

IRCJ announces completion of transfer and payment in full for Ogura Co., Ltd. and Associated Companies' debt

Tokyo, June 30, 2005 – The Industrial Revitalization Committee of the Industrial Revitalization Corporation of Japan (“the IRCJ”) today approved the transfer of and receipt of repayment in full for debt the IRCJ had purchased from financial institutions as part of a business revitalization plan for Ogura Co., Ltd. (“Ogura”) and associated companies. The payment received by the IRCJ means that it no longer holds any debt or other obligations of Ogura.

1. Names of companies concerned

Ogura Co., Ltd.

Sankei Co., Ltd.

2. Process to date

On January 18, 2005 the IRCJ approved an application for assistance by Ogura under Article 22, Clause 3 of the Industrial Revitalization Corporation Act of 2003. On March 16, 2005, under Article 25, Clause 1 of the same act, the IRCJ reached agreement with financial institutions on the purchase of this company's debts.

Following this, in accordance with the revitalization plan, Ogura's operations were transferred to a RJ Ogura Co., Ltd. (“RJ Ogura”), a wholly owned subsidiary of the sponsor Ryoshoku Group (“Ryoshoku”). The business revitalization of Ogura is continuing with the support of this sponsor.

3. Amount of debt

The principal value of Ogura's debt was ¥2,608 million, for which the IRCJ paid ¥1,208 million to financial institutions. In accordance with the business revitalization plan, a total of ¥603 million was realized through the sale of collateral assets. ¥1,381 million of the remaining amount was transferred to Ryoshoku, and payment of ¥624 million was received from RJ Okura.

4. Comment from the state ministers in charge of the Industrial Revitalization Corporation of Japan

None expressed.

Note on comments from ministers: The IRCJ is a quasi-governmental organization. As such, the IRCJ is required to obtain comments about decisions to assist private-sector companies from the three government ministers in charge of the IRCJ.

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About the IRCJ

The IRCJ was established jointly by the public and private sector on April 16, 2003, with the aim of providing revitalization assistance beneficial to both the industrial and the financial sectors in Japan. It targets assistance at companies that have sound business fundamentals but are unable to thrive because of excessive debt levels or other factors. The IRCJ has approximately 200 employees and is based in Tokyo. For more information please visit www.ircj.co.jp