

Note: The following notification is an English translation of the original (which is written in Japanese), for reference purposes.

April 28, 2008

Notification of Absorption Merger (Short form Merger) with Wholly Owned and Consolidated Subsidiaries INPEX CORPORATION and Teikoku Oil Co., Ltd.

INPEX Holdings Inc. announced that, in the Board of Directors Meeting held today, the Company decided to undertake an absorption merger with its wholly owned and consolidated subsidiaries, INPEX CORPORATION and Teikoku Oil Co., Ltd., with October 1, 2008 as the merger date, and executed an Absorption Merger Agreement with INPEX CORPORATION and Teikoku Oil Co., Ltd.

As this is an absorption merger with wholly owned and consolidated subsidiaries, disclosure items and contents are partly simplified in accordance with the rules of Tokyo Stock Exchange.

1. Purpose of Merger

The Company was established as a joint holding company through stock transfer (*kabushiki-iten*) by INPEX CORPORATION and Teikoku Oil Co., Ltd. on April 3, 2006. The Company decided to merge with INPEX CORPORATION and Teikoku Oil Co., Ltd. as of October 1, 2008 to achieve more efficient and proactive management.

2. Summary of Merger

(1) Merger schedule

Board of Directors Meeting to approve the Merger Agreement: April 28, 2008

Signing of the Merger Agreement : April 28, 2008

Shareholders meeting for approval of the Merger Agreement:

INPEX Holdings Inc

Since the merger is a simple merger (*Kan-i Gappei*), as set out in Article 796, paragraph 3 of the Corporation Law of Japan (*Kaisha-hou*), the Company will not hold a shareholders meeting to approve the Merger.

INPEXCORPORATION

Since this merger is a simple merger (*Ryakushiki Gappei*), as set out in Article 784, paragraph 1 of the Corporation Law of Japan, INPEX CORPORATION will not hold a shareholders meeting to approve the Merger.

Teikoku Oil Co., Ltd.

Since this merger is a simple merger (*Ryakushiki Gappei*), as set out in Article 784, paragraph 1 of the Corporation Law of Japan, Teikoku Oil Co., Ltd. will not hold a shareholders meeting to approve the Merger.

Merger date (Effective date) : October 1, 2008

(2)Merger Method

The merger will be an absorption merger, with the Company as a surviving company and INPEX CORPORATION and Teikoku Oil Co., Ltd. as non-surviving companies. INPEX CORPORATION and Teikoku Oil Co., Ltd. will be liquidated as of the effective merger date above.

(3)Treatment of Share Option and Bonds with Share Option issued by non-surviving Companies

Not applicable.

(4)Succession of the Assets of the non-surviving Companies

The Company, as the surviving company, will succeed to the whole assets, liabilities, rights and obligations of the non-surviving companies as of the merger date.

3. Outline of Merging companies

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| (1)Trade name | INPEX Holdings Inc. (Surviving company) (As of September 30, 2007/Consolidated) |
| (2)Main business | Management of subsidiaries and group companies engaged in surveys, exploration, development and production of oil, natural gas and other energy resources |
| (3)Establishment | April 3, 2006 |
| (4)Headquarters | 4-1-18 Ebisu, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan |
| (5)Representative | Naoki Kuroda President & Representative Director |
| (6)Paid in Capital | 30,000 million yen |
| (7)Shares issued | Common stock 2,358,409.13 shares Special class share 1 share |
| (8)Net assets | 1,165,847 million yen (Consolidated) |
| (9)Total assets | 1,720,288 million yen (Consolidated) |
| (10)Fiscal year end | March 31 |
| (11)Major shareholders and ownership | Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry 29.35% Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd 11.33% |

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| (1)Trade name | INPEX CORPORATION (non-surviving company) (As of September 30, 2007/Consolidated) | Teikoku Oil Co., Ltd. (non-surviving company) (As of September 30, 2007/Consolidated) |
| (2)Main business | Exploration, development, production, distribution of crude oil, natural gas and other energy resources and investment in such company | Exploration, development, production, distribution of crude oil, natural gas and investment in such company |
| (3)Establishment | February 21, 1966 | September 1, 1941 |
| (4)Headquarters | 4-1-18 Ebisu, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan | 1-31-10, Hatagaya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan |
| (5)Representative | Naoki Kuroda, President & Representative Director | Masatoshi Sugioka, President & Representative Director |
| (6)Paid in Capita | 29,460 million yen | 19,579 million yen |
| (7)Shares issued | 1,919,831.31 shares | 304,567,933 shares |
| (8)Net assets | 771,347 million yen (Consolidated) | 237,530 million yen (Consolidated) |
| (9)Total assets | 1,209,332 million yen (Consolidated) | 358,320 million yen (Consolidated) |
| (10)Fiscal year end | March 31 | March 31 |
| (11)Major shareholders and ownership | INPEX Holdings Inc. 100% | INPEX Holdings Inc. 100% |

4. Status following the Merger

- (1)Trade name: To be determined
- (2)Main business: Exploration, development, production, distribution of crude oil, natural gas and other energy resources and investment in such company
- (3)Headquarters: 5-3-1, Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan
- (4)Representative: To be determined
- (5) Capital: 30,000 million yen
- (6) Fiscal year end: March 31
- (7)Future outlook: This merger allows us to achieve more efficient and proactive management. The merger is an absorption merger with wholly owned and consolidated subsidiaries, therefore the effect of the Merger on our consolidated performance will be minor.
The Company will announce its consolidated financial forecasts for the year ending March 31, 2009 at the time of announcing the financial results for the year ended March 31, 2008.

Items to be determined will be announced as soon as they are determined.