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Notice of a Partial Transfer of Sigma-i Shares

TOKYO—December 1, 2023—SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX; TSE Prime: 8739) today announced an agreement signed with SCREEN Holdings Co., Ltd. (SCREEN; TSE Prime: 7735) to transfer a portion of SPARX's shares in Sigma-i Co., Ltd. (Sigma-i) to SCREEN.

Sigma-i continues to be its equity-method affiliate in which SPARX has more than a 20% stake.

■ Rationale for the Share Transfer

In partnership with Tohoku University professors led by Masayuki Ozeki, a leader in utilizing quantum computing in Japan, SPARX established Sigma-i in April 2019 to drive the popularization and increased usage of quantum computing. With its proprietary quantum annealing core technology, Sigma-i promotes joint development with various research institutions and corporations to give back to society the findings of Tohoku University, whose research boasts an abundant range of quantum annealing applications.

SPARX decided on the share transfer based on the judgment that SCREEN's support could accelerate practical applications of Sigma-i's quantum annealing technology.

■ Profile of Sigma-i

- (1) Company name: Sigma-i Co., Ltd.
- (2) Headquarters location: Shinagawa Season Terrace 6F, 1-2-70 Konan, Minato, Tokyo
- (3) Representative: CEO Masayuki Ozeki
- (4) Established: April 2019
- (5) Business details:
 - Consulting using quantum computing-based analytics
 - Developing and licensing quantum computing software
 - Training quantum computing-based analysts

■ Profile of SCREEN, the Share Transfer Recipient

- (1) Company name: SCREEN Holdings Co., Ltd.
- (2) Headquarters location: 1-1 Tenjinkita-machi, Teranouchi-agaru 4-chome, Horikawa-dori, Kamigyoku, Kyoto
- (3) Representative: President & CEO Toshio Hiroe
- (4) Established: October 1943
- (5) Business details:
 - Primarily operates as a holding company, managing and administrating its group companies
 - Group company businesses include semiconductor production equipment, graphic arts devices, display production and film deposition equipment, printed circuit board devices, ICT solutions, and life sciences

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