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ICHIYOSHI SECURITIES CO., LTD.

Listed on: Tokyo Stock Exchange (1st Section)(Stock code: 8624)

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Announcement on Discontinuance of Underwriting Business

Today on March 8, 2022, the Board of Directors of Ichiyoshi Securities Co. Ltd. (the Company) resolved to discontinue the securities underwriting business for the reasons mentioned below.

1. Reasons for discontinuance:

The Company is proceeding with its “Decisive Action on Reform” initiated two years ago as its first reformative action in 20 years to further promote its customer-focused business operations and build a “Name-brand Boutique House in Finance and Securities Industry” as its management goal.

In order to more powerfully advance its “Decisive Action on Reform,” the Company has decided to discontinue the underwriting business, which has been underperforming and losing its relative weight, towards the end of December 2022 and further specialize in financial asset management business which has medium- to long-term potential for higher growth.

Concentrating the Company’ management resources, such as the customer-advising capability of Ichiyoshi Securities Co., the research capability of Ichiyoshi Research Institute and the asset-management capability of Ichiyoshi Asset Management, on its advisory services towards high-networth individuals, domestic and foreign institutional investors, financial institutions and corporate clients, the Company will continue to make its utmost efforts to build a “Name-brand Boutique House.”

2. Outline of discontinued underwriting business:

- (i) Content of business: Securities underwriting business
- (ii) Commissions from underwriting business (for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021)

Commissions from underwriting and solicitation to specified investors:

496 million yen (A)

Consolidated operating revenue:

18,270 million yen (B)
(A) over (B) = 2.7%

3. Schedule for discontinuance:

The Company intends to discontinue the underwriting business towards the end of December 2022.

4. Effect on business result:

The discontinuance of the underwriting business will have a negligible effect on the business result for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022 and that for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023. By streamlining management resources through reduction of underperforming operations, the Company believes that the discontinuance of underwriting business will greatly contribute to the enhancement of its group business result and corporate value on a medium- to long-term basis.

Any disclosure-worthy news will be announced immediately upon its occurrence.

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