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**Panasonic Announces Company Split (Simplified Absorption Type) to Integrate Automotive Module Devices Business of Wholly-Owned Subsidiary, Panasonic Semiconductor Solutions Co., Ltd.**

Osaka, Japan, November 27, 2015 – Panasonic Corporation ([TSE:6752] “Panasonic”) today announced that its Board of Directors has decided to succeed operations related to Automotive Module Devices Business (the “AMD Business”) of Panasonic Semiconductor Solutions Co., Ltd. (“PSCS”), a wholly-owned consolidated subsidiary of Panasonic, through an absorption-type company split (the “Company Split”). The Company Split is expected to take effect on April 1, 2016. Details of the Company Split are outlined below.

The Company Split will be conducted through a simplified absorption-type company split to succeed a part of wholly-owned subsidiary, accordingly, some of the matters and details for disclosure relating to the Company split have been omitted.

**1. Purpose of the Company Split**

Panasonic positions the automotive business as one of its main business, and significant growth is expected in the safety area of the automotive business in the future. In the safety area, due to increasing needs for reducing traffic accidents in the market, applications for active safety systems is expanding, with which the safety of an automobile is enhanced by carrying multiple sensors such as cameras and sonars on the vehicle.

Panasonic succeeds businesses such as an automotive camera module, a strong functional component operated by PSCS, to its Automotive Electronics Systems Business Division owning vehicle electronics and electric system technology by means of company split, and will operate them centrally. Panasonic aims to expand the system business, which includes ADAS (Advanced Driving Assistant System) in the center, as a new pillar of the automotive business.

Through the Company Split, Panasonic will operate the device business and system business in an integrated fashion and seek to acceralate system proposals in safety area of the automotive business.

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## **2. Summary of the Company Split**

### (1) Schedule of the Company Split

|                         |                                                           |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| November 27, 2015       | Resolution of the Board of Directors on the Company Split |
| January 2016 (planned)  | Execution of the Company Split agreement                  |
| April 1, 2016 (planned) | Effective date of the Company Split                       |

(Note: Since, for Panasonic, the Company Split falls under a simplified absorption-type company split, as set forth in Article 796, Paragraph 2 of the Companies Act, and for PSCS, the Company Split falls under a short form absorption-type company split as set forth in Article 784, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, resolutions of shareholders' meetings of both companies concerning approval of the absorption-type company split will not be held.)

### (2) Method of the Company Split

The Company Split is an absorption-type company split in which PSCS is the splitting company and Panasonic is the succeeding company (simplified absorption-type company split).

### (3) Allotment of shares in relation to the Company Split

There shall be no allotment of shares or other consideration upon the Company Split.

### (4) Treatment of stock acquisition rights and bonds with stock acquisition rights upon the Company Split

PSCS has not issued any stock acquisition rights or bonds with stock acquisition rights.

### (5) Increase or decrease in stated capital as a result of the Company Split

There shall be no increase or decrease in the stated capital of Panasonic as a result of the Company Split.

### (6) Rights and obligations to be transferred to the succeeding company

Panasonic will succeed certain assets, liabilities, agreements, and other rights and obligations which PSCS owns in relation to the AMD Business.

### (7) Prospects for performance of liabilities

Panasonic believes that there will be no concern in fulfilling its obligations required to be performed after the effective date of the Company Split.

### 3. Outline of Companies that are Parties to the Company Split

|                                                | Succeeding Company<br>(As of September 30, 2015)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Splitting Company<br>(As of September 30, 2015)                                |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1) Corporate name                             | Panasonic Corporation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Panasonic Semiconductor Solutions Co., Ltd.                                    |
| (2) Head office                                | 1006, Oaza Kadoma,<br>Kadoma City, Osaka, Japan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 Kotari-yakemachi, Nagaokakyo<br>City, Kyoto, Japan                           |
| (3) Name and title of representative           | President,<br>Kazuhiro Tsuga                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | President,<br>Kazuhiro Koyama                                                  |
| (4) Principal lines of business                | Manufacture and sale of electronic and electric equipment, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Development, manufacture and sales of semiconductor and other related products |
| (5) Stated capital                             | 258,740 million yen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 400 million yen                                                                |
| (6) Date established                           | December 15, 1935                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | March 10, 2014                                                                 |
| (7) Total number of outstanding shares         | 2,453,053,497 shares                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8,000 shares                                                                   |
| (8) Fiscal year end                            | March 31                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | March 31                                                                       |
| (9) Major shareholders and shareholding ratios | Japan Trustee Services Bank, 5.42%<br>Ltd. (trust account)<br><br>The Master Trust Bank of 5.00%<br>Japan, Ltd. (trust account)<br><br>State Street Bank and Trust 3.57%<br>Company<br><br>Nippon Life Insurance 2.81%<br>Company<br><br>Panasonic Corporation 1.77%<br>Employee Shareholding<br>Association | Panasonic Corporation 100%                                                     |

#### (10) Financial conditions and business performance for immediately preceding fiscal year

|                                | Panasonic Corporation<br>(Consolidated, U.S. GAAP)<br>( The year ended March 31, 2015) | Panasonic Semiconductor Solutions Co., Ltd.<br>(Non-consolidated, Japan GAAP)<br>(The year ended March 31, 2015) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Net assets                     | 1,992,552 million yen                                                                  | 16,872 million yen                                                                                               |
| Total assets                   | 5,956,947 million yen                                                                  | 102,546 million yen                                                                                              |
| Shareholders' equity per share | 788.87 yen                                                                             | 2,109,112.72 yen                                                                                                 |
| Net sales                      | 7,715,037 million yen                                                                  | 121,689 million yen                                                                                              |

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

2. As of September 30, 2015, Panasonic holds 132,162 thousand shares of its common stock.

3. For Panasonic, the amount of "Total equity" on consolidated basis in accordance with the United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP) is presented instead of "Net assets."

4. As for PSCS, the amount of "Net assets per share" is presented in the "Shareholders' equity per share" column.

#### **4. Outline of the Business to be Succeeded due to the Company Split**

- (1) Outline of the business to be succeeded  
Development, manufacturing and sales of automotive module devices products of PSCS

- (2) Operating results of the business to be succeeded

(100 million of yen)

|           | Business to be succeeded (a)<br>(The year ended March 31, 2015) | PSCS (b)<br>(The year ended March 31, 2015) | Ratio (a/b) |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Net Sales | 207                                                             | 1,217                                       | 17%         |

Note: Since PSCS started its operation after it succeeded development, manufacturing, and sales of semiconductor businesses from Panasonic by mean of a company split as of June 1, 2014, both Net sales of the PSCS and the business to be succeeded are for the ten (10) months amounts from June 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

- (3) Assets and liabilities of the business to be succeeded (As of April 1, 2016 expected)

(100 million yen)

| Assets         |            | Liabilities         |            |
|----------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| Item           | Book value | Item                | Book value |
| Current assets | 89         | Current liabilities | 66         |
| Fixed assets   | 18         | Fixed liabilities   | 0          |
| Total          | 107        | Total               | 66         |

Note: Amounts less than 100 million yen have been rounded to the nearest whole 100 million yen amount. Also, the assets and liabilities of the business actually succeeded on the effective date are measured at fair value.

#### **5. Status of Panasonic after the 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 Company Split.

#### **6. Financial Outlook**

It is expected that there shall be no material effect due to the Company Split on the consolidated financial outlook of Panasonic for fiscal year ending March 31, 2016.

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