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To whom it may concern,

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Notice Regarding the Appointment of a Director at Liberaware Subsidiary "HINOTATE"

Liberaware Co., Ltd. (the "Company") hereby announces that Kenji Hirose, former Representative Executive Vice President and Group CFO of Rakuten Group, Inc., has been appointed as a Director of its subsidiary, HINOTATE Co., Ltd. ("HINOTATE"), to strengthen its management structure and governance.

Description

１． Background and Objectives of the Appointment

HINOTATE aims to build the Japan Sovereign UAS Platform capable of addressing disaster response, critical infrastructure maintenance, and security needs, and is currently advancing its business development, technology development, and manufacturing and supply systems.

In this context, we believe it is essential to integrate the strengthening of domestic production bases, fundraising, business alliances, governance, and risk management in this sector moving forward.

Mr. Hirose has had a distinguished career at a major bank and subsequently served as Representative Executive Vice President and Group CFO at Rakuten Group, Inc., where he led the group's financial strategy, fundraising, and management during its growth phase.

By incorporating Mr. Hirose's extensive expertise in management and finance, we will further strengthen HINOTATE's management foundation, governance, and the execution of its growth strategy.

２． Introduction and Comments from Mr. Kenji Hirose

- About Mr. Kenji Hirose

<Profile>



After graduating from the Faculty of Economics at Keio University in 1985, he joined The Sanwa Bank, Limited (now MUFG Bank, Ltd.).

He joined Rakuten Securities Inc. in 2005 and subsequently held key positions within the Rakuten Group. He was appointed CFO in April 2018, and served as Executive Vice President

and CFO from January 2019, and as Representative Executive Vice President and Group CFO from March 2023, supporting the group's financial strategy and fundraising, including during the launch phase of its mobile business.

He has served as Executive Fellow at Rakuten Group, Inc. since March 2026.

- Comment from Mr. Kenji Hirose

UAS is rapidly increasing in importance as a dual-use technology that can be utilized for both disaster response and critical infrastructure maintenance, as well as for security purposes. Building a domestic production base and a stable supply system is now a national priority. What is required in this field is not just the ability to develop superior aircraft. It is whether we can continue to supply what is needed, when it is needed, domestically. I understand that HINOTATE's role is to build the very foundation of that industry.

Because this is a field with high public interest and sensitivity, management is required to have both the ability to achieve growth and the discipline to match it. Leveraging my experience to date, I will support this challenge by building a financial foundation and establishing governance and risk management systems.

Name	Biography
Kenji Hirose	April 1985: Joined The Sanwa Bank, Limited (currently MUFG Bank, Ltd.) September 2005: Joined Rakuten Securities, Inc. November 2006: Executive Officer, Rakuten Group, Inc. March 2012: Senior Executive Officer, Rakuten Group, Inc. April 2018: Senior Executive Officer and CFO, Rakuten Group, Inc. January 2019: Executive Vice President and CFO, Rakuten Group, Inc. March 2023: Representative Director, Executive Vice President and Group CFO, Rakuten Group, Inc. March 2026: Executive Fellow, Rakuten Group, Inc. (current) August 2026: Director, HINOTATE Co., Ltd.

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