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MITSUI-SOKO HOLDINGS Co., Ltd.

Receives the Grand Prize for the Excellent Business Entities Working on Modal Shift Awards 2022

In the program of the Japan Association for Logistics and Transport aimed at announcing and rewarding business entities actively involved in efforts to bring about modal shifts

The MITSUI-SOKO HOLDINGS Co., Ltd. (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Hirobumi Koga, President & CEO; hereinafter the "Company," "we," or "our") is pleased to announce that the Company has received the Grand Prize for the Excellent Business Entities Working on Modal Shift Awards 2022 from the Japan Association for Logistics and Transport (JALoT).

This award scheme is intended to introduce to society at large exemplary efforts in the logistics industry made to reduce environmental impact and improve the labor environment for truck drivers, raise industry-wide awareness of these efforts, and further promote modal shifts. Our project, called "Modal Shift to Marine Transportation of Construction Machinery," which was entered in the New Development Category, received the Grand Prize, the highest award, from among 16 entries submitted by 13 companies.

This project was implemented and achieved jointly by 3 companies of the MITSUI-SOKO Group: the Company; MITSUI-SOKO Co., Ltd. (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Takanobu Kubo); and MITSUI-SOKO Kyushu Co., Ltd. (head office: Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture; President: Atsushi Shigemura).

[Overview of the Project]

A construction machinery manufacturer, one of our Group's customers, ships their machinery from their factory in Fukuoka to locations all over Japan. They were, however, concerned about the continuation of stable transportation services in the future, especially in the long distance, such as to Hokkaido, not only because of the need to reduce CO₂ emissions, but also because of the limited number of truck types and drivers suitable for this specific purpose.

In this project, we made various arrangements for their overall transportation scheme and established a system in which a driver drives a truck and loads and unloads the machinery, which is difficult to load into an ordinary container or wing trailer due to its weight and height, to a roll-on/roll-off (RORO) ship twice at each port. In addition, we implemented lashing (cargo fixing) according to the type of machinery and obtained cooperation from the customer in adjusting transportation order units, thereby having succeeded in modal shifting more than 90% of the entire transportation process to sea transportation.

[Effects of the Project]

- Reduced CO₂ emissions by 56.8 tons (69.7%) per year compared to truck transportation
- Reduced truck drivers' hours spent behind the wheel by 928 hours (76.2%)

Through the development of the [MITSUI-SOKO SustainaLink](#) service, which supports the creation of sustainable supply chains for our customers, the Group will continue to provide various solutions to contribute to the improvement and evolution of sustainability in logistics as a whole from the perspective of making our customers' supply chains even more sustainable.

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