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Notice Regarding the Filing of an Appeal Against the Company

As disclosed in the "Notice of Judgment of Lawsuit" dated March 17, 2025, the Company filed a lawsuit with the Tokyo District Court on July 19, 2021, against Meiko Network Kyushu Co., Ltd., Meiko Gijuku Kyushu Co., Ltd., and ANEM Corporation (the "Defendants"), seeking an injunction to prevent trademark infringement and payment of damages. On March 14, 2025, the court rendered a judgment on this case. As detailed below, we hereby inform you that we have confirmed the filing of an appeal against this judgment by the appellants through a notice of appeal received on August 6, 2025.

1. Court Where the Appeal Was Filed and Dates

(1) Court: Intellectual Property High Court
Date of Appeal Filing: March 25, 2025
(2) Date the Notice of Appeal Was Served to the Company: August 6, 2025

2. Appellants

(Meiko Network Kyushu Co., Ltd.)

(1) Company Name	Meiko Network Kyushu Co., Ltd.
(2) Address	6-9, Yakuin 1-Chome, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture
(3) Representative	Masatsugu Koikawa, Representative Director

（Meiko Gijuku Kyushu Co., Ltd.）

(1) Company Name	Meiko Gijuku Kyushu Co., Ltd.
(2) Address	6-9, Yakuin 1-Chome, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture
(3) Representative	Masatsugu Koikawa, Representative Director

（ANEM Corporation）

(1) Company Name	ANEM Corporation
(2) Address	6-9, Yakuin 1-Chome, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka City, Fukuoka Prefecture
(3) Representative	Masatsugu Koikawa, Representative Director

3. Background Leading to the Filing of the Appeal

(1) The Company entered into an area franchise agreement with Meiko Network Kyushu Co., Ltd. and Meiko Gijuku Kyushu Co., Ltd. (collectively, "Both Companies"). Under this agreement, Meiko Network Kyushu Co., Ltd. was granted area franchise rights to allow franchisee applicants to open and manage Meiko Gijuku schools in all prefectures in Kyushu, Okinawa Prefecture, and Yamaguchi Prefecture (the "Area"), subject to the Company's approval. Additionally, Meiko Gijuku Kyushu Co., Ltd. was granted franchise rights to operate Meiko Gijuku schools. However, after discovering serious defaults on obligations by Both Companies, the Company terminated the area franchise agreement on December 17, 2020, and has been directly providing management guidance to franchisees in the Area since January 2021.

(2) In response, Both Companies filed petitions with the Tokyo District Court on January 8, 2021, for provisional disposition seeking provisional status confirmation to the effect that the termination of the area franchise agreement was invalid and asserting their rights to the area franchise and franchise agreements. However, the Tokyo District Court dismissed all petitions on March 25, 2021, determining that the termination of the area franchise agreement by the Company was valid.

(3) Subsequently, Both Companies appealed this decision to the Tokyo High Court on April 2, 2021 (the "Immediate Appeal"). However, the Tokyo High Court dismissed the Immediate Appeal on November 5, 2021.

(4) As disclosed in the "Notice of the Dismissal of the Immediate Appeal by Meiko Network Kyushu Co., Ltd. and Meiko Gijuku Kyushu Co., Ltd. and the Submission of a Lawsuit by Meiko Network Japan Co., Ltd. against Both Companies" dated November 10, 2021, the Company filed a lawsuit with the Tokyo District Court on July 19, 2021 (the "Lawsuit"), against Both Companies, which continued to operate schools using Meiko Gijuku trademarks even after the termination of the area franchise agreement, and their joint guarantor ANEM Corporation, seeking an injunction on the use of trademarks, payment of damages, and unpaid royalties, on the premise that the termination of the area franchise agreement was valid.

(5) As disclosed in the "Notice of Judgment of Lawsuit" dated March 17, 2025, the Tokyo District Court ruled on March 14, 2025, that the termination of the area franchise agreement by the Company was valid and upheld most of the Company's claims, including the injunction on the use of trademarks, claims for unpaid royalties, and claims for damages.

(6) In response to this judgment, the appellants filed an appeal with the Intellectual Property High Court, disputing the ruling.

4. Future Outlook

The Company believes that the judgment rendered by the Tokyo District Court was fair and appropriate. The Company will continue to assert its legitimacy in the appellate trial. As for the impact of this appellate trial on the Company's consolidated financial results, the Company believes it will be minimal. However, if any matters requiring disclosure arise in the future, the Company will promptly make an announcement.