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### **Notice Regarding Court Action**

This is a notice to inform of our group's advantageous progress regarding the series of lawsuits with MARS INCORPORATED (hereinafter referred as "MARS" /Virginia, USA), which we previously released on July 20<sup>th</sup> 2007. On March 17<sup>th</sup> 2008, the United States Patent and Trademark Office, regarding the review of MARS's patent validity, rejected most of the patent actus reus (stating that the patent is not valid). As a result of this decision, the legitimacy of our group will continue to be positive, but together with the series of lawsuits that are still pending, we believe our group will continue to assert our legitimacy because we foresee MARS appealing against this result.

Furthermore, a series of lawsuits are listed below.

- (1) MARS, towards our company and our company's United States subsidiary JCM AMERICAN CORP. (Nevada), in accordance with the United States, is claiming patent infringement, identified in our company's bill validator unit, and as of June 17<sup>th</sup> 2005 is seeking to prohibit sales by filing an injunction at The United States District Court in New Jersey.
- (2) Our company, against the United States Patent and Trademark Office, are the subjects of litigation that demands a re-examination of the validity of MARS's patent, on January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2006 our demand was accepted and it underwent re-examination. Then, on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007 the United States Patent and Trademark Office, together with the rejection of MARS's patent actus reus, MARS's appeal trial was ongoing, but on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2008 a large portion of the patent actus reus was rejected again. MARS is expected to appeal the ruling in the future.
- (3) In addition, to these responses, our group/company and our company's United States subsidiary JCM AMERICAN CORP., on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005 raised a case against MARS's bill validator unit for patent infringement, as for the pretrial proceedings conducted by a court's interpretation of the patent, our company's claims were adopted by many, and there is a plan in July 2008 to conduct a jury trial.
- (4) On January 17<sup>th</sup> 2006, MARS filed a patent infringement lawsuit in Germany's Düsseldorf District Court against our company and our company's German subsidiary JAPAN CASH MACHINE

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GERMANY GMBH., because of our bill validator unit patent in the United States and Europe. Meanwhile, on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2006 our German subsidiary JAPAN CASH MACHINE GERMANY GMBH., against the German patent court, was the subject of litigation in this case and requested MARS's patent's trial be considered invalid. On the date July 18<sup>th</sup> 2007, the German patent court, in their first hearing concluded that MARS's patent was invalid. On October 2nd 2007, MARS filed an appeal. Yet, after receiving the decision from the first hearing, the Düsseldorf District Court put a stop to the patent infringement lawsuit.