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Panasonic Announces Reorganization upon Integration of Research and Development Functions of Organic Light-Emitting Diode Display Panel Business into New Company (JOLED Corporation)

Osaka, Japan, July 31, 2014 -- Panasonic Corporation ([TSE:6752] "Panasonic") today announced that it resolved, at its meeting of the Board of Directors held today, to execute an absorption-type company split agreement (the "Absorption-Type Company Split Agreement"), under which the organic light-emitting diode ("OLED") display panel business engaged in by Panasonic's AVC Networks Company, OLED Display Business Promotion Office, and the business concerning the materials and processes for high definition OLED printing technology engaged in by Panasonic's R&D Division, Device Solutions Center, Organic Devices Group (collectively, "Transferred Business") will be transfereed to JOLED Corporation ("New Company") which was established by The Innovation Network Corporation of Japan ("INCJ") as of July 18, 2014, through an absorption-type company split (the "Absorption-Type Company Split") to be effective January 5, 2015 (planned).

Because the Absorption-Type Company Split is a company split in which the decrease in Panasonic's total assets is expected to be within 10% of Panasonic's total assets as of the end of the previous fiscal year, and the decrease in Panasonic's net sales is expected to be within 3% of the previous year's net sales, some of the matters and details for disclosure relating to the Absorption-Type Company Split have been omitted.

1. Background and Purpose of Absorption-Type Company Split

Panasonic commenced its research and development of OLED display panels in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007, and has obtained certain results, such as success in the development of the world's first large-size 4K OLED display panels utilizing the printing method in 2013. As the competitive environment subsequently changed, Panasonic concluded that, instead of continuing its development alone, it would be rational to establish a business by collaborating on development and mass production with business partners.

Aiming to accelerate mass production and development and promote early commercialization of the OLED display panel business, Panasonic, INCJ, Japan Display Inc. ("JDI") and Sony Corporation ("Sony") reached a definitive agreement by which Panasonic and Sony will contribute their respective employees, technologies, intellectual properties, development facilities and others relating to the research and development of OLED display panels, and INCJ and JDI will provide funds for the development and capital expenditures, thereby establishing the New Company which will engage in the OLED display panel business. Panasonic resolved at its meeting of the Board of Directors held today to approve the execution of the definitive agreement, pursuant to which the Absorption-Type Company Split will be conducted.

Specifically, the business integration will take place in the following manner:

- (i) effective January 5, 2015 (planned), Panasonic and Sony will transfer their respective assets, relevant intellectual properties and others relating to the research and development of OLED display panels to the New Company through absorption-type company splits and both companies will receive shares of the common stock of the New Company ("Common Stock") and class stock without voting rights of the New Company ("Class A Stock");
- (ii) in addition, as of the same date, INCJ will inject additional capital in cash into the New Company and will receive an allotment of Common Stock as the consideration for the capital injection; and
- (iii) furthermore, as of the same date, JDI will inject capital in cash into the New Company and will receive an allotment of Common Stock as the consideration for the capital injection.

(all of the above transactions related to the New Company, collectively, the "Entire Transaction").

After the Entire Transaction, the voting rights in the New Company held by Panasonic, INCJ, JDI, and Sony will be 5%, 75%, 15%, and 5%, respectively.

2. Details of Absorption-Type Company Split

(1) Schedule for Company Split

July 31, 2014 The Meeting of the Board of

Directors approved the Company

Split Agreement

October 1, 2014 (planned) Execution of the Company Split

Agreement

January 5, 2015 (planned) Scheduled Date of the Company

Split (Effective Date)

Note: Since, for Panasonic, the Absorption-Type Company Split falls under a simplified absorption-type company split, as set forth in Article 784, Paragraph 3 of the Company Law, a resolution of shareholders' meeting of Panasonic concerning approval for the Absorption-Type Company Split will not be required.

(2) Method of the Absorption-Type Company Split

The Absorption-Type Company Split is an absorption-type company split, in which Panasonic is the splitting company and the New Company is the succeeding company.

(3) Consideration for the Absorption-Type Company Split and Calculation Method thereof

As the consideration for the rights and duties transferred to the New Company by Panasonic, the New Company will deliver to Panasonic (i) 18,000 shares of Common Stock, (ii) the shares of Class A Stcok without voting rights in the number calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Absorption-Type Company Split Agreement and (iii) ceartain amount of cash (less than 100 million yen) for the purpose of adjustment of consideration for the Absorption-Type Company Split. The details of the consideration were determined through the discussion among Panasonic, INCJ, Sony and JDI, taking into consideration the book value of the assets to be transferred through the Absorption-Type Company Split, INCJ's capital injection, the business transfer by Sony, JDI's capital injection and other related factors.

(4) Treatment of Stock Acquisition Rights and Bonds with Stock Acquisition Rights upon the Absorption-Type Company Split

There will be no changes caused by the Absorption-Type Company Split with respect to the treatment of the stock acquisition rights which Panasonic intends to issue.

Note: Panasonic introduced a stock-type compensation stock option (stock acquisition

rights) plan for Directors of Panasonic (excluding Outside Directors) by the resolution at the 107th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of Panasonic, which was held on June 26, 2014.

- (5) Reductions in Stated Capital by the Company Split There will be no reduction in stated capital of Panasonic as a result of the Absorption-Type Company Split.
- (6) Rights and Duties to be Transferred to the Succeeding Company
 The New Company will assume Panasonic's assets, liabilities, and other
 rights and duties as well as contractual status relating to the Transferred
 Business to the extent provided for in the Absorption-Type Company Split
 Agreement.
- (7) Prospects for Performance of Liabilities
 Panasonic believes that there will be no problem concerning assurance with
 respect to performance of the liabilities that will be owed to the New
 Company after the Absorption-Type Company Split.

