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Actions toward Integration by Merger, etc. between Mizuho Bank, Ltd. and Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (“MHFG”) hereby announces that it has determined, at its meeting of the board of directors held today, to achieve the goal of an integration by merger, etc. between Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (President & CEO: Takashi Tsukamoto) (“MHBK”) and Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (President & CEO: Yasuhiro Sato) (“MHCB”), each a wholly-owned subsidiary of MHFG, by around the end of the first half of fiscal year 2013, and to proceed with further consideration and preparations of the details for actions toward such integration.

With reference to MHBK and MHCB, MHFG announced in the “Actions to Restore Customer Confidence,” dated May 23, 2011, that MHFG had decided to “substantively transform into ‘one bank,’ and consider integration by merger, etc., in the future.” In order to realize the integration between the two banks by merger, etc., MHFG has determined this time to proceed with consideration and preparation for actions regarding the specific method of integration and the detailed schedule, etc.

MHFG aims to realize optimization for the entire group, to invigorate the organization, to improve group management efficiency through the integration between MHBK and MHCB by merger, etc. and to further enhance the “group collective capabilities” by integrating group-wide business operations and optimizing management resources, such as workforce and branch network.

In addition to the integration between MHBK and MHCB by merger, etc., MHFG will consider the possibility of an integration including Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. (President & CEO: Takashi Nonaka).

MHFG will announce the details later as soon as decided.

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