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Nikko Cordial Securities Inc.

Nikko Cordial's Equity Participation into PetroVietnam Securities Incorporated, In An Aim For Strategic Alliance

Nikko Cordial Securities Inc. (hereafter, referred to as Nikko Cordial) is pleased to announce that today it acquires shares of PetroVietnam Securities Incorporated (hereafter, referred to as PSI), a securities company incorporated in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, who is under umbrella of Vietnam Oil and Gas Group (hereafter referred to as PVN). Nikko Cordial's equity participation into PSI is made in a form of private placement. Nikko Cordial has contributed 133,744.5 million Vietnamese Dong (approximately 578 million Japanese Yen equivalent), to acquire approximately 14.90 % stake in PSI.

Nikko Cordial now also informs that it has formed strategic alliance with PSI simultaneously. In accordance with the strategic alliance agreement, Nikko Cordial will support business development and expansion of PSI, and will also assist PVN Group in fund raising activities practiced in overseas capital markets. In addition, Nikko Cordial and PSI will collaborate with each other in various business areas such as assistance for overseas expansion by their respective clients.

PSI is a securities company of PVN Group, a leading business group in Vietnam, and exclusively conducts fund-raising for the entire Group. Through this equity participation and formation of the strategic alliance agreement, Nikko Cordial will aim to strengthen relationship with PSI and PVN Group, and expand securities businesses in and between Japan and Vietnam.

1. Outline of Capital Alliance

(1) Class, and Number of Shares To Be Acquired	8,916,300 ordinary shares
(2) Purchase Price Per Share	15,000 Vietnamese Dong (approximately 65 Japanese Yen equivalent)
(3) Total Acquisition Price	133,744.5 million Vietnamese Dong (approximately 578 million Japanese Yen)
(4) Number of Shares Nikko Cordial holds / Holding Ratio pre-closing	0 / 0.00%
(5) Number of Shares Nikko Cordial will hold / Holding Ratio post-closing	8,916,300 / approximately 14.90%
(6) Closing Date	February 22, 2011

2. Outline of Strategic Alliance Agreement

- (1) Nikko Cordial has first priority access to fund raising offered by Vietnamese companies where PSI acts as a manager / advisor etc. (e.g. capital raising opportunities to be attempted by PVN Group companies in overseas capital markets, privatization of Vietnamese state-owned enterprises, and M&A deals in which Japanese enterprises are involved, etc.). Nikko Cordial will also collaborate with PSI in other deals arising in Vietnam.
- (2) Nikko Cordial provides guidance and advice onto management and businesses of PSI, seconds its executives / staffs to PSI (including board participation), and provides training for PSI's staff at Nikko Cordial's offices.

3. Outline of PSI (post-closing)

(1) Company name	PetroVietnam Securities Incorporated ("PSI")	
(2) Head Office	18 Ly Thuong Kiet Str. Hoan Kiem Dist., Hanoi, Vietnam	
(3) Principal Business	Securities business	
(4) Amount of Capital	Approximately 598.4 billion Vietnamese Dong (*approximately 2.4 billion Japanese Yen)	
(5) Date of Incorporation	December 19, 2006	
(6) Listing Status	Listed at Hanoi Stock Exchange	
(7) Number of Shares Issued	59,841,300 shares	
(8) Major Shareholders and Share Holding Ratio (as of December 31, 2010)	Saigon Hanoi Fund	17.04%
	PetroVietnam Finance Corporation	8.98%
	PetroVietnam Federal Trade & Investment	7.85%
	PetroVietnam Finance Investment	7.76%
	Others	58.37%
	(35.09 % of shares held by PVN Group pre-closing.)	
(9) Web Site	http://www.psi.vn/	

*1 Vietnamese Dong = 0.004 Japanese Yen equivalent

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