

Participation in the ESG Data Convergence Initiative (EDCI)

New Horizon Capital (“NHC”) hereby announces that it joined the ESG Data Convergence Initiative (“EDCI”), a global initiative aimed at promoting the standardization of ESG data in the field of investment and financing for private companies, in April.

EDCI was established in 2021 under the leadership of leading private equity fund managers (GPs) and institutional investors (LPs), with the objective of standardizing ESG data in private markets. Participating members compile and share data based on key common indicators, including greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, board diversity, and workplace injury rates, thereby contributing to the advancement of ESG data standardization and the development of industry-wide benchmarks. In addition, with the Institutional Limited Partners Association (ILPA) serving as the Secretariat of the Steering Committee, EDCI also seeks to promote alignment between LPs and GPs on key ESG matters.

Since its establishment, when considering investment in companies, whether small, medium-sized or large, NHC has always assessed the company’s social significance as well as its economic significance. Through post-investment operational improvement initiatives, NHC has supported and led efforts to enhance both the economic performance and the social impact of its portfolio companies. We have also worked to promote ESG initiatives in Japanese unlisted and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), where such efforts are still rare, by sharing details about them in the Responsible Investment Report issued to our Limited Partners annually.

Through its participation in EDCI, NHC will further promote data measurement that emphasizes sustainability-related outcomes in the private markets investment and financing sector. In addition, by contributing to the enhancement of ESG data comparability from the perspective of LPs and other stakeholders, NHC will continue to advance its corporate purpose of “meaningful investment.”