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Press Release

GMO CLICK Holdings, Inc.
Daiwa Securities Group Inc.

Attention

This is an unofficial translation of a press release announced on April 26, 2016 by Daiwa Securities Group Inc. The original press release is in Japanese.

Notice Regarding execution of the Basic Agreement as to Consideration of Business Collaboration
with GMO CLICK Holdings and GMO CLICK Securities

The basic agreement as to consider business collaboration was executed between the group of Daiwa Securities Group Inc. (“DSGI”) and its subsidiary, Daiwa Securities Co. Ltd. (“DS”) (collectively “DS Group”) and the group of GMO CLICK Holdings, Inc. (“GCH”) and its consolidated subsidiary, GMO CLICK Securities, Inc. (“GCS”) (collectively “GC Group”).

1. Circumstances

From April 2015, DS Group made a start for further breakthrough, holding up “Passion for the Best” 2017, its Medium-term Management Plan covering 3 years starting in FY2015. In this plan, DS Group uses the basic policy, “In response to the full-fledged start of an era of transition from savings to investment, attract customers with the industry’s top quality, and become their best partner”. DS Group is now working on the establishment of the platform which provides optimal products and comfortable information access in order to be the securities company group chosen by a wide range of customers including the young and the retired.

GC Group operates online finance services primarily for retail investors with the objective of making financial services more open and accessible for everyone. Predominantly driven by GCS, GC Group provides a trading platform for financial products including securities, FX, and CFD. GCS became the world’s number 1 FX provider by transaction volume six years after launching the service, and has retained that position for four consecutive years since 2012. (according to a survey by Finance Magnates).

DSGI and GC Group executed the memorandum as to consideration of business collaboration on October 10th 2015, and have been exploring the possibility that an alliance would increase corporate value by mutually utilizing management resources and improving customers’ convenience and quality of services.

2. Contents of Business Collaboration

Both groups have come to this execution of basic agreement as to consideration of business collaboration with respect to sharing and jointly developing video content, sharing web marketing know-how, and starting stock lending.

Both groups continue to establish a cooperative framework to provide advanced financial services to be chosen by customers, by combining (i) DS Group’s firm business foundation and know-how in securities business that DS Group has cultivated as general securities company group with (ii) GC Group’s ability to develop systems independently and its high marketing capacity.

3. Overview of the Company

(Overview of DSGI) (URL : <http://www.daiwa-grp.jp/>)

(1)	Company Name	Daiwa Securities Group Inc. (security code : 8601)
(2)	Head Office	1-9-1, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
(3)	Representative	President and CEO Takashi Hibino
(4)	Business	Holds, manages and controls shares of companies engaged in businesses including the financial instruments and exchange business
(5)	Capital	247,397 million yen (as of 31 December 2015)

(Overview of GCH) (URL : <https://www.gmo-click.com/>)

(1)	Company Name	GMO CLICK Holdings, Inc. (security code: 7177)
(2)	Head Office	20-1, Sakuragaoka-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
(3)	Representative	President Hiroyasu Kito
(4)	Business	Management of group companies conducting financial instrument and exchange business, etc. and other related operations
(5)	Capital	374 million yen (as of 31 March 2016)

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