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Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

Memorandum of Understanding with Agencia Parana de Desenvolvimento

Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (Nobuhide Hayashi, President and CEO) is pleased to announce that our subsidiary in the Federative Republic of Brazil, Banco Mizuho do Brasil S.A., signed a memorandum of understanding with Agencia Parana de Desenvolvimento (APD) on August 3, 2015.

Agencia Parana de Desenvolvimento was established in 2011 by the Government of the State of Parana as the state investment agency. It provides comprehensive services to facilitate investment across fields such as providing business information, supporting license applications, and sourcing suitable office space.

The State of Parana holds the second largest Japanese community following Sao Paulo, and a large numbers of Japanese companies have operations there, centered in areas such as electrical, mechanical, automotive and large manufacturing areas. It also has the geographical advantage of being close to the state of Sao Paulo, South America's leading business region. Adding to the existing major manufacturers, in the coming future it is expected the entry of a wide range of related parts makers from several industries, forming industrial clusters, in anticipation to the Brazilian and South American markets growth.

As well as providing our customers with the wealth of information that Agencia Parana de Desenvolvimento holds, Mizuho will use this memorandum to collaborate closely in organizing joint events and aim to enhance our support frameworks for customers intending to operate in the State of Parana or considering partnering with local companies.

Mizuho established Banco Mizuho do Brasil S.A. in July 2013 and in June 2014 signed a memorandum of understanding with Investe Sao Paulo to provide assistance to customers that are expanding business in the state of Sao Paulo. We will use this memorandum with Agencia Parana de Desenvolvimento to support a wide range of needs of our customers that are entering the state of Parana and contribute to further development of the Brazilian economy.