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Opening of Banco Mizuho do Brasil S.A.

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (MHBK; Yasuhiro Sato, President and CEO) today opened its 100%-owned subsidiary, Banco Mizuho do Brasil S.A., in the economic center of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Sao Paulo.

Brazil is one of the biggest world powers in natural resources and it has strong potential for economic development with a population of over 200 million and a vast land area that is approximately 23 times larger than Japan. Even within the BRICs nations, Brazil is drawing much attention with upcoming world events such as the 2014 FIFA World Cup and the 2016 Olympics, and further economic growth is projected through large-scale investments such as infrastructure development.

The opening of Banco Mizuho do Brasil S.A. will enable the Mizuho group to provide its customers with a broad range of financial services including Brazilian Real-denominated loans, deposits, foreign exchange, and derivatives transactions. Together with the growth of businesses related to natural resources and infrastructure, the expansion of domestic demand driven by the maturing domestic middle class is bringing an increasing number of foreign companies to Brazil, especially Japanese and other Asian companies, and there are strong expectations for further expansion in business opportunities. Banco Mizuho do Brasil S.A. intends to contribute to both the growth of its customers' businesses in Brazil and the development of the Brazilian economy.

<Overview of Banco Mizuho do Brasil S.A.>

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