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New Horizon Capital Co., Ltd.

Announcement of Capital and Business Alliance between Japan System Care and JECC Group

New Horizon Capital Co., Ltd. (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Chairman and CEO: Yasushi Ando) and Japan System Care Co., Ltd. (Head office: Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo; Chairman and CEO: Shigeru Iechika; hereinafter "JSC"), a portfolio company of New Horizon No. 3 Investment Limited Partnership (hereinafter "NH3") managed and operated by New Horizon Capital Co., Ltd., are pleased to announce that as of today, they have entered into a capital and business alliance agreement with JECC Corporation (Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Hajime Kuwata; hereinafter "JECC") and Digital Reuse Inc. (Head office: Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo; President and CEO: Nobuyuki Oikawa; hereinafter "DR").

JSC provides ITAD (IT Asset Disposition) services that take environmental compliance into consideration, and rental of used PCs, etc. With the corporate philosophy of "striving to be a company that contributes to human and societal growth by integrating IT and the environment," JSC is working to realize a circular society through the reuse and recycling of IT equipment. In addition, through Bee-Tech Co., Ltd., which became its subsidiary in September 2023, JSC provides comprehensive services related to the use of IT equipment, from the introduction of new equipment to the reuse and recycling of used equipment. It provides planning and operational support for customers' IT equipment introduction, kitting and maintenance services for new PCs., etc.

Since its founding in 1961, JECC has utilized its expertise in IT and finance, together with that of the six major domestic electronics manufacturers that are its shareholders, to support its customers' IT implementation. Its main business is the rental and leasing of a wide range of hardware, from PCs to supercomputers. It also helps its clients use IT strategically by providing a wide range of software and service products. Finally, it also provides ITAD services through its subsidiary DR, and like JSC, contributes to the realization of a recycling-oriented society.

This alliance combines the strengths that JSC Group and the JECC Group have cultivated in an effort to respond to customer needs, and needs of society related to the utilization of IT equipment. For details on the background, purpose and future prospects of this matter, please refer to JSC's news release dated today, "Notice regarding capital and business alliance with JECC and DR."

As part of this capital and business alliance, we have transferred a portion of NH3's JSC shares to JECC. Going forward, we will continue to work hard to increase JSC's corporate value by supporting the realization of business synergies between the two groups.

About NHC:

New Horizon Capital (NHC) is a top-tier Japanese PE fund targeting small- to mid-cap buyout deals, with 20 years of experience and a cumulative AUM of 270 billion yen. NHC was spun off from Phoenix Capital, which was founded by Yasushi Ando. NHC has been managing six funds since its foundation and ten funds in total as Phoenix Capital and NHC. The NHC team has an excellent equity investment track record that includes Mitsubishi Motors Corporation, Teac Corporation, Tokyu Construction, Fudo Construction, Seikitokyu Kogyo, Ichida, Tsumura, Hitachi Housotec, Marumo Industry, Mag2, iae Holdings, Tachikichi, Takeda Industry, Generosity, Shibaura Fire Pump Corporation, Kawasaki Holdings, Showa Corporation, LocalFolio, Willumina, Wood TEC, NITTO, Japan System Care, Iwata Sangyo Group Holdings, SAT Corporation, Leadplus, Heisei biso, BIQREA Holdings, Torque System, Ideal, Kurohime Group, AC Works, Takafuji, SOLTEC and KAIXIA. NHC has the longest track record of investment in Japan, including more than 100 firms, 50 of which are equity investments.

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