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Notice Regarding Establishment of an Intermediate Holding Company through a Simple Incorporation-Type Company Split

This notice discloses certain items in abridged form, as the Company Split described below is a sole incorporation-type company split.

Our company hereby announces that, at its Board of Directors meeting held today, it resolved to establish an intermediate holding company, Z Corp. (Japanese name: Z byGMO Kabushiki Kaisha; hereinafter the "New Company"), through an incorporation-type company split under Article 762, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act (a simple incorporation-type company split under Article 805 of the Companies Act; hereinafter the "Company Split"), and to have the New Company succeed to the shares of GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K. (Securities Code: 3788, TSE Prime Market; hereinafter "GMO GlobalSign Holdings") and GMO Registry, Inc. (hereinafter "GMO Registry") held by our company, as detailed below.

Through the Company Split, GMO GlobalSign Holdings and GMO Registry will become subsidiaries of the New Company; however, they will remain consolidated subsidiaries of our company, and there will be no change in the scope of consolidation of our company.

1. Purpose of the Company Split

Aiming to realize a group designed to thrive over a 100 year horizon, our company is building a robust structure for sustainable growth under its holding company structure, based on "promoting agile management" and "enhancing group synergies to their full potential," and through the holding company functions of "creating new growth drivers" and "enhancing group structural efficiency."

The overview of GMO GlobalSign Holdings and GMO Registry, which will come under the intermediate holding company through the Company Split, is as follows.

GMO GlobalSign Holdings is a consolidated subsidiary of our company and operates the cloud and rental server (hosting) business and the cryptographic security business. Overseas, it operates certificate authorities and conducts business in 11 countries around the world, with overseas sales accounting for more than 30% of its sales (fiscal year ended December 2025).

GMO Registry is a wholly-owned subsidiary of our company and operates the domain issuance and wholesale (domain registry) business, managing domains such as ".shop" and ".tokyo." Its overseas expansion, centered on ".shop," is progressing, with overseas sales accounting for more than 90% of its sales (fiscal year ended December 2025).

Our company aims to establish an intermediate holding company through the Company Split for the following two purposes.

(1) Maximizing group synergies through the consolidation of global businesses

Both companies share the common characteristics of offering wholesale products overseas and having a high

ratio of overseas sales.

In our group, businesses such as ".shop" in the domain business and SSL server certificates in the security business have achieved full-scale overseas expansion, and these businesses are becoming increasingly important for capturing high-growth overseas markets.

By consolidating the two companies, which offer wholesale products overseas and have high ratios of overseas sales, under an intermediate holding company and strengthening their collaboration in overseas business, our company will maximize group synergies.

(2) Enhancing group structural efficiency

By having the intermediate holding company oversee the management of the two companies under it, our company will build an optimal formation for group management and optimally allocate management resources. Even after the Company Split, our company will continue to promote group management while maintaining the managerial autonomy of each company.

2. Summary of the Company Split

(1) Schedule of the Company Split

(1)	Date of Board Resolution (our company)	November 16, 2026
(2)	Date of Preparation of the Incorporation-Type Company Split Plan	November 16, 2026
(3)	Registration of Incorporation of the New Company (Effective Date)	January 1, 2027 (planned)

(2) Method of the Company Split

The Company Split is a sole incorporation-type company split in which our company is the splitting company and the New Company is the company incorporated through the split. Pursuant to Article 805 of the Companies Act, it is a simple incorporation-type company split that does not require approval at a general meeting of shareholders of our company.

(3) Details of Allotment in the Company Split

Upon the Company Split, the New Company will issue 10,000 shares of common stock, all of which will be allotted to our company.

(4) Treatment of Share Acquisition Rights and Bonds with Share Acquisition Rights

There will be no change in the treatment of the share acquisition rights and bonds with share acquisition rights issued by our company as a result of the Company Split.

(5) Increase or Decrease in Capital Stock Resulting from the Company Split

There will be no increase or decrease in the capital stock of our company as a result of the Company Split.

(6) Rights and Obligations to Be Succeeded To by the New Company

As rights and obligations relating to a part of the management operations of our company, the New Company will succeed to the shares of GMO GlobalSign Holdings and GMO Registry, as provided in the incorporation-type company split plan, together with the rights and obligations incidental thereto.

(7) Prospects for Performance of Obligations

Even after the Company Split, the assets of both our company and the New Company are expected to exceed their liabilities, and no event that would impede the performance of the obligations to be borne is currently anticipated. Accordingly, our company has determined that there are prospects for the performance of obligations.

