

News Release

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Pioneer Announces Dissolution of Capital Alliance with Sharp Corporation

Pioneer Corporation (hereinafter “Pioneer”) and Sharp Corporation (hereinafter “Sharp”), which entered into a business and capital alliance, have agreed today to dissolve their capital alliance. The two companies are operating an optical disc business through a joint venture, and have agreed to continue their business alliance.

1. Outline of Dissolution of Capital Alliance

(1) Reasons for dissolution

On September 20, 2007, Pioneer and Sharp agreed to establish a business and capital alliance to cooperate in such fields as optical disc business. Both companies have decided to dissolve the capital alliance as they have achieved the goals of the alliance, whose aim was to closely oversee the business alliance.

(2) Number of Sharp shares held by Pioneer

10,000,000 shares of common stock (Percentage of total shares of Sharp: 0.59%)

(3) Number of Pioneer shares held by Sharp

30,000,000 shares of common stock (Percentage of total shares of Pioneer: 8.05%)

2. Corporate Profile of Sharp

(1) Trade name	Sharp Corporation	
(2) Location of headquarters	22-22, Nagaike-cho, Abeno-ku, Osaka, Japan	
(3) Representative	Kozo Takahashi, Representative Director and President	
(4) Principal businesses	Manufacture and sale of electronic communications and electronics equipment, applied electronics equipment, and electronic components	
(5) Stated capital	121,884 million yen	
(6) Date of incorporation	May 2, 1935	
(7) Major shareholders and their shareholding ratio	Nippon Life Insurance Company	3.03%
	Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company	2.69%
	Qualcomm Incorporated	2.47%
	Mizuho Bank, Ltd.	2.46%
	The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.	2.45%

(8) Relationship between Pioneer and Sharp	Capital relationship	Pioneer holds 10,000,000 shares of Sharp (shareholding ratio: 0.59%), and Sharp holds 30,000,000 shares of Pioneer (shareholding ratio: 8.05%). On June 29, 2009, Pioneer and Sharp established a joint venture, Pioneer Digital Design and Manufacturing Corporation, pursuant to a joint-venture contract signed on June 25, 2009.
	Personnel relationship	Not applicable. Employees of Pioneer are on loan to Pioneer Digital Design and Manufacturing Corporation.
	Business relationship	Sales transactions of electronics equipment and electronic devices and parts
	Related party relationship	Not applicable

(9) Consolidated business results for the last three years
(In millions of yen except per share information)

	Year ended March 31		
	2012	2013	2014
Net sales	¥2,455,850	¥2,478,586	¥2,927,186
Operating income (loss)	(37,552)	(146,266)	108,560
Ordinary income (loss)	(65,437)	(206,488)	53,277
Net income (loss)	¥ (376,076)	¥ (545,347)	¥ 11,559
Net income (loss) per share (yen)	¥(341.78)	¥(489.83)	¥ 8.09
Dividend per share (yen)	10.00	-	-
Shareholders' equity per share (yen)	¥ 568.83	¥ 106.90	¥ 115.43

Note: The aforementioned stated capital, major shareholders and their shareholding ratio, and capital relationship are as of March 31, 2014.

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