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JFE Shoji Corporation

Acquisition of Shares in a Manufacturer of Steel Framing Based in the United States and Australia

JFE Shoji America Holdings Inc. (CEO: Tadao Takahashi), a U.S. subsidiary of JFE Shoji Corporation (President and CEO: Toshinori Kobayashi), has entered into a stock purchase agreement with Studco Global Holdings, Inc. (Head Office: Webster, New York), a manufacturer of steel framing and door related products for construction in the U.S. and Australia, to acquire 100% ownership of the U.S. and Australian operating entities. Plans are underway to promptly proceed with the necessary regulatory approvals and other procedures to complete the closing.

The U.S. operating entity of the Studco Group is headquartered in Webster, New York, and operates primarily in the eastern region of the U.S. Meanwhile, the Australian operating entity is based in Melbourne, Victoria, where it manufactures its products. Additionally, it maintains three sales offices and warehouse across Australia, establishing itself as the second-largest player in the Australian steel framing market.

This acquisition aligns with JFE Shoji Corporation's strategic objectives outlined in the 7th Medium-Term Management Plan, which emphasizes the expansion of the overseas construction materials business. Through this M&A transaction, following the acquisition of CEMCO in 2022 (Head Office: Los Angeles, California, specializing in the manufacture of steel framing materials), efforts are directed towards establishing a stronger presence in the U.S. Furthermore, through enhanced collaboration with CEMCO, measures will be implemented to better address the expected increase in demand for steel framing materials in the U.S.

Australia's steel consumption has remained stable at approximately 6 million tons, with building materials accounting for around 70% of this figure. Considering the anticipated population growth, the demand for building materials in Australia is expected to continue to increase. This acquisition presents an opportunity for JFE Shoji to fully enter the Australian steel framing market and effectively meet its demand.

Moving forward, Australia is designated as a critical region. In addition to the conventional raw materials business, initiatives will be enhanced to expand into the steel and decarbonization-related businesses.

【Overview of Studco Global Holdings】

Company name	Studco Global Holdings, Inc.
Establishment	2016
Head Office	Webster, New York (United States)
Business Overview	Manufacture and sale of steel framing materials and door related products

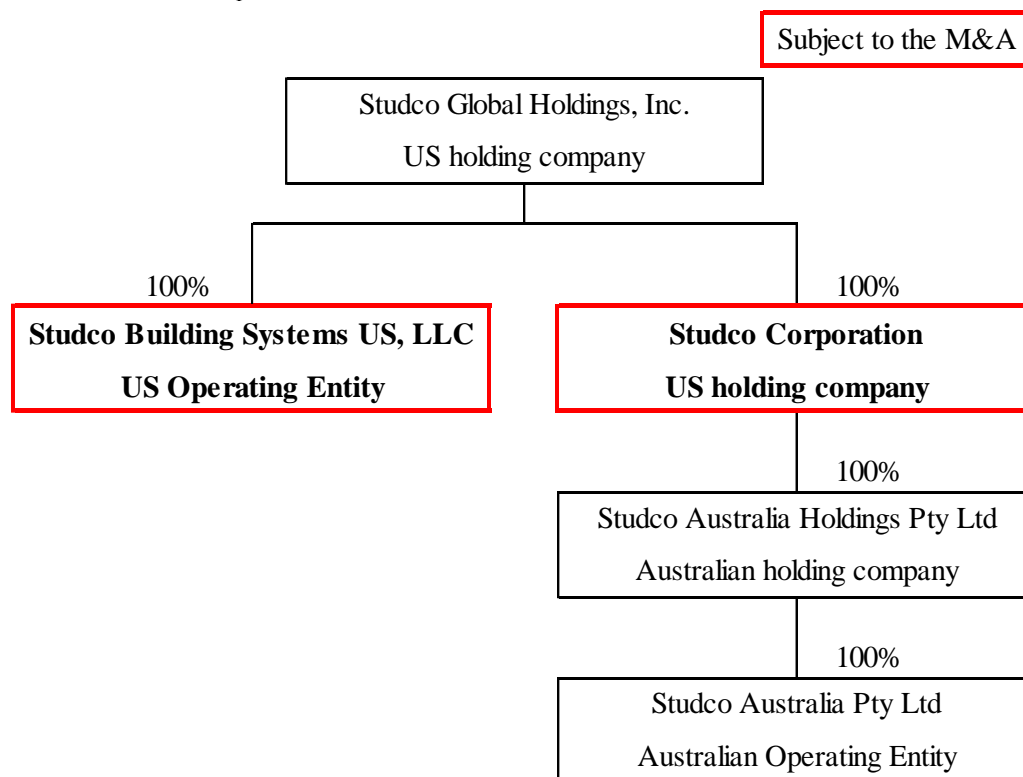
【Overview of U.S. Operating Entity】

Company name	Studco Building Systems US, LLC
Establishment	2005
Head Office and Plant Location	Webster, New York (United States)
Business Overview	Manufacturing steel framing, accessory parts, door related products, etc.

【Overview of Australian Operating Entity】

Company name	Studco Australia Pty Ltd
Establishment	1986
Head Office and Plant Location	Melbourne, Victoria (Australia)
Sales office & Warehouse Locations	① Sydney, New South Wales ② Brisbane, Queensland ③ Perth, Western Australia
Business Overview	Manufacturing steel framing, accessory parts, door related products, etc.

*About the Studco Group



■ Head Office and Plant of Studco Building Systems US, LLC



■ Head Office and Plant of Studco Australia Pty Ltd



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