To whom it may concern:

Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.

Launch of the New Mizuho Securities

Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. and Mizuho Investors Securities Co., Ltd. merged today, January 4, 2013, marking the start of the new "Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd."

In order to provide integrated securities services as the full-line securities company of the Mizuho Financial Group, the comprehensive financial services group, the new Mizuho Securities will work to further strengthen collaboration among banking, trust banking and securities businesses of the group, expand the company's customer base to enhance the domestic retail business, and rationalize and streamline management infrastructure.

Our aim is to become "the securities company that clients trust most," and we will make every effort to realize synergy effects from the merger as soon as possible. We would greatly appreciate your continued support and guidance as we move forward.

(1) Corporate Name	Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.
(2) Head Office Location	1-5-1, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
(3) Representative	President & CEO: Hiroshi Motoyama
(4) Main Business	Financial Instruments Business
(5) Paid-in Capital	JPY 125,167 million
(6) Number of employees (*)	(consolidated) 9,469
	(non-consolidated) 7,611
(7) Assets Under Management (*)	JPY 27 trillion
(8) Network	Domestic: 316 offices, Overseas: 10 offices

Corporate Profile of Mizuho Securities (as of January 4, 2013)

* Simple aggregation of the former Mizuho Securities and the former Mizuho Investors Securities as of September 30, 2012

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