



Press Release

Longreach announces agreement to purchase SOL-PLUS Co., Ltd. and Yasuda Seisakusho Inc. from Arrk Corporation

[Tokyo / Hong Kong, 25 December 2013] The Longreach Group (“Longreach”) today announced that it has signed an agreement with Arrk Corporation to purchase 100% of its subsidiaries, SOL-PLUS Co., Ltd. (“SOL-PLUS”) and Yasuda Seisakusho Inc. Through the acquisition of SOL-PLUS, Longreach also acquires over 99% of the shares of its Thai subsidiary HIRAI SEIMITSU (THAILAND) CO., LTD. (collectively with SOL-PLUS, “SOL-PLUS Group”). The scheduled financial closing date for the transaction is 31 January 2014.

SOL-PLUS Group is a plastic parts production business with strong operational capabilities in mold design, tooling and manufacturing and in mass production of plastic parts using its molds. It manufactures plastic parts used in products such as car electronics and other auto parts as well as in consumer applications. SOL-PLUS Group has a well-established low cost manufacturing base in Thailand. SOL-PLUS Group is attractively positioned for further growth through its long term relationships and partnerships with its key Japanese clients and as its clients increase manufacturing in this strategically important region.

The Longreach Group considers this to be an exciting investment opportunity, primarily based on taking SOL-PLUS Group forward to realize further growth opportunities in Asia from its proven and efficient manufacturing platform. The investment also reflects a Longreach core investment focus on acquiring and adding value to high quality mature industrial technology businesses.

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Background on The Longreach Group (URL: <http://www.longreachgroup.com/>)

The Longreach Group is an established independent private equity firm with offices in Hong Kong and Tokyo. The firm focuses on buyouts in Japan and Greater China in the mature industrial and technology, financial services, business services and consumer related sectors. The firm manages two Funds with approximately US\$1.4 billion of limited partner and co-investment capital, and has a strong track record of portfolio company value creation and realizations.

The Longreach Group Companies include the funds that serve as the investment companies, The Longreach Group Limited, which is based in Hong Kong, and The Longreach Group, Inc. which is based in Tokyo, Japan. The Longreach Group, Inc. collects and analyses data and information concerning the Japanese and Asian markets and assists The Longreach Group Limited in identifying potential investment opportunities.

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