

Osaka Gas Information System Research Institute Co., Ltd.  
Sakura Information System Co., Ltd.  
Osaka Gas Co. Ltd.  
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

**Notice regarding Business Alliance between  
Osaka Gas Information System Research Institute  
and Sakura Information System**

Japan, July 28, 2006--- Osaka Gas Information System Research Institute Co., Ltd. (OGIS-RI, President: Masakazu Kato), Sakura Information System Co., Ltd. (SIS, President: Ryoji Miura), Osaka Gas Co. Ltd. (Osaka Gas, President: Hirofumi Shibano) and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC, President: Masayuki Oku) today have entered into a basic contract on business alliance in the field of information service business as basically agreed between OGIS-RI and SIS on May 23, 2006.

In addition, on the basis of the basic contract above, SMBC today transferred part of its holdings of SIS shares (equivalent to 34% of the total SIS shares) to OGIS-RI in order to reinforce the alliance.

**1. Outline of business alliance**

- (1) Cooperation in the field of system development
  - (a) System development, combining SIS's know-how and OGIS-RI's technology of "Object/UML (Unified Modeling Language) Modeling"
  - (b) Mutual exploitation of development base
- (2) Cooperation in foreign operation  
Mutually utilize the development base in Shanghai, OGIS-RI's business partner, and SIS's subsidiary in Singapore.
- (3) Cooperation in the field of system operation  
Mutually utilize OGIS-RI's computer center (Nishi-ku, Osaka) and SIS's center (Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo).
- (4) Exchange and development of human resources

**2. Outline of SIS after the transfer of shares**

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| (1) Company name            | Sakura Information System Co., Ltd.                           |
| (2) Head office             | 4-10,Nihonbashihoncho 3-chome,Chuo-ku, Tokyo                  |
| (3) Business description    | System development and data processing                        |
| (4) Date of establishment   | November 29, 1972   |
| (5) Capital stock           | 600 millions of yen   |
| (6) Number of shares issued | 775,000 shares  |
| (7) Principal shareholders  | SMBC 511,500 shares (66.0%)<br>OGIS-RI 263,500 shares (34.0%) |

## Appendix

### **Profile of OGIS-RI**

Company name	Osaka Gas Information System Research Institute Co., Ltd.
Head office	Minami 2-37, Chiyozaeki 3-chome, Nishi-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka
Business description	System development, data processing, and sales of computer and software
Date of establishment	June 29, 1983
Capital stock	400 millions of yen (as of March 31, 2006)

### **Profile of Osaka Gas**

Company name	Osaka Gas Co. Ltd.
Head office	1-2, Hiranamachi 4-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka
Business description	Gas and heat supply business
Date of establishment	April 10, 1897
Capital stock	132,166 millions of yen (as of March 31, 2006)

### **Profile of SMBC**

Company name	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
Business description	Banking
Date of establishment	June 6, 1996
Head office	1-2, Yurakucho 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Capital stock	664,986 millions of yen (as of March 31, 2006)