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Daiwa Securities Group Inc.

Press Release

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This is an unofficial translation of a press release announced on April 21, 2017 by Daiwa Securities Group Inc. The original press release is in Japanese.

Daiwa's investment in COL Financial Group, Inc.

Daiwa Securities Group, Inc. (TSE 1:8601) ("Daiwa") is pleased to announce that it has acquired a 14.9% stake in COL Financial Group, Inc. ("COL"), the leading online brokerage company based in the Philippines.

Established in 1999, COL is the leading and fastest growing online stockbroker in the Philippines with over 200,000 customers and PHP 61 billion in customer assets as of end of 2016. It has the largest market share in Philippines in terms of number of accounts online and is ranked sixth among all stockbrokers in the Philippines after recording a value turnover of PHP217 billion in 2016.

This investment in COL provides Daiwa with an opportunity to participate in the fast-growing Philippine economy and this will further allow Daiwa to have a platform for further expansion in other Asian countries. The securities market in the Philippines is currently significantly under-penetrated with less than one percent of population owning a brokerage account, which to our view, is an extremely good opportunity to work together with COL to help grow the retail brokerage industry in the country.

With this investment, we aim to build a stronger relationship with COL Financial and leverage the resources and networks of each other in future business development.

About COL Financial

Company Name: COL Financial Group, Inc.

Headquarters: Pasig City, Manila, Philippines

Authorized Representatives: Mr Edward Lee (Chairman), Mr Dino Bate (President & CEO)

Business: Brokerage and other securities-related business

Web Address: www.colfinancial.com

Market Cap.: PHP7,711 million (as of 19 April 2017)

Total Revenue: PHP833.7 million (FY2016)

Net Profit: PHP328.5 million (FY2016)