	Name	New position	Current position
4/1	Hidenobu Saito	General Manager,	General Manager,
		Energy & Nuclear	Overseas Project
		Business Dept.	Development Office
4/1	Yu Mizuike	COO, Industrial	Director Vice President,
		Infrastructure & Urban	PT. Puradelta Lestari
		Development Division	Tbk
		General Manager,	
		Overseas Industrial &	
		Urban Infrastructure	
		Development Dept.	
4/1	Masahiro	Vice COO, Industrial	COO, Industrial
	Koizumi	Infrastructure & Urban	Infrastructure & Urban
		Development Division	Development Division
			General Manager,
			Overseas Industrial &
			Urban Infrastructure
			Development
			Dept.
4/1	Takashi Sumi	Deputy COO, Industrial	Director President,
		Infrastructure & Urban	Atlas Fertilizer
		Development Division	Corporation
4/1	Hironori Tateiri	Deputy COO, Industrial	President, Sojitz
		Infrastructure & Urban	Vietnam Company Ltd.
		Development Division	
4/1	Atsuhiko	CFO, for the Americas	Americas Planning
	Tsukamoto	CFO, Sojitz Corporation	Deputy CAO for Sojitz
		of America	Corporation of America
			General Manager, San
			Jose Office,Sojitz
			Corporation of America



Date	Name	New position	Current position
4/1	Seita Kinoshita	CAO, for the Americas	Director, Managing
		Americas Planning	Executive Officer, Sojitz
		CAO, Sojitz	Pla-Net Corporation
		Corporation of America	
4/1	Takero Ookawa	General Manager, San	San Jose Office, Sojitz
		Jose Office, Sojitz	Corporation of America
		Corporation of America	
4/1	Tatsuo Sakai	CFO, CAO for Europe,	General Manager,
		Russia & NIS	Structured Finance
		General Manager,	Dept.
		Madrid Branch, Sojitz	
		Europe plc	
		General Manager, Kyiv	
		Representative Office	
4/1	Hideki Shogen	General Manager, Paris	Deputy COO, Energy &
		Branch, Sojitz Europe	Social Infrastructure
		plc	Division
4/1	Kazuki Sugino	CFO, CAO for Asia &	General Manager, Risk
		Oceania	Management Planning
			Dept.
4/1	Takahiro Ebisu	President, Sojitz India	General Manager,
		Private Ltd.	Energy & Nuclear
		General Manager,	Business Dept.
		Chennai Branch	
4/1	Tadahiro	President, Sojitz	Vice President for Asia
	Kinoshita	Vietnam Company Ltd.	& Oceania
		General Manager,	General Manager,
		Hanoi Branch	Hanoi Branch, Sojitz
			Vietnam Company Ltd.
4/1	Kozo Mizushima	Vice President, Sojitz	Managing Director,
		Vietnam Company Ltd.	Sojitz Logistics
		General Manager, Ho	Corporation
		Chi Minh Branch	



Date	Name	New position	Current position
4/1	Masazumi	Director, Sojitz Autrans	President, Sojitz India
	Konishi	Corporation	Private Ltd.
			General Manager,
			Chennai Branch
4/1	Hironori	Director President,	Grain & Agribusiness
	Funahashi	Atlas Fertilizer	Dept.
		Corporation	

**<sup>※</sup>**1 Effective as of March 1.