

(Japanese)

積水元会長、土地取引被害めぐり会社説明に反論

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時事通信ニュース

積水ハウス〈1928〉元会長の和田勇氏は11日、都内で記者会見を開き、「地面師」詐欺被害を受けたマンション用地取得をめぐり会社側が「不正取引は存在しない」と説明したことに反論した。和田氏らは「社会規範に照らしてやるべきでない取引だった」と改めて批判した。和田氏らは自身を含む11人の取締役選任案を株主提案し、経営陣の刷新を求めている。

和田氏らは外部からの警告を無視して会社が取引を進めたと強調。取引にペーパーカンパニーが介在していた点も、マネーロンダリング（資金洗浄）防止の観点から問題だったと主張した。提案株主側の弁護士は「米国がこの取引について関心を持って捜査している」と語った。

また、和田氏は株主提案の取締役候補が選任された場合、勝呂文康氏が社長、藤原元彦氏が副社長に就くとの方針を明らかにした。

積水ハウスは株主提案に反対意見を表明している。今回の提案そのものが「提案株主の私的な理由によるものである可能性が高い」との見方を示した。被害を受けた取引については「当社内部者と犯人グループとのつながりなど不正な行為は一切検出されていない」としている。

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(English)

Former Chairman of Sekisui refutes the Company's response over land fraud

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Mr. Isami Wada, former Chairman of Sekisui House <ticker: 1928>, held a press conference in Tokyo on March 11, 2020, refuting the Company's response that there were no improper transactions over the purchase of condominium land where the Company

suffered a loss. Mr. Wada and other attendants criticized again that it was a transaction that should not have been executed in light of social norms. They have made a shareholder proposal seeking election of 11 directors including Mr. Wada, and are calling for a renewal of the management team.

Mr. Wada emphasized that the Company had proceeded with the land purchase transaction ignoring multiple warnings given from outside of the Company. He argued that a shell company intervened in the transaction, which was a serious problem from the viewpoint of preventing money laundering. "The U.S. is interested in this case and is conducting an investigation into it," said a lawyer representing those shareholders making the shareholder proposal.

Mr. Wada also stated that if the slate directors proposed by the shareholder proposal are elected, Fumiyasu Suguro will become President and Motohiko Fujiwara will become Executive Vice President.

Sekisui House has expressed its opposition to the shareholder proposal. The Company said, "there most likely is a private reason for the proposed shareholder." In regards to the land fraud, it said "neither criminal investigations of incident of fraud nor subsequent criminal proceedings have detected any improper conduct, such as the connection between insiders of the Company and the criminal group."