
Press Release

**Yamatake Corporation Appoints New Company Officers
Hirozumi Sone as the new President and Chief Executive Officer
To accelerate business growth on “human-centered automation”,
together with the company name change to Azbil Corporation**

TOKYO, February 2, 2012 – Yamatake Corporation hereby announces that the Board of Directors resolved at a meeting held on February 2, 2012 to change the executive officers as described below ;

With effect from April 1st, 2012, Hirozumi Sone, currently Executive Director and Managing Executive Officer of Yamatake Corporation, has been appointed as the new President and Chief Executive Officer of Azbil Corporation. Seiji Onoki, current President and Chief Executive Officer of Yamatake Corporation, will be the Chairman of Executive Directors and Executive Officers

While domestic and international market conditions remain unclear due to negative factors such as the sharp appreciation of the yen and the financial crisis in Europe, Yamatake Corporation is striving to expand business in Japan and overseas by drawing on the synergies of the azbil Group, driven by its management philosophy of "human-centered automation." To further accelerate those efforts and activities, our company is changing its name from Yamatake Corporation to Azbil Corporation as of April 1, 2012. In line with this, the names of domestic group companies will also be changed so that they all have "azbil" included. Consequently, all our domestic and overseas group companies will uniformly have "azbil" in their company names.

In tandem with the above changes, the top management, executive directors and executive officers of our company will change. The new management will strive to reform business structures and operations and enhance the enterprise value of the Group as a whole, with the aim of achieving further advancement and expansion of the azbil Group and realizing the azbil Group's long-term goal of becoming a "top-class global automation enterprise."

Having joined the management early, Hirozumi Sone has been involved in a wide range of business fields in Advanced Automation and Life Automation, addressed by the azbil Group in pursuit of "human-centered automation", and engaged in various corporate functions such as marketing, R&D, engineering service, management planning, enterprise systems, etc..

He also held responsible positions in academic/external organizations, President of the Society of Instrument and Control Engineers (2010), Executive Board Member of the International Fieldbus

Foundation (2004 to 2009). As a part-time instructor at Tokyo Institute of Technology (1997 to 2008) he made best endeavors to cultivate next-generation.

In addition, he played a key role in formulating the azbil Group's long-term plan (fiscal 2004 to fiscal 2013) and introducing and promoting the azbil brand in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of Yamatake Corporation in 2006 while he was the Director of the Management Planning Department.

"In conjunction with the change of the company name from Yamatake Corporation to Azbil Corporation effective April 1, 2012, I have decided to put new management in charge." Onoki said. "I would like the new President and Chief Executive Officer, who has good experiences of the azbil Group's long-term plan development and the azbil brand introduction and its promotion, to accelerate all our business together with the azbil Group's management philosophy of 'human-centered automation'."

Sone spoke of his aspiration "the azbil Group philosophy 'human-centered automation' was formulated as thoughts with future vision. I understand its meaning and significance very well since I was deeply involved in the forming process. At the beginning of Azbil Corporation April 1, I set it as a direction of azbil Group's future growth, then reform business structures and enhance the enterprise value of the Group."

Of even date, Advanced Automation Company President, Building System Company President and Executive Officers of Azbil Corporation are changed as well. New Executive Directors will be announced in the 90th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held in June 2012.

With the new management and the Group philosophy of "human-centered automation," the azbil Group provides its customers with timely solutions via an integrated structure on global basis to realize safety, comfort and fulfillment in people's lives whilst contributing to the global environment.

Reference :

President and Chief Executive Officer of Azbil Corporation

Name : Hirozumi Sone

Date of Birth : January 16, 1955

Age : 57

Career Summary : March 1979 : Completed master's degree, Control System Engineering,
Tokyo Institute of Technology

April 1979 : Joined Yamatake-Honeywell Co., Ltd. (presently Yamatake Corporation)

April 1996 : Director System Marketing, System Development Headquarters, Industrial System Division

October 1998 : Director Marketing, Yamatake Industrial Systems Co., Ltd. (presently Yamatake Corporation)

June 2000 : Executive Director, Director Marketing, Yamatake Industrial Systems Co., Ltd.

April 2003 : Executive Officer, Yamatake Corporation Chief Director, Engineering Headquarters, Advanced Automation Company

April 2005 : Executive Officer, Director Management Planning, Yamatake Corporation

April 2008 : Managing Executive Officer, Director Management Planning, Yamatake Corporation

April 2009 : President and Chief Executive Officer, Yamatake Care-Net Co., Ltd.

President and Chief Executive Officer, Safety Service Center Co., Ltd.

June 2010 : Executive Director, Managing Executive Officer, Yamatake Corporation



Officers (as of April 1, 2012)

Chairman	Seiji Onoki
President and Chief Executive Officer	Hirozumi Sone
Executive Director Senior Managing Executive Officer	Tadayuki Sasaki
Executive Director Managing Executive Officer (Production Management Headquarters)	Makoto Kawai
Managing Executive Officer (Building Systems Company, President)	Keiichi Fuwa*
Managing Executive Officer (Advanced Automation Company, President)	Masato Iwasaki*
Managing Executive Officer (International Business Headquarters)	Toshitsune Okubo
Managing Executive Officer (Technical Department Headquarters)	Yoshihide Sugino
Managing Executive Officer (Home Comfort Headquarters)	Ichio Kunii
Managing Executive Officer (Advanced Automation Company, Sales Headquarters)	Kenji Hidaka
Managing Executive Officer (Building Systems Company, Facility Management Headquarters Service Business)	Mitsuharu Miyazawa
Executive Officer	Teruyoshi Yamamoto
Executive Officer	Norio Murase
Executive Officer	Hiroshi Arai
Executive Officer	Hirohiko Kazato
Executive Officer	Takumi Ishiguro
Executive Officer	Haruo Tamura
Executive Officer	Seiichiro Hayashi
Executive Officer	Osamu Tamayori
Executive Officer	Nobuo Shimizu
Executive Officer	Yoshifumi Suzuki
Executive Officer	Kenji Okumura

* New Executive Directors will be announced in the 90th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled in June 2012.

Executives and auditors (Late in June 2012)

Chairman	Seiji Onoki
President and Chief Executive Officer	Hirozumi Sone
Executive Director	Tadayuki Sasaki
Executive Director	Makoto Kawai
Executive Director	Keiichi Fuwa*
Executive Director	Masato Iwasaki*
Executive Director	Makoto Yasuda
Executive Director	Eugene H. Lee
Executive Director	Katsuhiko Tanabe
Corporate Auditor	Tomohiko Matsuyasu
Corporate Auditor	Kensei Sukizaki
Auditor	Kinya Fujimoto
Auditor	Jyunichi Asada
Auditor	Kazuo Yamamoto

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