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To whom it may concern:

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(Tokyo Stock Exchange (Prime Market))

### **Regarding News Reports**

Today some media carried reports referring that Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. invest in Rakuten Securities, Inc.. However, we have made no announcement in this regard.

While we are discussing various alliance opportunities with Rakuten group including an investment into Rakuten Securities, Inc. by Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd., no formal decision has been made at this moment. We will promptly announce when we decide what to disclose.