

(Japanese)

ガバナンス不全を指摘 積水ハウスに和田前会長が再反論

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積水ハウスの前会長の和田勇氏らは11日、経営刷新を求める株主提案に会社側が反対コメントを出したことに對して再反論した。会社側が不正行為はないとした2017年の土地取引詐欺事件について、和田氏は「単にだまされたのでない。警戒信号を無視し預金小切手という不自然な方法で犯罪集団と取引した。その事実を隠していることが問題。ガバナンス（統治）不全」と指摘した。

反社会的組織や制裁対象国へのマネーロンダリングが世界的な課題となる中「連邦捜査局（FBI）が捜査に乗り出したようだ。米国の投資家の賛同は得られそう。国内でも丁寧に説明し理解を求める」とした。株主提案が通れば、共同提案者である勝呂文康取締役が社長となり、和田氏は代表権を持たずコーポレートガバナンスに専念するとした。

取締役候補が業界を知らないとの指摘には「人格、知見を持つ人が取締役として方向を決め事業執行と分ける」（勝呂氏）とした。会社側には「トップシェアだった本業の戸建てが4、5位となり棟数も2割減った。業者を守るために地域密着の商品開発を進める」（同）とけん制した。

(English)

Sekisui House's former Chairman refutes the Company's argument - pointing out Governance Failure

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Mr. Isami Wada, Sekisui House's former Chairman, and others refuted on March 11, 2020 the Company's opinions on their Shareholder Proposal which seeks to

replace the current management. Regarding the land fraud case in 2017 where the Company said there were no improper transactions, Mr. Wada said, "They are not a fraud victim. They dealt with a fraudulent group ignoring red flags and paying by the irregular method of deposit checks. Their cover-up is a problem. There is a governance failure."

Combatting money laundering by anti-social organizations and sanctioned countries is becoming a global issue. "I have learned that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the U.S. launched an investigation. We can expect support from the U.S. shareholders. We will provide detailed information and ask Japanese shareholders for their understanding," Mr. Wada said.

If the shareholder proposal gains approval by a majority of the shareholders, then Mr. Fumiyasu Suguro, who is a current Director and Senior Managing Officer of the Company and is joining forces with Mr. Wada in making the Shareholder Proposal, will become President, and Mr. Wada will focus on corporate governance without becoming a Representative Director.

In response to the Company's comment that the slate directors do not possess knowledge in the real estate businesses, they said "people with excellent personality and knowledge will decide the direction of the Company as Directors, and we will separate it from business execution." (Mr. Suguro). They also said "the Company's primary business, where it used to have the largest market share, is now ranked 4th or 5th in the industry, and the number of houses built decreased by 20%. We will promote region-based product development to protect our cooperating partners." (Mr. Suguro)