3. Outline of Companies Involving Company Split

·	Splitting Company (As of March 31, 2014)		Succeeding Company (the New Company) (As of July 31, 2014)	
(i) Corporate name	Panasonic Corporation		JOLED Corporation	
(ii) Head office	1006, Oaza Kadoma,		4-1, Marunouchi 1-chome,	
(ii) Ficad office	Kadoma City, Osaka, Japan		Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan	
(iii) Name and title of	President,		Representative Director,	
representative	Kazuhiro Tsuga		Koichiro Taniyama	
(iv) Principal lines of	Manufacture and sale of		(1) Research, development,	
business	electronic and electric		manufacture and sale of OLED	
	equipment, etc.		display panels and their parts,	
			materials, manufacturing	
			equipment and related	
			products; and	
			(2) All business incidental or	
			relating to those set forth in the	
			preceding item.	
(v) Stated capital	258,740 million ye		25 thousand yen	
(vi) Date established	December 15, 1935		July 18, 2014	
(vii) Number of shares issued	2,453,053,497 shares		1 share *	
(viii) Fiscal year end	March 31		March 31	
(ix) Major	Japan Trustee		The Innovation Network	
shareholders and	Services Bank, Ltd.		Corporation of Japan	
shareholding ratio	(trust account)	4.68%	100% **	
	The Master Trust			
	Bank of Japan, Ltd.			
	(trust account)	4.48%		
	State Street Bank and			
	Trust Company	4.04%		
	The Bank of New			
	York Mellon			
	SA/NV 10	3.21%		
	Nippon Life Insurance Company			
		2.97%		
	(as of March 31, 2014)			

^{*} As of January 15, 2015 (planned), the New Company will issue (i) new stock (18,000 shares of Common Stock, and Class A stock) in conjunction with the Absorption-Type Company Split, (ii) new stock (18,000 shares of Common Stock, and Class A stock) in conjunction with an absorption-type company split to be conducted by Sony ("Absorption-Type Company Split by

Sony"), (iii) new stock (270,000 shares of Common Stock) in conjunction with INCJ's capital injection to the New Company, and (iv) new stock (54,000 shares of Common Stock) in conjunction with JDI's capital injection to the New Company. With respect to the "Number of shares issued" after the Entire Transaction, the number of shares of issued Common Stock will be 360,000 shares and the number of shares of Class A Stock to be issued will be determined based on the value of assets, liabilities and others to be transferred to the New Company through the Absorption-Type Company Split and the Absorption-Type Company Split by Sony, in accordance with certain calculation method.

- ** After the Entire Transaction, the voting rights in the New Company held by Panasonic, INCJ, JDI, and Sony will be 5%, 75%, 15%, 5%, respectively.
- (x) Financial conditions and business performance of the splitting company (Panasonic) for the immediately preceding fiscal year (Consolidated)

(Millions of yen, unless otherwise specified)

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Fiscal Year	The year ended	
Fiscal Teal	March 31, 2014	
Panasonic Corporation Shareholders' equity	1,586,438	
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Total assets	5,212,994	
Total assets	(consolidated)	
Shareholders' equity per share (yen)	669.74	
Not colos	7,736,541	
Net sales	(consolidated)	
Operating profit	305,114	
Operating profit	(consolidated)	
Net income attributable to Panasonic	120,442	
Corporation	(consolidated)	
Net income attributable to Panasonic	52.10	
Corporation per share (yen)	52.10	

Notes: 1. Amounts less than 1 million yen have been rounded to the nearest whole 1 million yen amount.

- 2. "Panasonic Corporation Shareholders' equity" on a consolidated basis is presented in accordance with the United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP).
- 3. As of March 31, 2014, Panasonic holds 141,496 thousand shares of its own common stock.

4. Outline of the Business to be Split

- (1) Description of the Business to be Split The OLED display panel business and the business concerning the materials and processes for high definition OLED printing technology
- (2) Operating Results of the Business to be Split for Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2014

(Millions of yen)

	Business	Panasonic on	Ratio	
to be split (a) a		a stand-alone basis(b)	(a)/(b)	
Net sales	-	4,084,606		-
Operating profit	(7,853)	70,328		-

- Notes: 1. The operating results of the Business to be split are prepared under the management accounting of the besiness to be split.
 - 2. Since the business to be split is the research and development section, no amount is recorded in the Net sales.
 - 3. Amounts less than 1 million yen have been rounded to the nearest whole 1 million yen amount.
- (3) Assets and Liabilities of Panasonic to be Split (As of March 31, 2014)

(Millions of yen)

Assets		Liabilities	
Items	Book Value	Items	Book Value
Current assets	158	Current liabilities	84
Fixed assets	584	Fixed liabilities	0
Total	742	Total	84

Note: 1. Amounts less than 1 million yen have been rounded to the nearest whole 1 million yen amount.

5. Status of Panasonic after the Absorption-Type Company Split

Corporate name, head office, name and title of representative, principal lines of business, stated capital, and fiscal year end of Panasonic shall not be changed as a result of the Absorption-Type Company Split.

6. Financial Outlook

It is expected that there will not be any material impact of the Absorption-Type Company Split on Panasonic's consolidated financial outlook for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.

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