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Mirai Creation Fund III Invests in Alloyed Limited, an Alloy Product Designer and Manufacturer

—Producing advanced metal components using metal 3D printers—

TOKYO—November 20, 2024—SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX; TSE Prime: 8739) today announced that its Mirai Creation Fund III—established in October 2021—invested in UK-based Alloyed Limited. With this new funding, Alloyed plans to expand its manufacturing facilities equipped with metal 3D printers and strengthen its organizational structure, as the company works toward implementing digital manufacturing solutions across industries.

■ Portfolio Company Profile

Alloyed is an Oxford University spin-out established in 2017. It has proprietary simulation technology for alloy design based on more than two decades of alloy research at Oxford University. It also possesses proprietary technology for developing software to run manufacturing using metal 3D printers. These technologies are the foundation of the alloy product design and manufacturing business it is developing.

■ Mirai Creation Funds I, II, and III 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 vital to the future, Fund I has invested in approximately 50 companies and projects—from the US, the UK, Israel, Singapore, and Japan—that possess innovations 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. In October 2021, SPARX launched the Mirai Creation Fund III with SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of SPARX, acting as its fund manager, adding carbon neutrality to the five fields of the Mirai Creation Fund II. As of October 31, 2024, the combined AUM for Funds I, II, and III were JPY 113.5 billion.
Mirai Creation Fund investment track record: https://mirai.sparx.co.jp/en/investment/

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