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Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

ASKUL Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") hereby announces that the board of directors resolved at its meeting held on July 3, 2013 that a proposal to amend the Articles of Incorporation, as specified below, be submitted to the 50th annual general meeting of shareholders scheduled for August 6, 2013.

1. Reasons for the amendments

In order to address the need to diversify the business of the Company, the proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation would include additional products and services in the stated business purpose set forth in Article 2.

2. Proposed changes

The proposed changes are as follows:

(Underlined texts indicate changes.)

Current text	Amended text as proposed
Article 2 (Purpose) The purpose of the Company shall be to engage in the following businesses:	Article 2 (Purpose) The purpose of the Company shall be to engage in the following businesses:
1.–19. (Omitted)	1.–19. (Unchanged)
20. Purchasing agent service for companies;	20. Purchasing agent <u>and consulting</u> service for companies;
21.–34. (Omitted)	21.–34. (Unchanged)
(New)	<u>35. Storage agent service, and collection and payment agent service;</u>
(New)	<u>36. Business related to power generation, its management and operation, and selling of electric power;</u>
<u>35.</u> All services incidental or related to the businesses listed in the preceding items.	<u>37.</u> All services incidental or related to the businesses listed in the preceding items.

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3. Schedule

General meeting of shareholders to make the above amendments: Tuesday, August 6, 2013

Effective date of the proposed amendments: Tuesday, August 6, 2013