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To whom it may concern

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## Notice of Petition for Arbitration against Nitta Corporation

Nitta Corporation is subject to a petition for arbitration by Gates Corporation and Gates Canada, Inc. (“petitioners” hereinafter), as outlined below.

### 1. Date of petition for arbitration

January 17, 2023

### 2. Details and background of petition for arbitration

In 1971, Nitta Corporation and Gates Corporation, one of the petitioners, established Unitta Company (now Gates Unitta Asia Company) as a joint venture in Japan. Since then, the two companies have established and expanded joint ventures in China, Singapore, India, Thailand, and South Korea. These joint ventures manufacture and sell products such as toothed belts and pulleys.

In this petition, the petitioners claim that Nitta is in violation of shareholders’ agreements and a technology cooperation agreement concluded between Nitta and the petitioners and demand remedies, including payment of 458 million U.S. dollars in damages and cancellation of the joint venture agreements. The place of arbitration for these arbitration proceedings will be Denver, Colorado, U.S.A., under the arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association.

### 3. Summary of petitioners for arbitration

(1) Name: Gates Corporation

Location: 1144 15th Street, Denver, Colorado

(2) Name: Gates Canada, Inc.

Location: 225 Henry St. Building 8, Brantford, Ontario, N3S 7R4, Canada

#### 4. Future outlook

Nitta Corporation categorically rejects the claims of the petitioners, which we believe are entirely inconsistent with our understanding of the circumstances. Accordingly, we plan to provide an appropriate fact-based response during the course of the upcoming arbitration proceedings. In addition, we consider the growth and succession of each of the joint venture companies to be matters of the utmost importance and plan to continue our unchanged cooperation in the business operations of each company.

We will promptly announce future developments to be disclosed, if any.