3. Overview of the Companies Involved in the Split

(1)	Name	GMO Internet Group, Inc.
(2)	Address	26-1 Sakuragaoka-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
(3)	Title and Name of Representative	Masatoshi Kumagai, Founder, Chairman, Group CEO and Group CAIO (Chief AI Transformation Officer), Representative Director

(4)	Description of Business	Holding company (group management functions) Businesses of the group: Internet infrastructure business Internet security business Internet advertising and media business Internet financial business Crypto asset business
(5)	Capital Stock	JPY 5,000 million
(6)	Date of Establishment	May 24, 1991
(7)	Total Number of Issued Shares	107,349,121 shares (as of June 30, 2026)
(8)	Fiscal Year-End	December 31
(9)	Major Shareholders and Shareholding Ratios	Kumagai Masatoshi Office Co., Ltd.: 36.62% The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account): 13.77% Masatoshi Kumagai: 9.22% CEP LUX-ORBIS SICAV: 4.76% The Japan Custody Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account): 4.47% THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON 140051: 1.75% THE BANK OF NEW YORK 133612: 1.61% ORBIS INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS LIMITED-ORBIS INSTITUTIONAL GLOBAL EQUITY (OFO) FUND: 1.49% STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY 505001: 1.37% (as of June 30, 2026)
(10)	Financial Position and Operating Results for the Most Recent Fiscal Year (Fiscal Year Ended December 2025, Consolidated, IFRS)	Total equity: JPY 239,990 million Total assets: JPY 2,036,559 million Equity attributable to owners of the parent per share: JPY 1,110.50 Revenue: JPY 285,261 million Operating profit: JPY 59,132 million Profit attributable to owners of the parent: JPY 16,749 million Basic earnings per share: JPY 163.89

4. Overview of the Companies Whose Shares Will Be Succeeded To

(1) GMO GlobalSign Holdings

(1)	Name	GMO GlobalSign Holdings K.K.
(2)	Address	26-1 Sakuragaoka-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
(3)	Title and Name of Representative	Mitsuru Aoyama, Representative Director
(4)	Description of Business	Cloud and rental server (hosting) business; cryptographic security business
(5)	Capital Stock	JPY 916 million (as of December 31, 2025)
(6)	Date of Establishment	December 14, 1993
(7)	Listed Market	Tokyo Stock Exchange Prime Market (Securities Code: 3788)
(8)	Voting Rights Held by Our Company (before the Company Split)	52.06%
(9)	Items and Book Values of Assets and Liabilities to Be Succeeded To	Shares: 5,966,900 shares; JPY 358 million Liabilities: None
(10)	Net Sales for the Most Recent Fiscal Year	JPY 20,671 million (fiscal year ended December 2025, consolidated)
(11)	Voting Rights Held by the	52.06%

	New Company (after the Company Split)	

(2) GMO Registry

(1)	Name	GMO Registry, Inc.
(2)	Address	26-1 Sakuragaoka-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
(3)	Title and Name of Representative	Hiroya Tsukahara, Representative Director
(4)	Description of Business	Domain issuance and wholesale (domain registry) business, managing domains such as ".shop" and ".tokyo"
(5)	Capital Stock	JPY 100 million
(6)	Date of Establishment	July 28, 2009
(7)	Listed Market	Unlisted
(8)	Voting Rights Held by Our Company (before the Company Split)	100%
(9)	Items and Book Values of Assets and Liabilities to Be Succeeded To	Shares: 26,800 shares; JPY 850 million Liabilities: None
(10)	Net Sales for the Most Recent Fiscal Year	JPY 2,102 million (fiscal year ended December 2025)
(11)	Voting Rights Held by the New Company (after the Company Split)	100%

5. Status after the Company Split

(1) Our Company

(1)	Name	GMO Internet Group, Inc.
(2)	Address	26-1 Sakuragaoka-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
(3)	Title and Name of Representative	Masatoshi Kumagai, Founder, Chairman, Group CEO and Group CAIO (Chief AI Transformation Officer), Representative Director
(4)	Description of Business	Holding company (group management functions) Businesses of the group: Internet infrastructure business Internet security business Internet advertising and media business Internet financial business Crypto asset business
(5)	Capital Stock	JPY 5,000 million
(6)	Fiscal Year-End	December 31

(2) New Company

(1)	Name	Z Corp. (Japanese name: Z byGMO Kabushiki Kaisha)
(2)	Address	26-1 Sakuragaoka-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
(3)	Title and Name of Representative	Hiroya Tsukahara, Representative Director
(4)	Description of Business	Management of subsidiary group companies and incidental operations
(5)	Capital Stock	JPY 10 million
(6)	Date of Establishment	January 1, 2027 (planned)
(7)	Total Number of Issued	10,000 shares

	Shares	
(8)	Fiscal Year-End	December 31
(9)	Major Shareholders and Shareholding Ratios	Our company: 100%
(10)	Relationship with Our Company	Capital relationship: Our company will hold all of the shares of the New Company. Personnel relationship: Of the five directors of the New Company, four directors and one corporate auditor are expected to be officers of our subsidiaries (GMO GlobalSign Holdings and GMO Registry). In addition, one director of the New Company is expected to concurrently serve as a Group Executive Officer of our company. Business relationship: As the New Company has not yet been established, there is no business relationship with our company.

Regarding the change in the principal shareholder who is the largest shareholder and parent company of GMO GlobalSign Holdings, GMO GlobalSign Holdings is making a separate disclosure today.

6. Future Outlook

The Company Split will be carried out between our company and the New Company, which will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of our company, and is expected to constitute a transaction under common control. Accordingly, its impact on the consolidated financial results of our company for the current fiscal year and thereafter is expected to be minor. Should any matters requiring disclosure arise in the future, we will promptly announce them.