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**Notice of Business Alliance between AGEST, Inc., our consolidated subsidiary,
and GLOBAL SECURITY EXPERTS Inc.**

DIGITAL HEARTS HOLDINGS Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") announces that today it was resolved that AGEST, Inc. ("AGEST"), our consolidated subsidiary, enters into a business alliance agreement with GLOBAL SECURITY EXPERTS Inc. ("GSX").

1. Reasons for the business alliance

As a software testing specialized companies, AGEST has been supporting to improve the quality of Web systems, business systems, and other enterprise systems. Nowadays, with the acceleration of DX and other factors, a wide variety of digital services are rapidly increasing, and the "quality" of software is the source of the company's competitiveness. In AGEST, we are working to expand high-value-added solutions that leverage specialized AGEST's unique knowledge, such as Shift-Left QA (Quality Assurance) and test automation, and to strengthen our QA technical capabilities, including non-functional tests, such as security tests and UI/UX improvement support services.

GSX is a cyber security specialized company that offers security consulting businesses, security solutions businesses, and security training businesses. In particular, GSX has a wealth of achievements for cyber security certification course, including more than 10,000 participants in total, based on its well-developed strong contents covering whole aspects of cyber security.

We decided to enter into a business alliance with GSX so that the use of GSX's rich training contents are expected to improve the technical capabilities of AGEST engineers, and the combination of security solutions of the two companies is expected to develop new business clients and by proposing better solutions to the market.

2. About the business alliance

In this business alliance, AGEST will improve the skills of its engineers by receiving GSX's training services. GSX will promote the development of new clients by utilizing client platform of AGEST. In addition, the Company aims to increase the corporate value of both companies by undertaking joint development of new services utilizing the knowledge and know-how of both companies.

3. Overview of the subsidiary to enter into a business alliance

(1) Company name	AGEST, Inc.
(2) Location	1-7-27 Kouraku, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan
(3) Position and name of representative	President and CEO Yasumasa NINOMIYA
(4) Business activities	Providing software testing, cyber security service, etc.
(5) Share capital	100 million yen

4. Overview of a business alliance partner

(1) Company name	GLOBAL SECURITY EXPERTS Inc.		
(2) Location	1-15-1 Kaigan, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan		
(3) Position and name of representative	President and CEO Shiro AOYAGI		
(4) Business activities	Security consulting business, security solution business, security training business, etc.		
(5) Share capital	542 million yen		
(6) Date established	August 1984		
(7) Major shareholders and shareholding ratios (As of September 30, 2023)	Business Brain Showa-Ota Inc.		39.8%
	KANEMATSU ELECTRONICS LTD.		20.4%
	The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust account)		4.2%
	Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.		2.8%
	Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)		2.5%
(8) Relationship between the subsidiary and the said company	Capital ties	Not applicable	
	Personnel relation	Not applicable	
	Business relations	Not applicable	
(9) Operating results and financial position of GSX for the past three years			
Fiscal year	Fiscal year ended March 2021	Fiscal year ended March 2022	Fiscal year ended March 2023
Net assets (million yen)	942	1,565	1,720
Total assets (million yen)	2,384	3,482	4,124
Net assets per share (yen)	148.28	235.27	236.26
Net sales (million yen)	2,948	4,391	5,558
Operating income (million yen)	242	439	736
Ordinary income (million yen)	239	414	737
Net income (million yen)	167	261	488
Net income per share (yen)	27.35	40.46	72.20
Dividend per share (yen)	2,900	15.00	14.00

*Shareholding ratios are calculated excluding treasury stock.

5. Schedule

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| (1) Date of resolution by the Board of Directors at AGEST | : December 15, 2023 |
| (2) Date of conclusion of business alliance agreement | : December 15, 2023 (Scheduled) |
| (3) Commencing date of business alliance | : December 15, 2023 (Scheduled) |

6. Future Prospects

We anticipate that the impact on our business results for the year ending March 2024 will be minor, but we will promptly notify you of the necessity to revise the performance forecast and issues that should be published in the future.