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Notice Regarding Dissolution of Capital Alliance and Continuation of Business Alliance with Hitachi Solutions, Ltd.

BUSINESS BRAIN SHOWA-OTA INC. ("the Company") hereby announces that at the Board of Directors meeting held on February 13, 2025, it resolved to dissolve its capital alliance (hereinafter referred to as "this capital alliance") with Hitachi Solutions, Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "Hitachi Solutions"). The Company's business alliance with Hitachi Solutions will continue after the dissolution of the capital alliance.

1. Reason for dissolving the capital alliance

The Company and Hitachi Solutions have an amicable and close collaborative and cooperative relationship, having built a structure that mutually strengthens and complements both companies' business resources, expertise and industrial bases. On that basis, in 2005 they concluded an agreement on a capital and business alliance in anticipation of making advances in consulting, the packaging solutions business and other solutions business relating to information and other systems for companies.

In light of the major changes in the environment surrounding industry and the way of thinking towards strategically held shares that have taken place in the time that has passed since the alliance came into force, and based on the reductions in strategically held shares sought under the principles of the corporate governance code, the need to review the policy on holding shares had been being discussed.

As a result of that discussion, it was concluded that maintaining the business alliance while selling the shares in the Company that Hitachi Solutions owns would contribute to enhancing corporate value, and an agreement was reached between both companies.

Additionally, the Company and Hitachi Solutions agree that their business alliance will continue, with the goal of maximizing their corporate value and promoting the enhancement of their industrial and business bases, as a result of reciprocally utilizing their business resources.

2. Details of the dissolution of capital alliance

The Company is scheduled to undertake a treasury share acquisition (hereinafter referred to as "this treasury

share acquisition") through the Tokyo Stock Exchange's off-auction own share repurchase trading system (ToSTNeT-3), and has received notification from Hitachi Solutions that accompanying the dissolution of this capital alliance it intends to tender all the ordinary shares it owns in the Company (520,000 shares) in this treasury share acquisition.

For more details regarding this treasury share acquisition, please refer to the "Notice regarding acquisition of treasury shares and purchase of treasury shares through the off-auction own share repurchase trading system (ToSTNeT-3)" announced today.

3. Schedule

(1) Date of Board of Directors meeting resolution	February 13, 2025 (Thursday)
(2) Date of conclusion of statement of agreement on dissolution of capital alliance and continuation of business alliance	February 13, 2025 (Thursday)

4. Future outlook

The Company believes the dissolution of this capital alliance will have a minimal impact on its business performance, but in the event that earnings forecasts need to be revised or any matters to be disclosed arise in the future, we will disclose them promptly.

Additionally, regardless of this dissolution of the capital alliance, the Company and Hitachi Solutions will continue and maintain their amicable relationship as usual.