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To whom it may concern:

Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.

**On the Inauguration of the “New” Mizuho Securities**

Shinko Securities Co., Ltd. (President Takashi Kusama) and Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. (President Keisuke Yokoo) has merged today (May 7, 2009) to form Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd., and embarked on a new chapter in its history.

The “New” Mizuho Securities will focus on early integration of its organizations and human resources to realize synergies from the merger, strengthening product/service offering capabilities, and expanding its client base, while enhancing risk management and cost control to stabilize and strengthen the foundation of the company in a challenging business environment.

(Please refer to the attached material “Business Strategy of Mizuho Securities (Outline)”.)

We would appreciate your kind advice and support for the newly born Mizuho Securities.