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To whom it may concern:

Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd

Commencement of M&A Advisory Business in Singapore

Mizuho Securities (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd., (President & CEO: Hiroshi Motoyama, hereinafter "MHSC") has commenced its M&A advisory business.

In recent years, the number of cross-border M&A deals between Japanese and Southeast Asian companies, as well as the number of M&A deals carried out by global and Southeast Asian companies in Singapore, has increased rapidly. We plan to meet these M&A needs swiftly, taking full advantage of the benefits Singapore offers in terms of its access to the Southeast Asian region, and its position as a hub of information and business.

At the same time, we will work together with the non-Japanese M&A desk at Mizuho Securities USA, Inc. (MSUSA), which was set up on November 26, to meet the needs of American corporate clients.

MHSC will also strive to further enhance the M&A advisory services we offer to our clients, in collaboration with other Mizuho Financial Group companies.

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