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News release

Nikko Principal Investments Japan Ltd.

Regarding Our Sale of Shares in Seibu Holdings Inc.

Nikko Principal Investments Japan Ltd. (“NPI”; a 100% subsidiary of Nikko Cordial Corporation) has sold 43,065,000 shares in Seibu Holdings Inc. (“Seibu Holdings”; headquartered in Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture; President and Representative Director Takashi Goto), a portion of NPI’s shareholdings in Seibu Holdings, to companies and financial institutions.

1. The type and number of shares sold:
 - 43,065,000 common shares
2. NPI’s ownership ratio before and after the sale:
 - Pre-sale ownership ratio of 15.6%
 - Post-sale ownership ratio of 3.0%

Nikko Principal Investments Japan Ltd.

Representative: Representative Director and President: Tetsuo Maruyama

Address: Tokyo Building, 23rd Floor, 7-3, Marunouchi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Established: March 2000

Capital: 2.5 billion yen

Lines of business: Making medium- to long-term investments in listed and unlisted companies, providing various types of advisory services