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## **Panasonic Announces the Change in Significant Subsidiaries**

Osaka, December 21, 2009 --- As Panasonic Corporation (NYSE: PC/ TSE: 6752, "Panasonic") notified in the announcement titled "Panasonic Announces the Result of the Tender Offer for SANYO Shares" dated December 10, 2009, the tender offer through which Panasonic acquired the Shares for SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. ("SANYO") ended on December 9, 2009 (the "Tender Offer"). Today, Panasonic exercised the right to request SANYO to issue common shares of SANYO, in exchange for its acquisition of all of the Class A preferred shares and Class B preferred shares that Panasonic acquired through the Tender Offer and Panasonic received the corresponding common shares (hereinafter referred to as the "Conversion"). As a result of the Conversion of the Class B preferred shares on which no voting rights are granted, into common shares, SANYO and a part of SANYO's subsidiaries have become Panasonic's significant subsidiaries.

### **1. Reason for and Method of the Change**

As a result of Panasonic's Conversion of the Class B preferred shares of SANYO which Panasonic

acquired through the Tender Offer into common shares, SANYO and a part of SANYO's subsidiaries have become Panasonic's significant subsidiaries.

**2. Outline of the Subsidiaries, Number of Shares Acquired, Acquisition Cost and Status of Shares Owned before and after Acquisition**

**(1) SANYO Electric Co., Ltd.**

**(a) Outline of the subsidiary**

(i) Company Name	SANYO Electric Co., Ltd.																									
(ii) Head Office	5-5, Keihan-Hondori 2-Chome, Moriguchi City, Osaka 570-8677, Japan																									
(iii) Name and Title of Representative	Executive Director & President Seiichiro Sano																									
(iv) Description of Business	Manufacturing and sales of various electronic equipments																									
(v) Paid-in Capital	322,242 million yen (as of September 30, 2009)																									
(vi) Date Established	April 1, 1950																									
(vii) Major Shareholders and Shareholding Ratio (As of September 30, 2009)	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>(The number of shares owned)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oceans Holdings Co., Ltd.</td> <td>27.20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evolution Investments Co., Ltd.</td> <td>11.89%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SANYO Electric Co., Ltd.</td> <td>3.65%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation</td> <td>3.41%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (trust account)</td> <td>1.54%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SANYO Electric Employees Stockholders' Association</td> <td>1.46%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nippon Life Insurance Company</td> <td>1.17%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (trust account)</td> <td>1.17%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sumitomo Life Insurance Company</td> <td>0.89%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resona Bank, Ltd.</td> <td>0.78%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(The number of voting rights owned)</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		(The number of shares owned)		Oceans Holdings Co., Ltd.	27.20%	Evolution Investments Co., Ltd.	11.89%	SANYO Electric Co., Ltd.	3.65%	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation	3.41%	Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (trust account)	1.54%	SANYO Electric Employees Stockholders' Association	1.46%	Nippon Life Insurance Company	1.17%	The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (trust account)	1.17%	Sumitomo Life Insurance Company	0.89%	Resona Bank, Ltd.	0.78%	(The number of voting rights owned)	
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		<p>Oceans Holdings Co., Ltd. 36.26%</p> <p>Evolution Investments Co., Ltd. 24.17%</p> <p>Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation 1.53%</p> <p>Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (trust account) 1.09%</p> <p>SANYO Electric Employees Stockholders' Association 1.04%</p> <p>Nippon Life Insurance Company 0.83%</p> <p>The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (trust account) 0.83%</p> <p>Sumitomo Life Insurance Company 0.63%</p> <p>Resona Bank, Ltd. 0.55%</p> <p>Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Company, Limited 0.49%</p> <p>(Note 1) Evolution Investments Co., Ltd. is a subsidiary of Daiwa Securities SMBC Principal Investments Co., Ltd., and Oceans Holdings Co., Ltd. is an affiliate company of the Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.</p>
(viii) Relationships with Panasonic	Capital Relationship	As a result of the Tender Offer, Panasonic acquired 3,282,677 common shares, 182,542,200 Class A preferred shares and 125,360,455 Class B preferred shares of SANYO on December 16, 2009. There is no capital relationship that should be described herein between the parties related to or affiliated with Panasonic and the parties related to or affiliated with SANYO.
	Personnel Relationship	There is no personnel relationship that should be described herein between Panasonic and SANYO. In addition, there is no personnel relationship that should be described herein

		between the parties related to or affiliated with Panasonic and the parties related to or affiliated with SANYO.	
	Transaction Relationship	Panasonic conducts sales and purchase transactions of finished products, merchandise, material, etc. with SANYO.	
<b>(ix) Consolidated Business Results and Consolidated Financial Position for the last three fiscal years</b>			
Fiscal Year	The Year Ended March 31, 2007	The Year Ended March 31, 2008	The Year Ended March 31, 2009
Consolidated shareholders' equity	312,008 million yen	308,043 million yen	146,454 million yen
Consolidated total assets	1,970,940 million yen	1,683,837 million yen	1,345,403 million yen
Consolidated shareholders' equity per share	1.96 yen	1.31 yen	(25.00) yen
Consolidated net sales	1,882,612 million yen	2,017,824 million yen	1,770,656 million yen
Consolidated income (loss) from continuing operations, before tax	(16,084) million yen	57,228 million yen	(113,748) million yen
Consolidated net income	(45,362) million yen	28,700 million yen	(93,226) million yen
Consolidated net income per share	(72.66) yen	4.67 yen	(15.18) yen
Dividend per share	- yen	- yen	- yen

