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To whom it may concern:

Notice of acquisition of rating from Rating and Investment Information, Inc. and Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.
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We are reporting that Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. ( President Yoshio Osawa ) has acquired the following rating to expand the limit amount of CP issuance from Rating and Investment Information, Inc. and Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd.

Details

1. Reason for expansion of the limit amount

To expand the means of capital procurement

2. Rating

Title	Commercial paper	
Limit amount	300 billion yen	500 billion yen
Rating	R&I	JCR
	a-1 ( unchanged )	J-1 ( unchanged )

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