

## **For Immediate Release**

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# LIXIL Group Awarded Bronze Class in the RobecoSAM Sustainability Yearbook 2017

**Tokyo, Japan –** LIXIL Group Corporation ("LIXIL Group"), a global leader in housing and building materials, products and services, has been awarded the "RobecoSAM Bronze Class" distinction in the Sustainability Yearbook 2017. The yearbook rates the sustainability performance of more than 2,000 of the world's largest companies. Companies that scored in the top 15 percent in each of 60 industries and are considered the most strongly positioned to create long-term shareholder value for investors are awarded medals. This is LIXIL's 3rd consecutive year appearing in the yearbook.

RobecoSAM, a global specialist in assessing and recognizing "Sustainability Investments", evaluates companies' sustainability practices in three dimensions: Economy, Environment and Society. In this year's assessment, LIXIL's



scores for the Economic Dimension, especially around Corporate Governance and Compliance, improved significantly year-on-year, which reflects the progress of its strategic measures for strengthening global governance and compliance structure. In addition, LIXIL has been focusing on reducing its environmental footprint across the entire value chain and the scores for the Environmental Dimension have continued to be recognized highly.

LIXIL Group President and CEO, Kinya Seto, said, "Sustainability is an integral part of LIXIL's business and we seek to continuously improve and evolve our sustainability initiatives across the organization. In 2016, LIXIL updated its Corporate Responsibility strategy and clearly defined its priorities. With increased investor attention on ESG performance, we are committed to provide timely disclosure and transparent communication for all of our stakeholders."

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#### **About LIXIL**

**LIXIL Corporation** is a global leader in housing and building materials products and services. The foundation of LIXIL's success is our constant investment in technological innovation to improve the way we live. Delivering core strengths in water, housing, building and kitchen technologies, our brand portfolio businesses LIXIL, GROHE, American Standard Brands and Permasteelisa are leaders in the industries and regions in which they operate. LIXIL produces some of the world's most fundamental and innovative products and services, and our solutions are an integral part of some of the world's most iconic and cutting-edge living and working spaces. Operating in more than 150 countries, and employing more than 80,000 people, we bring together function, quality and design to make people's lives better, and more delightful – wherever they are.

## **About LIXIL Group**

**LIXIL Group Corporation** (TSE Code: 5938) is the listed holding company containing LIXIL Corporation, LIXIL VIVA CORPORATION and LIXIL Housing Research Institute, Ltd.. The Group, which is led by President and CEO Kinya Seto, is involved in a broad spectrum of housing-related businesses, ranging from the manufacture and sales of building materials and housing equipment to the operation of home centers and a network of homebuilding franchises, and comprehensive real estate service. LIXIL Group Corporation posted ¥1.89 trillion in consolidated sales in FYE March 2016.