



Announcement of Corporate Name Change

We are delighted to announce that, on November 28th 2008, we have endeavored into a new era as Ant Capital Partners Co., Ltd ("Ant Capital"), formerly Nikko antfactory K.K., due to our shareholding structure change.

In this shareholding structure change, while we welcomed the Norinchukin Bank and Mitsubishi Corporation as our new shareholders, we, the management and the employees of Ant Capital, also collectively acquired a large portion of our shares. This change in sponsors has improved us in essentials of successful asset management businesses; ensuring its independence as well as strengthening social creditworthiness.

From its inception, Ant Capital has been one of the fastest-growing buyout firms in Japan, focusing on the untapped opportunities in colossal pool of small-cap companies. In our efforts to further pursue excellence and heighten our practice, with the whole Japanese private equity universe in our view, we have continued to add and enhance new lines of business, including venture capital as well as secondary investments. Now, we have established our position as one of the most solid private equity firms based in Tokyo, with assets under management of approximately USD 1.3billion (as of November 2008).

Basing on this new alliance among its shareholders, which will continue to include Nikko Citi Holdings, Ant Capital aims to establish a prominent position in Japanese private equity industry through broad investments in domestic and overseas companies.

Sincerely yours,

Kazunori Ozaki
Chairman & CEO
Ant Capital Partners Co., Ltd.

Reference

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Shareholders	:	The Norinchukin Bank (38%), Management Team and employees (34%), Mitsubishi Corporation (19%), Nikko Citi Holdings Inc. (9%)
New URL	:	http://www.antcapital.jp/english