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To whom it may concern:

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Basic agreement concluded with Credit Saison regarding the termination of the Comprehensive Strategic Business Alliance Agreement

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (Mizuho Bank; President and CEO: Koji Fujiwara), a consolidated subsidiary of Mizuho Financial Group, Inc., has concluded a basic agreement with Credit Saison Co.,Ltd. (Credit Saison; President and CEO: Hiroshi Rinno) regarding the termination of the Comprehensive Strategic Business Alliance Agreement ("the Alliance") described below.

- Comprehensive Strategic Business Alliance Agreement dated December 24, 2004 (and all amendments thereafter)

  Parties to this agreement: Mizuho Bank, Credit Saison, UC Card Co.,Ltd. (UC Card; President and CEO: Nobuaki Kitajima)

  This agreement was later amended to add another party, Qubitous Co.,Ltd.(Qubitous; President and CEO: Haruhisa Kaneko).

1. Rationale for terminating the Alliance

After entering into the Alliance, Mizuho Bank: (1) issued the Mizuho Mileage Club Card, (2) built a shared IT system, and (3) further developed our credit card business through a specialized alliance business model*. As a result, we were able to provide customers with innovative products and services.

The Mizuho Mileage Club Card has proven popular, and is the primary credit card for many of our customers. Also, the roll-out of the shared IT system was completed in October of last year and the system is operating stably.

Mizuho Bank will continue to provide the Mizuho Mileage Club Card as one of our primary offerings and work to strengthen our credit card business, utilizing the shared IT system as a form of strategic infrastructure.

However, in terms of the specialized alliance business model, after entering into the Alliance, there have been changes in the business environment surrounding the credit card industry, including fiercer competition due to the entry of businesses from other industries into the market. In order to respond to these changes and transition to a relationship where all parties can better maximize their strengths and proactively grow their businesses, we have concluded a basic agreement regarding the termination of the Alliance. This agreement includes a gradual termination of the Alliance and states our intention of entering into separate agreements regarding partnerships and other collaboration at the time of, and after, the termination.

*A collaborative framework where Credit Saison, UC Card, and Qubitous each fulfil a specialized role.

2. Agreed upon direction in relation to the termination of the Alliance

(1) After the termination of the Alliance, we will continue to work in partnership on the following items.

① Business relating to the issuance of Mizuho Mileage Club Card≪Saison≫, which is a joint business of Mizuho Bank and Credit Saison.

② Any other business or projects which Mizuho Bank and Credit Saison agree will be mutually beneficial.

(2) We will implement a corporate break-up of Qubitous ("the Corporate Break-up"), which is the joint-processing company for Mizuho Bank and Credit Saison. As a result of the Corporate Break-up, from within Qubitous' business operations (namely, Credit Saison-related business domains and UC Card-related business domains), UC Card will take over the UC Card-related business domains.

(3) Having agreed in principle that Mizuho Bank will terminate our investment in Qubitous and Credit Saison will terminate their investment in UC Card ("the Divestment"), we will consider specific measures for handling this process going forward.

3. Planned timeline for the termination of the Agreement

(1) Conclusion of an agreement regarding the Corporate Break-up: July 2019

(2) Conclusion of the final agreement related to the termination of this Alliance, and conclusion of other agreement(s) deemed necessary following the termination of the Alliance between Mizuho Bank, Credit Saison , and/or other parties to the Alliance, and the effective date of these agreements: October 1, 2019

(3) Effective date of the Corporate Break-up: October 1, 2019 (same as the date in (2) above)

4. Financial outlook

We do not anticipate a significant impact on either consolidated or non-consolidated financial results in the current fiscal year. We are currently examining the potential impact that the planned Corporate Break-up and the planned Divestment may have on consolidated and non-consolidated financial results in the next fiscal year and beyond. We will promptly disclose any further updates regarding this topic which are subject to disclosure.