**(b) Number of shares acquired, acquisition cost and status of shares owned before and after acquisition**

(i) Number of shares owned before acquisition	Common shares: 3,289,677 shares (indirect holding therein: 7,000 shares)
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	<p>Class A preferred shares: 182,542,200 shares</p> <p>Class B preferred shares: 125,360,455 shares</p> <p>(the number of voting rights: 1,828,711 units) (indirect holding therein: 7 units)</p> <p>(the shareholding ratio: 37.49%) (indirect holding therein: 0.00 %)</p> <p>(Note 1)</p>
(ii) Number of shares acquired	<p>a. Number of common shares acquired as a result of the Conversion of the Class A preferred shares: 1,825,422,000 shares</p> <p>(the number of voting rights: 1,825,422 units) (Note 2)</p> <p>(the acquisition cost: 239,130 million yen) (Note 3)</p> <p>b. Number of common shares acquired as a result of the Conversion of the Class B preferred shares: 1,253,604,550 shares</p> <p>(the number of voting rights: 1,253,604 units)</p> <p>(the acquisition cost: 164,222 million yen) (Note 4)</p>
(iii) Number of shares owned after acquisition	<p>3,082,316,227 shares (indirect holding therein: 7,000 shares)</p> <p>(the number of voting rights: 3,082,316 units) (indirect holding therein: 7 units)</p> <p>(the shareholding ratio: 50.27 %) (indirect holding therein: 0.00 %)</p> <p>(Note 1)</p>

Note 1) The shareholding ratio against the total number of voting rights of shareholders of SANYO before acquisition is calculated by setting the denominator to the total number of voting rights (4,876,837 units) which is the sum of (a) the total number of voting rights (4,735,373 units) as of September 30, 2009, and (b) the increase in the number of voting rights (141,464 units) due to the Conversion of the Class B preferred shares into common shares during the period from October 1, 2009, to December 20, 2009. The shareholding ratio against the total number of voting rights of shareholders of SANYO after acquisition is calculated by setting the denominator to the total number of voting rights (6,130,442 units) which is the sum of (a) the total number of the voting rights before acquisition (4,876,837 units), and (b) the increase in the

number of voting rights (1,253,605 units) due to the Conversion of the Class B preferred shares into common shares by Panasonic dated December 21, 2009 (including the increase in the number of voting rights (1 unit) by adding the common shares less than one unit which Panasonic has owned before the Conversion and the common shares less than one unit which Panasonic received due to the Conversion).

Note 2) Since one unit of voting right is granted per every 100 shares on the Class A preferred shares, no change has occurred in the number of Panasonic's voting rights, at the time of acquisition of common shares due to the Conversion of the Class A preferred shares.

Note 3) The acquisition cost is not the acquisition cost at the time of the acquisition of common shares due to the Conversion of the Class A preferred shares, but the acquisition cost at the time of the acquisition of the Class A preferred shares through the Tender Offer on December 16, 2009.

Note 4) The acquisition cost is not the acquisition cost at the time of the acquisition of the common shares due to the Conversion of the Class B preferred shares, but the acquisition cost at the time of the acquisition of the Class B preferred shares through the Tender Offer on December 16, 2009.

## **(2) SANYO ASIA PTE LTD**

### **(a) Outline of the subsidiary**

(i) Company Name	SANYO ASIA PTE LTD
(ii) Head Office	No. 6 Commonwealth Lane #03-01/02 GMTI Building, Singapore 149547
(iii) Name and Title of Representative	Director & President Yoshinori Nakatani
(iv) Description of Business	Sales of the products of SANYO in Asia and conducting business as the regional center of SANYO in Asia
(v) Paid-in Capital	945,484 thousand Singapore dollars (as of September 30, 2009)
(vi) Date Established	April 17, 1972

(vii) Major Shareholders and Shareholding Ratio (As of September 30, 2009)	SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. 100 %		
(viii) Business Results and Financial Position for the last three fiscal years			
Fiscal Year	The Year Ended March 31, 2007	The Year Ended March 31, 2008	The Year Ended March 31, 2009
Total assets	491,438 thousand U.S. dollars	413,467 thousand U.S. dollars	390,433 thousand U.S. dollars
Net sales	1,081,164 thousand U.S. dollars	416,759 thousand U.S. dollars	37,774 thousand U.S. dollars
Income (loss) from continuing operations, before tax	(143,417) thousand U.S. dollars	(6,874) thousand U.S. dollars	(13,432) thousand U.S. dollars
Net income	(152,321) thousand U.S. dollars	6,874 thousand U.S. dollars	(12,041) thousand U.S. dollars

