Notice concerning Start of Introducing Brokerage Business with

The Michinoku Bank, Ltd.

Nikko Cordial Securities Inc. (Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Mikio Kitabayashi, hereafter "Company") hereby announces that the Company will become a consigning securities firm in starting introducing brokerage business with The Michinoku Bank, Ltd. (Head office: Aomori City, Aomori Prefecture, President & Chief Executive Officer: Yasuo Sugimoto).

1. Start of Business

Monday, July 2, 2007

2. Branch

Asset Management Consulting Division, Michinoku Bank Headquarters

3. Services Offered

Assisting for opening securities accounts

Brokering sell/buy orders of foreign-denominated bonds, etc.

Stock certificate deposit service into securities accounts using "Stock Certificate Yupack Service"

4. Products

Foreign-denominated bonds

Equity (including physical shares, REIT, and ETF)

Stock mini investment

* The Company's call centers and online trading system will be used for stock and other transactions.

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