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Mirai Creation Fund II (Two) Invests in ZEG Power, a Pioneer in the Development of Clean Hydrogen Technology

TOKYO—April 7, 2020—SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX; TSE1: 8739) today announced that its Mirai Creation Fund II (two)—established in July 2018—has executed a new investment (the amount is not disclosed) in Norway-based ZEG Power that develops clean hydrogen production technology with integrated carbon capture, producing streams of high purity hydrogen and high purity carbon dioxide ready for utilization or storage.

Portfolio Company Outline

Created in 2008, ZEG Power is a Norwegian company located in Oslo that aims to offer the world a clean alternative for energy production. ZEG Power delivers technology for the efficient production of emission-free hydrogen from hydrocarbon gases, using integrated carbon capture. Hydrocarbon gases can be natural gas or biogas. Natural gas is currently the largest source of hydrogen. Hydrogen from biogas combined with carbon capture can achieve a negative carbon footprint. ZEG Power's technology is based on research and development originated from the Institute for Energy Technology (IFE). More information: https://www.zegpower.com/

Mirai Creation Fund I and Mirai Creation Fund II Summaries

The Mirai Creation Fund I began operations in November 2015 with financing of JPY 13.5 billion from three companies: Toyota Motor Corporation, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, and SPARX, the Fund's general partner. Ultimately, the Fund received contributions from 20 companies, including the above three. Casting intelligent technologies, robotics, and hydrogen-economy technologies as core technologies of the future, Fund I has invested in approximately 50 companies and projects—from the US, the UK, Israel, Singapore, and Japan—that possess innovative technologies in these fields. In H2 2018, SPARX began managing the Mirai Creation Fund II, which targets the three existing Mirai Creation fields along with the two additional areas of electrification and new materials. As of February 28, 2020, the combined AUM for Fund I and Fund II were JPY 109.3 billion.
Mirai Creation Fund investment track record: https://mirai.sparx.co.jp/en/investment/

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