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Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.

Tianjin Branch of Mizuho Corporate Bank (China), Ltd. commences RMB Business

Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (MHCB: President & CEO, Hiroshi Saito) announces that the Tianjin Branch of Mizuho Corporate Bank (China), Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of MHCB, has commenced handling of renminbi (RMB) on 3rd of December, 2007.

Since its establishment in the Binhai New Area of Tianjin (“BNAT”) on 23rd of July this year, the Tianjin Branch has been providing mainly foreign-currency-denominated financial services, such as lending and deposit-taking, to Japanese and foreign capitalized firms. However, with the commencement of RMB handling, the Tianjin Branch can now provide financial services denominated in RMB.

MHCB remains committed to further enhancing its products and services to fully support the growth and development of its customers’ business.

Chinese laws and regulations require that branches for foreign banks wait a minimum of three years after opening to apply for permission to handle RMB business. However, with the June 1, 2007 establishment of Mizuho Corporate Bank (China), Ltd. and the transfer of MHCB’s branches in China to this subsidiary, it was possible to apply for permission for the Tianjin Branch to handle RMB business without the waiting period, significantly shortening the time required for the Tianjin Branch to commence RMB business.