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**Ichigo Inc.** (Tokyo Stock Exchange First Section, 2337)

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### **Establishment of Ichigo Si**

Ichigo is a Japanese sustainable infrastructure company dedicated to making the world more sustainable. Ichigo is expanding the scope of its real estate and clean energy businesses to further contribute to a sustainable society and grow long-term value for its shareholders.

In line with this mission, Ichigo established a wholly-owned subsidiary, Ichigo Si Co., Ltd. ("Ichigo Si"), to conduct research and development ("R&D") on the production and application of silicon dioxide (SiO2), a plant-based silica.

#### 1. Purpose of Establishment

As part of our mission to contribute to society via our business activities, Ichigo has established Ichigo Si to conduct R&D on the production, application, and provision of silicon dioxide, which has recently gained recognition for its potential applications across a broad range of fields including medical, electronics, and electrical. Ichigo Si's R&D aims to contribute to a more robust future of Japan and the entire world by creating businesses that can supply new industrial resources to a world faced with limited resources.

### 2. About Ichigo Si

Ichigo Si has already obtained three patents in Japan, including a patent for the production method of NEO Silica (a plant-based silica) and NEO Si (a plant-based silicon), and has been building a network for collaborative R&D with universities and specialized companies to explore applications of NEO Silica and NEO Si.

Ichigo Si's R&D will be conducted with Masanori Aritomi, professor emeritus of Tokyo Institute of Technology and former Special Advisor to the Cabinet of the Japanese Government, as its chief advisor.

# 3. Ichigo Si Overview

Name	Ichigo Si Co., Ltd.
Address	1-1-1 Uchisaiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Representative	Yutaka Nakanishi, Representative Director
Principal Business	<ol> <li>Manufacture and sale of electrodes and other carbon-based products</li> <li>Manufacture and sale of plant-based silica</li> <li>Manufacture and sale of pharmaceuticals, quasi-pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, medical equipment, health equipment, health foods, and other related products</li> <li>Manufacture and sale of electronic and magnetic materials</li> <li>Other</li> </ol>
Capital	JPY 20 million
Establishment Date	January 17, 2022
Fiscal Year End	December
Shareholder	Ichigo and wholly-owned Ichigo subsidiary (100%)

## 4. Earnings Outlook

Although the establishment of Ichigo Si has limited impact on Ichigo's FY 22/2 consolidated earnings, Ichigo Si's R&D for the creation of new industrial resources will contribute to society and help drive Ichigo's earnings growth.