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Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.

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**Business Cooperation Agreement  
with the Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency**

Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (“MHCB”; Yasuhiro Sato, President & CEO) and Mizuho Corporate Bank Nederland N.V. (“MCBN”) have entered into a business cooperation agreement aimed at promoting Japanese companies’ investment in the Netherlands and supporting their business activities by means of cooperative activities such as organization of seminars, round table meetings or arrangement of joint company visits in Japan with the Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency (“NFIA”) on 21 September, 2012.

The NFIA was established in 1978 under the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs for the specific purpose of helping and advising foreign companies. The NFIA has offices in Europe (HQ in the Hague and branches in London and Istanbul), the US, Asia, Middle East and Brazil. In Japan, the NFIA has offices in Tokyo and Osaka, and has supported many Japanese companies which commence/expand their business in the Netherlands.

The Netherlands, which is located at the centre of Western Europe, has used its geographical advantage and has developed institutions for foreign investment and attracted overseas companies through measures such as proactive taxation. These advantages lead more than 400 Japanese companies which have business activities in Europe to establish their European business platform in the Netherlands.

MHCB established its subsidiary, MCBN, in Amsterdam in March 1974 and has supported Japanese companies’ investment and business expansion in the Netherlands since that time. This business cooperation agreement enables Mizuho to enhance the support such as providing information about investment circumstance or business system in the Netherlands for the Netherlands-based European business of our customers and contribute to economic exchange and business development between the Netherlands and Japan.

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