

Press Release

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## Notice of Merger Between Consolidated Subsidiaries

At the Board of Directors' meeting held on April 28, 2017, Laox Co., Ltd. ("Laox") resolved to merge its consolidated subsidiaries Mode Et Jacomo Co., Ltd. ("Mode Et Jacomo") and Shinko Seika Kogyo Co., Ltd. ("Shinko Seika"). Details are as follows.

This merger is carried out between wholly owned consolidated subsidiaries of Laox, and some information and details are therefore omitted in the disclosure.

1. Purpose of the merger

In August 2017, Laox merged the business of Shin-EI Corporation with a Laox subsidiary, Mode Et Jacomo, and transferred the business of Shinko Seika to Laox.

Since then, in the ladies' shoe business, Laox has been offering the made-in-Japan products with high-quality and safety and providing services, by succeeding and combining the design and sales capacity improvement based on Mode Et Jacomo business and the technology of Shinko Seika.

Laox resolved to implement this merger for the purpose of establishing an SPA (specialty store retailer of privatelabel apparel) system, building a strong business structure through vertical integration from manufacturing to retail, and standardizing and streamlining business management by combining Mode Et Jacomo's planning and sales business and Shinko Seika's ladies' shoe manufacturing business.

## 2. Description of the merger

(1) Schedule of the merger

| a. Resolution of the Board of Directors of the subsidiary to be merged        | April 27, 2017           |
|---|--------------------------|
| b. Resolution of the Board of Directors of Laox on the approval of the merger | April 28, 2017           |
| c. Conclusion of the merger agreement   | April 28, 2017           |
| d. Date of the merger (effective date)  | July 1, 2017 (scheduled) |

- (2) Method of the merger
  - A merger and acquisition in which Mode Et Jacomo will be the surviving company and Shinko Seika will be dissolved.

(3) Allotment as a result of the merger

No shares of stock will be issued and no compensation will be paid as a result of the merger.

(4) Handling of subscription rights to shares and bonds with subscription rights to shares of the dissolving company

Not applicable.

3. Outlines of the merged companies

|                        | Surviving Company                  | Dissolving Company                     |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Name                   | Mode Et Jacomo Co., Ltd.           | Shinko Seika Kogyo Co., Ltd.           |
| Location               | 2-7-17 Shiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo     | 2-7-17 Shiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo         |
| Name of representative | Yoko Yamazaki                      | Yoko Yamazaki                          |
| Type of business       | Manufacture, sale, etc. of ladies' | Manufacture, processing, sale, etc. of |
|                        | shoes and bags                     | shoes and fabric and leather products  |
| Capital                | 30 million yen                     | 10 million yen                         |
| Date established       | August 4, 1975                     | January 27, 1998                       |
| Number of shares       | 6,000                              | 200                                    |
| outstanding            |                                    |  |
| Fiscal year end        | December 31                        | December 31                            |
| Major shareholders and | Laox Co., Ltd.: 100%               | Laox Co., Ltd.: 100%                   |
| shareholding ratios    |                                    |  |

4. Status after the merger

| Name                   | Mode Et Jacomo Co., Ltd.                                 |  |
|------------------------|--|--|
| Location               | 2-7-17 Shiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo                           |  |
| Name of representative | Yoko Yamazaki  |  |
| Type of business       | Manufacture, processing, sale, etc. of ladies' shoes and |  |
|                        | fabric and leather products                              |  |
| Capital                | 30 million yen   |  |
| Number of shares       | 6,000  |  |
| outstanding            |  |  |
| Fiscal year end        | December 31  |  |
| Major shareholders and | Laox Co., Ltd.: 100%                                     |  |
| shareholding ratios    |  |  |

## 5. Future prospects

This is a merger between consolidated subsidiaries, and its impact on the consolidated financial results will therefore be negligible.