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To whom it may concern

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### **Announcement regarding Determination of Terms of the Preferred Securities**

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (“MHFG”) has determined the terms of the preferred securities announced in the “Announcement regarding Establishment of an Overseas Special Purpose Subsidiary and Issuance of ‘Non-Dilutive’ Preferred Securities” dated November 13, 2008, as outlined below. The preferred securities below are not convertible into common stock of MHFG.

Issuer	Mizuho Capital Investment (JPY) 4 Limited (an overseas special purpose subsidiary established in the Cayman Islands, the voting rights of which are wholly owned by MHFG)
Type of Security	Japanese Yen denominated Non-cumulative Perpetual Preferred Securities (not convertible into common stock of MHFG)
Aggregate Issue Amount	355 billion Japanese Yen
Dividend Rate	4.78% per annum (fixed dividend rate until June 2015) Floating dividend rate after June 2015 (non step-up)
Issue Price	100 million Japanese Yen per preferred security
Scheduled Payment Date	December 29, 2008
Use of Proceeds	To be ultimately provided to the banking subsidiaries as perpetual subordinated loans.
Liquidation Preference	The preferred securities are intended to rank, as to rights related to the liquidation preferences, effectively <i>pari passu</i> with preferred stock issued by MHFG.
Method of Offering	Private placement to domestic qualified institutional investors

Note: This document is prepared for the purpose of public disclosure of determination of the terms of the preferred securities, and does not constitute an offer for sale or a solicitation of an offer for purchase of any securities in and outside of Japan (the “Solicitation Activity”), nor for the conducting of Solicitation Activity.

The preferred securities set forth above have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements.