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Icahn warns danger of bankruptcy in Fuji-Xerox deal

Activist investor would consider a \$40 per share all-cash deal for Xerox

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NEW YORK -- After saying a few months ago that Xerox risked meeting Eastman Kodak's fate, activist investor Carl Icahn is now warning shareholders that a proposed takeover by Japan's Fujifilm could lead the American printer maker into bankruptcy.

In a written response to questions from Nikkei on Monday, Xerox's largest individual shareholder said it was "absurd" for Xerox shareholders to accept the current offer to merge the U.S. company into existing joint venture Fuji Xerox. "Based on the ongoing accounting scandal that appears to grow in size and scope every quarter, combining Xerox with Fuji Xerox could possibly lead to bankruptcy," Icahn said, adding: "In that case, we run the serious risk that the only money we will ever see is the one-time \$9.80 cash dividend."

Kodak, like Xerox founded in Rochester, New York, was once the dominant maker of photographic film in the U.S. The accounting scandal he referred to involves Fuji Xerox subsidiaries in New Zealand and Australia inflating income from office equipment leases from fiscal 2010 through fiscal 2015. A subsequent restatement of past earnings resulted in a cumulative loss of 37.5 billion yen (\$343 million). The subsidiaries are suspected of doctoring the numbers to increase bonuses for top managers.

Meanwhile, Icahn issued a new letter to Xerox shareholders on Monday saying that he and his ally, fellow top shareholder Darwin Deason, would consider a bid for Xerox of at least \$40 per share.

"We are comfortable stating that an all-cash bid at a minimum of \$40 per share would require our serious consideration," he wrote. But he added that another option would be to see a "standalone Xerox," independent from Fujifilm under a new "conflict-free" board.

In the written response to Nikkei, Icahn said Fujifilm's proposal "dramatically undervalues Xerox and overvalues Fuji Xerox." He also stated that "no one from Fuji has ever even reached out to us. It's sort of laughable."

Earlier this year, Fujifilm announced a plan to take over Xerox in a \$6.1 billion deal, combining it into Fuji Xerox, an existing joint venture, to gain scale and cut costs as demand for office printing declines.

In April, Icahn and Deason issued a 44-page presentation suggesting alternatives to the proposed merger, including a plan for Xerox to monetize some assets.

The activist investors said in a letter that their plan will create total value of \$54 to \$64 per share compared to the approximately \$28 per share in the Fujifilm deal.

The parties have made little headway toward resolving their differences, raising the likelihood of a proxy fight. Icahn told Nikkei: "We've been through this countless times over the past four decades, and we believe there's very little chance we lose this proxy fight. Every shareholder we've spoken to has been extremely supportive of and grateful for our efforts. They want to see the proposed Fuji deal terminated, new leadership brought in at Xerox and a real strategic alternatives process conducted."

When asked if he would advocate dissolving all financial ties with Fujifilm once the proxy fight was won, Icahn said, "Once our slate of directors is elected and the proposed Fuji deal is terminated, every option will be on the table."

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