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To whom it may concern

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### **With Regards to Some News on Paper Today**

With regards to the announcement for the underwriting of convertible bonds made by our subsidiary company, Wedge Holdings Co., Ltd. (Wedge) in March 2010, it has been reported by a few news agencies that the Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission (SESC) has firmly resolved to urge the Financial Service Agency to impose a fine of 4 billion yen on the substantial representative of APF group in suspicion of Instruments and Exchange Act violations (fraudulent means) for “announcing fictitious transaction to boost stock prices”.

Although the reports are not related directly to our company and groups, we shall inform as follows.

Until now, the SESC has not made any investigations, inquiries and hearings on our company and Wedge and we have no understanding on the objectives of the concerned SESC.

We firmly believe that the underwriting of convertible bonds as disclosed in “Announcement with Regards to the Unsecured Convertible Bonds by Third Party Allocation” by Wedge on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010 was done legally without any problems and the above charges are completely groundless.

We sincerely apologize for the troubles and concerns caused to our shareholders, investors, market participants and would like to ask for your understanding.

Please refer to the following URL for the disclosed information announced on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010.  
[http://www.wedge-hd.com/cms\\_v2/assets/files/IR/NEWS/2010/i20100304\\_1.pdf](http://www.wedge-hd.com/cms_v2/assets/files/IR/NEWS/2010/i20100304_1.pdf) (Japanese)

Announcements shall be made if information that should be disclosed arises.

Thank you.