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For Immediate Release

SPARX Group Co., Ltd.
President and Group CEO Shuhei Abe
(Code: 8739, TSE Prime)

**Notice of Lapse of Deadline for Service of Process of the Lawsuit Brought
Against Our Subsidiary in the U.K.**

As we announced in our “Notice of an Alleged Lawsuit Brought in the U.K. Against Our Subsidiary on November 22, 2022 (the “Notice”), the English Lawsuit (as defined in the Notice) was brought against SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd. (“SAM”), our subsidiary, in the United Kingdom. We hereby make a further announcement as follows:

■ Name of Court, Date of Filing, and Current Status and Progress

High Court of England and Wales, King’s Bench Division (the “English Court”)

Date of Filing: November 2, 2022 (London time).

Deadline for Service of Process: May 2, 2023 (London time).

Confirmation of No Service as of May 5, 2023 (London time).

■ Particulars of the Plaintiff

Name: Verdi Law Group, P.C. (the “Claimant”)

Address: 178 S. Victory Blvd. Suite 105, Burbank, California 91502, United States of America

Representative: Alfred J. Verdi, Chief Executive Officer

■ Summary of Allegations and Demand

As stated in our previous Notice, SAM has not yet been served with the claim form relating to the English Lawsuit.

According to the documents delivered to (but not formally served on) Sidley Austin LLP (SAM’s English legal counsel) on November 21, 2022, the Claimant sought damages of EUR 1,417,500,000 (plus interest to be determined) against SAM and the other defendants.

■ Expiry of time for service

As detailed in the Notice, on November 22, 2022 the English Lawsuit was filed with the English Court which set out various allegations made against SAM and others by the Claimant. Under the English Civil Procedure Rules, the Claimant had until the end of May 2, 2023 (London time) to effect service of the claim form and particulars of claim on SAM. As of May 5, 2023 (London time) SAM has not yet been served with the claim form or particulars of claim relating to the English Lawsuit.

Therefore, absent an Order from the English Court extending the deadline (of which SAM is not aware), the deadline for service of the English Lawsuit on SAM has now lapsed, and SAM understands that it will not have to take any further action in regard to the English Lawsuit.

■ Forecast

The lapse of the deadline of service of process of the English Lawsuit had no effects on our businesses and the impact of the costs and expenses associated with the English Lawsuit (including legal fees) on our future consolidated financial results, which was already accounted for, was immaterial.

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We will provide future updates, if any, as necessary.

■ Previous Releases
(November 22, 2022)

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<https://ssl4.eir-parts.net/doc/8739/tdnet/2209753/00.pdf>

No further entry

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