Mizuho Securities Asia Limited Seoul Branch Commences Operations

Mizuho Securities Asia Limited, a Hong Kong entity established by Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. (President & CEO: Tatsufumi Sakai, hereafter "Mizuho Securities"), has established in Seoul, Republic of Korea (hereafter "Korea"), a branch (hereafter "Seoul Branch") which commences operations from today.

Seoul Branch offers the Mizuho Securities Group an avenue to conduct bond sales targeting Korean institutional investors as well as DCM marketing targeting Korean issuers seeking to issue offshore bonds.

Mizuho is the "market leader" in yen-denominated bonds, having captured top market share. In overseas markets as well, Mizuho continues to steadily increase cross-border business across numerous Asian markets such as government bonds, corporate bonds and private placement bonds to meet the diverse needs of clients via global markets. In addition, Mizuho's notable track record includes FY16 results such as 9th place for US corporate bond* DCM league tables (1st place among Japanese financial institutions). Going forward, by offering services to clients in Korea via leveraging Mizuho's comprehensive strength, including our global sales & trading platform and global underwriting platform, we look forward to supporting asset management and financing needs of our clients, as well as contributing to the further development of Korea's industries and financial markets.

^{*}US corporate bonds: US company-issued bonds in issuance amounts of at least USD 2.5mn and externally-rated as investment grade or above. However, excludes emerging debt, own debt and sole lead manager deals. Source: created based on Dealogic data.

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