

March 28, 2002  
Daiwa Bank Holdings, Inc.

Announcement Regarding Measures to Strengthen Leasing Business of Showa Leasing Co., Ltd. and Waiver of Claims to the Company.

Showa Leasing Co., Ltd. ("the Company," an affiliate of Daiwa Bank Holdings on an equity method) will completely cease its loan business and focus on its core leasing and other related businesses, with a view to strengthening its competitive position in the industry and ensuring further growth in the future. In addition, the Company will sell its real estate assets so that it can intensively allocate its management resources on its core leasing business.

The Asahi Bank, Ltd. ("Asahi Bank," President: Yukio Yanase) will waive its claims to the Company, to compensate for the anticipated loss to be incurred by the Company due to its business and asset portfolio restructuring.

These restructuring measures will enable the Company to strengthen its financial position substantially, completing the disposal of problem assets, and pave the way for the Company to expand its businesses in the years to come. Details are announced as follows:

1. Outline of the Company

Office Address	12, Yotsuya 3-chome Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo	
Representative	President: Kengo Muramatsu	
Amount of Capital	7,199 million yen	
Ownership	The Asahi Bank, Ltd.	5.0%
	ITOCHU Corporation	4.8%
	Aozora Bank, Ltd.	4.8%
	And Others	
Line of Business	Leasing Business	

2. Focus on Leasing Business

The Company will retreat from its loan business through assignment of credits and accelerate the sales of real estate assets so that it can intensively allocate its management resources on its core leasing business.

3. Waiver of Claims

Date of Waiver	March 29, 2002
Amount of Waiver	55 billion yen

Daiwa Bank, Kinki Osaka Bank and Nara Bank, other banking subsidiaries of Daiwa Bank Holdings, have no claims to the Company.

4. Impact of This Development on Forecasted Earnings

This development does not affect the earnings forecasts of Asahi Bank for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002, which was announced on November 20, 2001.

The consolidated earnings forecast of Daiwa Bank Holdings, which includes the account of Asahi Bank, is under formulation at the moment. Daiwa Bank Holdings will release its consolidated earnings forecast soon after it is fixed.