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Sompo Japan Insurance Inc.

Sompo Japan Awarded “Bronze 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 Bronze Class status in SAM’s Corporate Sustainability Assessment*¹, conducted by Swiss asset management advisor Sustainable Asset Management Group (hereinafter “SAM”). This is the third consecutive year that Sompo Japan has received an award. The assessment measures the sustainability performance of a wide range of companies based on economic, environmental, and social criteria.

Furthermore, Sompo Japan is the only Japanese insurance company to be featured in the Dow Jones Sustainability World Indexes (hereinafter “DJSI”),*² a group of socially responsible investment (SRI) indexes jointly developed by SAM and U.S.-based company Dow Jones.

Going forward, Sompo Japan will continue to fulfill its responsibilities as a corporate citizen, aiming to be a “kind insurance company.”

(*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 based on economic, environmental, and social criteria.

(2) Target companies are those listed in the year’s DJSI socially responsible investment (SRI) indexes.*² Only the top-scoring 15% of companies assessed are featured in the following year’s Sustainability Yearbook, issued by SAM. The 2009 survey targeted 2,500 of the world’s largest companies (from 58 sectors).

(3) The categories of recognition are SAM Sector Leader, SAM Gold Class, SAM Silver Class, SAM Bronze Class, and SAM Sector Mover. The following is an overview of each category and the qualifying companies in the insurance sector:

● SAM Sector Leader

Swiss Re

- **SAM Gold Class**

Allianz SE, Swiss Re

- **SAM Silver Class**

Aviva plc, ING Group N.V., Insurance Australia Group, Legal & General Group plc, RSA Insurance Group plc

- **SAM Bronze Class**

AXA, Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft, **Sompo Japan Insurance**, Storebrand ASA, Zurich Financial Services

- **SAM Sector Mover**

Aviva plc.

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

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

(1) The Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes, developed by SAM in 1999 in collaboration with U.S.-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 activities for the DJSI brand.

(3) DJSI is used as a benchmark for the establishment of SRI funds by investment trust companies. As of January, 2010, SAM already held licensing contracts with 70 asset management institutions, with total operating assets amounting to US\$8 billion (approximately ¥712 billion).

(4) Sompo Japan is the only Japanese insurance company to be listed on the DJSI. 2009 marks the tenth consecutive year that Sompo Japan has been listed.

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