

## **Sodick Co., Ltd. - New President Announcement**

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We are pleased to announce that, at the Annual Shareholders Meeting of Sodick Co. on Friday March 28, 2025, the shareholders resolution has been approved to appoint Yuji Akutsu as the company's new President and CEO.

### **■Background to the appointment of the new president**

We are implementing structural reforms based on our Medium-Term Management Plan. We have changed our management structure to achieve sustainable growth and increase corporate value by strengthening our stable earnings base and establishing a competitive advantage, accelerating efforts to "break away from dependence on China" and "rebuild our production and sales systems," and promoting corporate reforms with flexible and new ideas. Looking ahead, we will pursue a growth strategy centered on expanding sales in Europe, the United States, and emerging countries. While Yuji Akutsu sees the continuing importance in China market, he will focus on expanding machine sales, maintenance services and consumables sales outside that boundary, especially in North America and Europe along with the emerging markets. In addition, Kenichi Furukawa, former president, serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors and supports overall management, and focuses on strengthening governance after the transition to the Company with Audit and Supervisory Committee.

### **■Yuji Akutsu Representative Director President and CEO Executive Officer**

#### **□Comments on Appointment**



I have recently assumed the position of President and Chief Executive Officer. Since joining the company in 1987, I have built up our expertise in manufacturing and after-sales service. And I have moved on to our sales headquarters in the U.S. to introduce a new business strategy mainly in the after-sales field. Through my tenure, we have built a system that ensures stable earnings for North American market. In 2022, I assumed the role of COO of our company, and in 2024, we became a Director and COO Executive Vice President and have begun revitalizing our company ever since. Going forward, in addition to further structural reforms and the promotion of the Solutions Business and the After-sales Service Business, we will strengthen our organizational capabilities and strive to achieve further growth and increase our corporate value.

#### **□Background**

Apr. 1987: Joined our company

Jan. 1991: Moved to Sodick, Inc. in USA.

Nov. 2005: Executive Vice President / Director at Sodick, Inc. in USA

Jul. 2013: Executive Officer at Sodick Japan in charge of Europe and the United States

Apr. 2016: President / CEO of Sodick, Inc. Director (current)

Jan. 2022: Deputy General Manager, Machine Tool Division of Sodick Japan

March 2022: Senior Executive Officer of the Company

November 2022 : Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Sodick Japan

Mar. 2024 Representative Director, COO / Executive Vice President of the Sodick Japan

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