

【NEWS RELEASE】

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SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.

Re: Arrest of Employees and Establishment of an Investigation Committee

Yesterday, employees of our company were arrested by the Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office on the suspicion of violating the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act (charges of market manipulation). We take this matter very seriously and sincerely apologize to our customers and other concerned parties for causing great concern and inconvenience.

We are fully cooperating with the investigation by the relevant authorities and have yesterday established an investigation committee to establish the facts of the incident and identify required responses.

The investigation committee is comprised three members: Kenji Kawai Esq. (committee chair), Takashi Nonoue Esq. and Naoki Kadotani Esq.

We will strictly deal with the findings of the investigation by the authorities and the investigation committee and take all necessary steps across our organization to restore the trust of customers and other concerned parties.

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