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Press Release

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Notice Regarding Court Action

As a part of the series of court action against MARS INCORPORATED (hereinafter referred to as "MARS"/ Virginia, USA) released as of March 23, 2006, the German Federal Patent Court issued a judgement of nullifying MARS patent with an acceptance of our claim in the first court hearing on our Nullity Action against MARS patent to the court. While MARS may appeal against this decision of the German Federal Patent Court, we will continuously follow the process with extreme caution.

On the other hand, the other jurisdiction's litigations are still continuing. We believe in our legitimacy to this series of court action and will keep insisting our affirmation.

The process of this series of court action, including the facts above, is as follows.

- (1) On June 17, 2005, MARS has filed a complaint against JCM and its overseas subsidiary, JCM AMERICAN CORP. (Nevada, USA) for alleged patent infringement, claiming JCM Bill Acceptor violates certain MARS patents, and seeks an injunction against the sales in New Jersey District Court.
- (2) JCM has requested the reexamination of validity of an intended US MARS' patent to USTPO. Our request was granted on January 23, 2006 and the research is currently underway.
- (3) Furthermore, on December 2, 2005, JCM and its overseas subsidiary, JCM AMERICAN CORP. have filed a complaint for patent infringement in the U.S. District Court against MARS, claiming their products violate JCM patents.
- (4) On January 17, 2006, MARS has filed a complaint against JCM and its overseas subsidiary, JAPAN CASH MACHINE GERMANY GMBH. for alleged patent infringement, claiming JCM Bill Acceptor violates certain MARS patents in the Düsseldorf District Court.
- (5) On June 26, 2006, our overseas subsidiary, JAPAN CASH MACHINE GERMANY GMBH. has filed a Nullity Action against an intended German MARS' patent in the German Federal Patent Court.
- (6) On July 18, 2007, the German Federal Patent Court issued a judgement that MARS patent was nullified in the first court hearing.