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## **NKSJ Holdings Selected for Inclusion in Dow Jones Sustainability Index**

On September 9, 2010, NKSJ Holdings, Inc. (hereafter; NKSJHD) was selected by the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (hereafter; DJSI), the global indexes tracking the financial performance of the leading sustainability-driven companies worldwide, for inclusion in the DJSI World. The selection marks the eleventh consecutive year of inclusion when including group company Sompo Japan Insurance Inc. (hereafter; Sompo Japan) \*<sup>1</sup>, which had been selected for inclusion in the DJSI since 2000.

\*<sup>1</sup> Sompo Japan and Nipponkoa Insurance have established the Joint Holding Company, NKSJ Holdings, Inc. as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

### **1. About Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes**

The DJSI is a stock index developed jointly by Swiss asset management advisor Sustainable Asset Management AG (hereafter; SAM) and Dow Jones & Company of the United States in 1999. SAM measures corporate sustainability according to economic, environmental and social criteria, with corporations assessed to be undertaking progressive, forward-looking initiatives selected for inclusion in DJSI. The DJSI has attracted the attention of investors from around the world as a benchmark for measuring the initiatives for sustainability of major listed companies.

### **2. Fiscal 2010 Assessment Results**

#### **(1) General Overview**

SAM selected 323 companies found to excel in CSR initiatives for inclusion in DJSI World from among 2,500 large corporations in the Dow Jones Global Index (DJGI: index used by institutional investors to evaluate the asset management results of international investments) developed by Dow Jones & Company. 31 Japanese companies, including NKSJHD, were selected for inclusion, while 14 companies, including two from Japan, were selected from the insurance sector.

#### **(2) Assessment of NKSJHD**

The assessment was completed according to a score calculated based on performance in economic, environmental and social criteria. Compared to the score of Sompo Japan in 2009, NKSJHD raised its score for all three criteria in 2010. In addition, NKSJHD attained the highest score in the social criteria category from among the 14 insurance companies selected for inclusion.