**(b) Number of shares acquired, acquisition cost and status of shares owned before and after acquisition**

(i) Number of shares owned before acquisition	- shares (the number of voting rights: - units) the shareholding ratio: - % (indirect holding therein: - %)
(ii) Number of shares owned after acquisition	945,484,792 shares (indirect holding therein: 945,484,792 shares) (the number of voting rights: 945,484,792 units) (indirect holding therein: 945,484,792 units) the shareholding ratio: 100 % (indirect holding therein: 100 %)

**(3) SANYO NORTH AMERICA CORPORATION**

**(a) Outline of the subsidiary**

(i) Company Name	SANYO NORTH AMERICA CORPORATION		
(ii) Head Office	2055 SANYO Ave., San Diego, California 92154, U.S.A.		
(iii) Name and Title of Representative	Director & President Masami Murata		
(iv) Description of Business	Sales of the products of SANYO in the United States and conducting business as the regional center of SANYO in the United States		
(v) Paid-in Capital	402,162 thousand U.S. dollars (as of September 30, 2009)		
(vi) Date Established	March 22, 1961		
(vii) Major Shareholders and Shareholding Ratio (As of September 30, 2009)	SANYO Electric Co., Ltd.		100 %
(viii) Business Results and Financial Position for the last three fiscal years			
Fiscal Year	The Year Ended March 31, 2007	The Year Ended March 31, 2008	The Year Ended March 31, 2009
Total asset	813,687 thousand U.S. dollars	630,972 thousand U.S. dollars	669,746 thousand U.S. dollars
Net sales	1,733,350 thousand U.S. dollars	1,191,526 thousand U.S. dollars	479,193 thousand U.S. dollars
Income from continuing operations, before tax	52,897 thousand U.S. dollars	35,419 thousand U.S. dollars	3,886 thousand U.S. dollars
Net income	33,579 thousand U.S. dollars	3,605 thousand U.S. dollars	1,187 thousand U.S. dollars

**(b) Number of shares acquired, acquisition cost and status of shares owned before and after acquisition**

(i) Number of shares owned before acquisition	- shares (the number of voting rights: - units)
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	the shareholding ratio: - % (indirect holding therein: - %)
(ii) Number of shares owned after acquisition	400,133 shares (indirect holding therein: 400,133 shares) (the number of voting rights: 400,133 units) (indirect holding therein: 400,133 units) the shareholding ratio: 100 % (indirect holding therein: 100 %)

**(4) SANYO EUROPE LTD.**

**(a) Outline of the subsidiary**

(i) Company Name	SANYO EUROPE LTD.		
(ii) Head Office	SANYO House, 18 Colonial Way, Watford, Herts WD24 4PT, U.K.		
(iii) Name and Title of Representative	Director & President Takashi Hirao		
(iv) Description of Business	Sales of the products of SANYO in Europe and conducting business as the regional center of SANYO in Europe		
(v) Paid-in Capital	141,721 thousand pounds (as of September 30, 2009)		
(vi) Date Established	June 24, 1969		
(vii) Major Shareholders and Shareholding Ratio (As of September, 2009)	SANYO Electric Co., Ltd.		100 %
(viii) Business Results and Financial Position for the last three fiscal years			
Fiscal Year	The Year Ended March 31, 2007	The Year Ended March 31, 2008	The Year Ended March 31, 2009
Total assets	105,081 thousand pounds	106,777 thousand pounds	104,153 thousand pounds
Net sales	68,246 thousand pounds	70,227 thousand pounds	75,682 thousand pounds

Income (loss) from continuing operations, before tax	(12,373) thousand pounds	(884) thousand pounds	(9,504) thousand pounds
Net income	(12,373) thousand pounds	(884) thousand pounds	(9,504) thousand pounds

**(b) Number of shares acquired, acquisition cost and status of shares owned before and after acquisition**

(i) Number of shares owned before acquisition	- shares (the number of voting rights: - units) the shareholding ratio: - % (indirect holding therein: - %)
(ii) Number of shares owned after acquisition	141,721,313 shares (indirect holding therein: 141,721,313 shares) (the number of voting rights: 141,721,313 units) (indirect holding therein: 141,721,313 units) the shareholding ratio: 100 % (indirect holding therein: 100 %)

**4. Schedule of the Change**

December 21, 2009 (Monday)

**5. Future prospects**

The expected impact of the change in significant subsidiaries on Panasonic's consolidated business results for the Fiscal Year ending March 2010 (April 1, 2009, through March 31, 2010) is currently under close investigation and will be announced as soon as it becomes clear.

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