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## **Notice of Capital and Business Alliance with Italian Metal 3D Printer Manufacturing Company**

Sodick Co., Ltd (hereinafter "Sodick", or "Company") hereby announces the execution of contract to acquire new shares of Prima Additive S.r.l. (hereinafter "Prima Additive"), a metal 3D printer manufacturing company headquartered in Turin, Italy through third party allotment, and to enter into a business alliance with Prima Additive.

### **1. Purpose and Synergies of Capital and Business Alliance**

Sodick has strengths in high-speed and high precision machining technologies, especially in precision molding for metal 3D printers, and develops, manufactures, and sells multi-function 3D printers that combine cutting and sintering processes. In addition, Sodick has a strong global customer base and sales network in the precision molding field, particularly in Asia region.

Prima Additive develops, manufactures, and sells metal 3D printers utilizing not only technology of the PBF methods\*<sup>1</sup> adopted by Sodick, but also the DED methods\*<sup>2</sup>. With its development capabilities, Prima Additive has a wide range of applications in numerous industries such as aerospace, automotive and jewelry, etc. In addition to metal 3D printing technologies, Prima Additive is also active in the development of solutions equipped with advanced laser processes, such as remote laser welding and laser hardening, processes particularly used in the automotive sector. In Europe, Prima Additive has a network of customers, universities, and research institutions, as well as high brand recognition in the 3D printer manufacturing business.

The Company, based on its Structural Reform and Medium-Term Management Plan, aims to improve and enhance profitability of business through re-adjusting business & product portfolio and re-constructing production & distribution capabilities by taking current depreciation of yen and geographical changes in product demand into consideration.

Prima Additive is highly complementary to Sodick from the viewpoint of technologies, products, target industries, customers, target regions and applications. By entering into an alliance with Prima Additive, Sodick and Prima Additive will be able to increase the chance to enhance the competitiveness in the industry, and in particular in the growing metal 3D printer manufacturing business, mutually developing new fields / applications and expanding its sales network by cross-selling mainly in Japan, Europe and North America.

Taking this alliance as an opportunity, Sodick will establish its global business model in growing fields, aim to enhance its enterprise value and achieve sustainable growth over the medium to long term.

\*1: PBF (Power Bed Fusion) methods: Forms three-dimensional objects by repeating the following three steps: 1. Lay the metal powder on the part of the horizontal substrate to be stacked, 2. Irradiate the required areas with a

laser to emerge melt-combination, 3. Lower the table by a specified amount.

\*2: DED (Directed Energy Deposition) methods: Forms three-dimensional objects by irradiating the required areas with a laser to emerge melt-combination, while feeding wire or powder to the areas of the substrate to be added.

2. Overview of Prima Additive

(1) Name	Prima Additive S.r.l.	
(2) Address	Turin, Italy	
(3) Job Title/ Name of Representative	CEO Paolo Calefati	
(4) Description of Businesses	Mainly engaged in 3D printer manufacturing and sales	
(5) Capital	116,861 EUR	
(6) Date of Incorporation	April 1, 2022 <sup>*3</sup>	
(7) Major shareholders and percentage of shares	Prima Industrie S.p.A 45.3%	
(8) Relationship between the listed company and the company concerned	Capital relationship	Not applicable.
	Personnel relationship	Not applicable.
	Business relationship	Not applicable.

\*3: 3D printer manufacturing business operated by Prima Industrie S.p.A has been spun off and became independent on the Date of Incorporation, inherited by Prima Additive S.r.l.

3. Percentage of interest in the acquisition and status before and after the acquisition

(1) Percentage of ownership prior to the transaction	0%
(2) Percentage of ownership acquired	9.5%
(3) Percentage of ownership after the transaction	9.5%

4. Schedule

(1) Contract day	March 29, 2024
(2) Date of share transfer	April, 2024 (Planned)

5. The impact of this transaction on our group's business performance

The impact of this transaction on our group's business performance is negligible.

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