



News Release

Announcement of Merger

This is to announce that three companies, Sumitomo Shoji Machinex Co., Ltd, Sumitomo Shoji Machinex Kansai Co., Ltd and Sumitomo Shoji Machinex Chubu Co., Ltd., will be amalgamated as of April 1, 2009, when the new combined organization will start as

Sumitomo Shoji Machinex Co., Ltd.

The emerging Sumitomo Shoji Machinex Co., Ltd. will integrate the management resources built up by the three companies; and will add organizational operation based on the “product division system” to the existing base operation by region.

We confidently hope that the new concern will enable us to offer you better services than ever. And we are resolved to step up efforts so that we can be of service to you.

The Management takes this opportunity to solicit your continued business and support.

April 2009

Takehiko Arai, President and Representative Director

 **Sumitomo Shoji Machinex Co.,Ltd.**

Names of the companies concerned with the merger:

Surviving entity: Sumitomo Shoji Machinex Co., Ltd.

Dissolved companies: Sumitomo Shoji Machinex Kansai Co., Ltd.

Sumitomo Shoji Machinex Chubu Co., Ltd.

Merger date April 1, 2009

Name of the new company: **SUMITOMO SHOJI MACHINEX CO., LTD.**

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Capital: 1.165 billion yen

Fiscal year end: March 31

Shareholder: Sumitomo Corporation (100%)