Regarding Recent Media Reporting

Some media reported today that SMBC Nikko Securities Inc. and its executive officer have been under the investigation by Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission ("SESC").

As the case is currently under the SESC's investigation, we withhold further comment. However, we will continue to cooperate fully with SESC with respect to the investigation.

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