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Marubeni Construction Materials Lease Co., Ltd.
Marubeni-Itochu Steel Inc.

MISI Signs Agreement on New Joint Venture in China

Marubeni Construction Materials Lease Co., Ltd. (Marubeni Construction Lease; Shoji Kuwayama, executive president) and Marubeni-Itochu Steel Inc. (MISI; Tomohito Kaneda, president and CEO) recently agreed to collaborate with the local Chinese company Maanshan Ruima Steel Structure Material Co., Ltd. (“Ruima” Chairman: Li Qingzhong) to launch a new joint venture in the heavy temporary construction material business that will employ steel bracing methods in China. Representatives of companies involved and other guests participated in an official signing ceremony today.

Under today’s agreement, a new joint venture newly established by Marubeni Construction Lease and MISI (tentative name Maruken Investment Limited Liability Company; headquarters in Minato-ku, Tokyo) will assume ownership of a private placement of new shares from Ruima. The business will operate under the name Ruima-Maruken (Anhui) Construction Protecting Technology Co., Ltd. (Ruima-Maruken).

Established in 2006, Ruima engages primarily in the manufacture and sales of steel products. The company has been receiving technical support related to steel bracing methods from Marubeni Construction Lease, and has built a solid track record in the region surrounding Maanshan in Anhui Province.

Ruima-Maruken will integrate the respective knowledge and experience of Ruima, Marubeni Construction Lease and MISI to address the emerging needs of the Chinese domestic market in real estate development, infrastructure building and other pivotal sectors, which are expected to expand over the years to come. The Chinese government has placed greater importance on environmental issues, and has concerns about the concrete bracing construction method, which generates heavy volumes of industrial waste. Our goal is to transition to the steel bracing method and a shorter worktime, which facilitates recycling and is closely aligned with the Chinese government’s environmental stance. Standardizing this method will serve as a major force in mobilizing replacement demand and help Ruima-Maruken capture a greater share of China’s massive local market for such business.

New Company Profile

Name: Ruima-Maruken (Anhui) Construction Protecting Technology Co., Ltd.

Business activities: Steel bracing construction works, steel materials leasing, steel material and product sales

Head office: Maashan City, Anhui Province, China

Capital: 108,333,333 renminbi

Shareholder breakdown:

Li Qingzhong	33.534%
Li Qingsheng	3.408%
Pan Jianguo	1.704%
Ruima (Hongkong) Investment & Trade Co., Ltd.	21.354%
Maruken Investment Limited Liability Company (tentative name)	40.000%

Scheduled investment date: Around February 2020