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## SOMPOインターナショナルによる Lexon Surety Group, LLC の 買収手続き完了のお知らせ

SOMPOホールディングス株式会社（グループCEO取締役社長：櫻田 謙悟）傘下の SOMPOインターナショナルホールディングス（会長兼CEO：ジョン・シャーマン、以下「S I H」）は、Lexon Surety Group, LLC（CEO：David E. Campbell）傘下の保証保険事業会社（以下「Lexon 社」）の買収手続きを完了したことをお知らせします。本件は、2018年1月4日に発表した「Lexon Surety Group, LLC の保証保険事業買収に関するお知らせ」に関するものです。Lexon 社は、米国の独立系保証保険会社として第2位（2016年元受保険料ベース）の規模を有しています。Lexon 社の中核子会社は、A.M. Best 社から格付け見通し「ポジティブ」の評価を取得しており、本買収が同社の財務格付けに好影響を与えることが期待されます。

Lexon 社は、S I H傘下で Christopher Sparro がCEOとして統括する米国元受事業部門の保証保険事業と統合する予定です。また、S I Hの保証保険事業の Executive Vice President（EVP）である Brian Beggs が、テネシー州のLexon 本社で責任者として事業運営を行います。

Lexon 社は2001年から、全米の代理店ネットワークを通じて、保証保険分野で幅広い商品を提供してきました。引き続き、S I Hの米国元受事業部門が同一の保険商品を提供します。

### <S I H米国保険事業CEO、Christopher Sparro のコメント>

「Lexon 社をS I Hの米国保険事業に迎えることを嬉しく思います。同社は業界において非常に高い評価を有しており、その卓越したアンダーライティングノウハウは、私たちの企業文化との高い親和性があります。統合後は、米国の保証保険市場において業界トップ10に入るリーディングカンパニーとなり、私たちの米国事業拡大戦略において、極めて重要な役割を担います。」

### <S I H保証保険事業のEVP、Brian Beggs のコメント>

「業界において高い評価を獲得している Lexon 社の商品および販売ネットワークは、私たちの保証保険事業との強い補完関係にあります。同社の全米に広がる代理店・ブローカーネットワークと専門知識の相乗効果により、保証保険分野の成長を更に加速させてまいります。」

以上

## **Sompo International Completes Acquisition of Lexon Surety Group**

PEMBROKE, Bermuda – June 4, 2018 – Sompo International Holdings Ltd., a Bermuda-based specialty provider of property and casualty insurance and reinsurance, announced today that it has completed the acquisition of the operating subsidiaries of Lexon Surety Group LLC (Lexon), which was first announced on January 3, 2018. Lexon, the second largest independent surety insurer in the U.S., is comprised of Lexon Insurance Company, Bond Safeguard Insurance Company, and Fortress National Group LLC. A.M. Best has placed Lexon Insurance Company and Bond Safeguard Insurance Company on ‘positive outlook’ and we expect that the transaction will have a beneficial impact on their financial strength ratings.

Lexon staff and office locations will be integrated with Sompo International’s Surety business under Mr. Christopher Sparro, CEO of U.S. Insurance. The combined operation will be led by Brian Beggs, EVP, Sompo International Surety who will relocate to Lexon’s headquarters in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee.

Lexon has been offering a broad array of commercial and contract surety bonds, court and probate bonds, and U.S. Custom bonds through a nationwide network of agents since 2001 and Sompo U.S. Insurance will continue to offer these same products.

Mr. Christopher Sparro commented, “We are very excited to welcome Lexon into our U.S. Insurance operation. They have an excellent reputation and their technical underwriting proficiency is closely aligned with our corporate culture. The combined organization will be one of the ten leading insurers in the U.S. surety market, significantly contributing to our strategic expansion in the U.S.”

Mr. Beggs added, “Lexon has a reputation for quality products and strong distribution relationships which are highly complementary to our current surety capabilities. Their nationwide network of agents and brokers coupled with expertise in specialty niches such as energy will enable us to substantially accelerate the growth of our primary surety portfolio.”

### **About Sompo International**

Sompo International Holdings Ltd. is a global specialty provider of property and casualty insurance and reinsurance, headquartered in Bermuda. Through its operating subsidiaries, Sompo International writes agriculture, professional lines, property, marine and energy, and casualty and other specialty lines of insurance and catastrophe, property, casualty, professional lines, weather risk and specialty lines of reinsurance. Sompo International companies are wholly owned subsidiaries of Sompo Holdings, Inc., whose core business encompasses one of the largest property and casualty insurance groups in the Japanese domestic market. We maintain excellent financial strength as evidenced by the ratings of A+ (Superior) from A.M. Best (XV size category), A+ (Strong) from Standard and Poor’s and A1 from Moody’s on our principal operating subsidiaries. Sompo International’s headquarters are located at Waterloo House, 100 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke HM 08, Bermuda and its mailing address is Sompo International, Suite No. 784, No. 48 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda. For more information about Sompo International, please visit [www.sompo-intl.com](http://www.sompo-intl.com).

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