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Transfer of Tokyo Gas Sports Co., Ltd.

Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.
Meiji Seika Kaisha, Ltd.

Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd. (President: Norio Ichino) and Meiji Seika Kaisha, Ltd. (President: Naotada Sato) have decided to transfer all stock in Tokyo Gas Sports Co., Ltd. (President: Yuji Takanohashi), a consolidated subsidiary of Tokyo Gas, to Meiji Sports Plaza Co., Ltd. (President: Yoshitaro Ishihara), a consolidated subsidiary of Meiji Seika. The transfer is scheduled for May 12, 2005.

Tokyo Gas is presently working toward the early attainment of *Frontier 2007*—the medium-term business plan for the Tokyo Gas Group running from fiscal 2003 to 2007—in order to achieve sustainable development as a group through the supply of natural gas and other energy, as well as related energy value-added services. This makes it essential that resources be concentrated on energy and energy-related business, and this transfer of stock in Tokyo Gas Sports is a concrete outcome of this strategy.

Meiji Seika is similarly pursuing a medium-term business plan running from fiscal 2003 to 2005, called *Challenge 2005*, in order to strengthen its “health” related business leveraging its dual presence in the food and pharmaceutical industries. Aiming to expand and strengthen its operations in the healthcare sector in response to the needs of an increasingly rapidly graying society, growing health awareness, and lifestyle changes such as burgeoning demand for diet and beauty products, Meiji Seika sees the sports club business as a core business domain, and this transfer of stock to Meiji Sports Plaza is a concrete part of this strategy.

Outline of Tokyo Gas Sports Co., Ltd.

- (1) Established October 1, 1973
- (2) Head office Tsurumi-ku, Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture
- (3) President Yuji Takanohashi
- (4) Capitalization 100 million yen (wholly owned by Tokyo Gas Urban Development Co., Ltd.)
*Tokyo Gas Urban Development (President: Takeo Ishikawa) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tokyo Gas.
- (5) Sales 1,780 million yen (fiscal 2003)
- (6) Number of employees 78 (as of January 2005)
- (7) Number of branches 3 under own management (Tsurumi, Kanazawa Hakkei, Fujigaoka), 2 under contract

Outline of Meiji Sports Plaza Co., Ltd.

- (1) Established July 5, 1990
- (2) Head office Saiwai-ku, Kawasaki City, Kanagawa Prefecture
- (3) President Yoshitaro Ishihara
- (4) Capitalization 90 million yen (wholly owned by Meiji Seika)
- (5) Sales 1,350 million yen (fiscal 2003)
- (6) Number of employees 49 (as of October 2004)
- (7) Number of branches 4 under own management (Kawasaki, Wako, Niigata, Takatsuki)