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Sompo Japan Insurance Inc.

Sompo Japan is awarded Silver Class status in SAM's corporate sustainability assessment

Sompo Japan Insurance Inc. (hereinafter "Sompo Japan"; President and Chief Executive Officer Masatoshi Sato) has been awarded SAM Silver Class in the SAM's Corporate Sustainability Assessment*¹ conducted by Swiss asset management advisor Sustainable Asset Management Group (hereinafter "SAM"). The assessment measures various companies' sustainability performance based on economic, environmental, and social criteria. Sompo Japan is the only Japanese financial institution to earn a citation.

Furthermore, Sompo Japan is the only Japanese insurance company to be featured in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (hereinafter "DJSI"),*² a socially responsible investment (SRI) index jointly developed by SAM and US-based company Dow Jones.

Going forward, Sompo Japan will continue to fulfill its responsibilities as a corporate citizen.

(*1) About SAM's Corporate Sustainability Assessment

(1) SAM's Corporate Sustainability Assessment, conducted annually since 1999, is a survey that assesses companies from the perspective of sustainability performance. The activities of target companies are assessed on economic, environmental, and social criteria.

(2) Target companies are those surveyed in the year's DJSI socially responsible investment (SRI) index.*² Only the top-scoring 15% of companies assessed are featured in the following year's Sustainability Yearbook issued by SAM. The 2007 survey targeted 2,500 of the world's largest companies (from 57 sectors).

(3) In past years, the best company in each sector was awarded the title of SAM Sector Leader, but starting this year new categories of recognition were established: SAM Gold Class, SAM Silver Class, SAM Bronze Class, and SAM Sector Mover. The recipients in the insurance sector are as follows.

● **SAM Sector Leader**

Winning Company

Allianz AG

- **SAM Gold Class**

Qualifying companies

Allianz AG, Insurance Australia Group Ltd., Swiss Re AG

- **SAM Silver Class**

Qualifying companies

Sompo Japan, Aegon NV

- **SAM Bronze Class**

Qualifying companies

Aviva Plc, AXA, Legal & General Group Plc, Muenchener Rueckversicherungs AG, Zurich Financial Services AG

- **SAM Sector Mover**

Winning company

Swiss Re AG

* For additional information, see <http://www.sam-group.com/html/main.cfm>

(*2) About the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI)

(1) The Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes, developed by SAM in 1999 in collaboration with US-based Dow Jones are socially responsible investment (SRI) indexes of corporate stocks worldwide.

(2) Based on sources such as independent surveys, publicly available information, and the Dow Jones Global Indexes (DJGI; performance indexes evaluated by institutional investors considering international investments), SAM selects companies engaging in progressive economic, environmental, and social efforts for the DJSI brand.

(3) DJSI is used as a benchmark for establishment of SRI funds by investment trust companies. By the end of August 2007 SAM already held licensing contracts with 47 asset management institutions, with total operating assets of US\$5.6 billion (approximately 640 billion yen).

(4) Sompo Japan is the only Japanese insurance company to be listed on the DJSI. 2007 marks the eighth consecutive year that Sompo Japan has been listed.

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