

Acquisition of Yodogawa Transformer Co., Ltd.

Polaris Private Equity Fund III (“Polaris Fund III”), managed by Polaris Capital Group Co., Ltd. (“Polaris”), and other investor have agreed with the existing shareholders that it will acquire 100% of the outstanding shares of Yodogawa Transformer Co., Ltd. (“Yodohen”) on March 30, 2016.

Yodohen, a leading company in manufacturing and renting of power receiving and transforming equipment, offers a wide variety of products with ample inventory ready for use and boasts an industry leading track record in the rental service, especially for ultra-high voltage or high voltage facilities for large-scale construction sites. Backed by its technological superiority, solution-based marketing and product customization capability, Yodohen has secured numerous contracts with major players in construction, electrical engineering and Industrial equipment and generated stable cash flow over the years. Going forward, Yodohen is expected to enjoy strong demand for the power receiving and transforming equipment from the large construction projects relating to the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, conventional Bullet Train extensions and the new maglev type Bullet Train (the “Linear Chuo Shinkansen”) as well as the refurbishment of aging roads and bridges built in the high growth period of 1960’s and 1970’s. It may find another growth potential by identifying a new rental services opportunity and expanding into overseas markets in collaboration with major construction companies and engineering companies.

For the further growth of Yodohen, Polaris will support a smooth business succession and the management team headed by Mr. Shohei Yamamoto, President, for promoting their growth plan. Polaris will also enhance inorganic growth strategies including M&A by sharing the know-how which Polaris has acquired through various investments in manufacturing businesses or business succession deals. Polaris will dispatch several senior officers to Yodohen and aim to strengthen its business franchise and streamline its business administration and operation control structure. By closely working with the management team and the employees of Yodohen to achieve these goals, Polaris plans to solidify Yodohen’s industry leading position, increase its enterprise value and aim listing on a stock exchange in several years.

Polaris, the only buyout firm with an office in Osaka, is fully committed to supporting medium-sized companies in Kansai area for their business successions and growth strategies.

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Yodogawa Transformer Co., Ltd.

Founded: February 1965

Representative: Mr. Kouji Iseki, President and CEO

Address: BREEZE TOWER 11F, 2-4-9, Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, Japan

Business: Manufacturing, sales and renting of various types of transformers, ultra-high voltage/high voltage receiving facilities and equipment, cubicles, switch boards, and control panels.

Website: <http://www.yodohen.co.jp/english.php>

Polaris Capital Group Co., Ltd.

Founded: September 2004

Representative: Yuji Kimura, Founder and CEO

Paid-in Capital: JPY 200 Million

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Funds: Polaris Private Equity Fund I, L.P. (JPY 29.6 billion)
Polaris Private Equity Fund II, L.P. (JPY 31.9 billion)
Polaris Private Equity Fund III, L.P. (JPY 39.1 billion)

Website: <http://www.polaris-cg.com/us/>