

October 30, 2015

Press Release

GMO Internet, Inc.
GMO CLICK Holdings, Inc.
Daiwa Securities Group Inc.

Attention

This is an unofficial translation of a press release announced on October 30, 2015 by Daiwa Securities Group Inc. The original press release is in Japanese.

Notice Regarding Partial Acquisition of Shares in GMO CLICK Holdings, Inc.
and Execution of Memorandum as to Consideration of Business Collaboration

The memorandum as to consider business collaboration was executed between the group of Daiwa Securities Group Inc. (“DSGI”) and its subsidiary, Daiwa Securities Co. Ltd. (“DS”) (collectively “DS Group”) and the group of GMO CLICK Holdings, Inc. (“GCH”) and its consolidated subsidiary, GMO CLICK Securities, Inc. (“GCS”) (collectively “GC Group”).

Also, DSGI made a decision to acquire a part of shares in GCH from GMO Internet, Inc. (“GI”).

1. Circumstances and Purpose of Collaboration

From April 2015, DS Group made a start for further breakthrough, holding up “Passion for the Best” 2017, its new Medium-term Management Plan covering 3 years starting in FY2015. In this plan, DS Group uses the basic policy, “In response to the full-fledged start of an era of transition from savings to investment, attract customers with the industry’s top quality, and become their best partner”. DS Group is now working on the establishment of the platform which provides optimal products and comfortable information access in order to be the securities company group chosen by a wide range of customers including the young and the retired.

GMO Internet Group with GMO Internet, Inc. as the core of the group operates in four business segments, “Internet Infrastructure”, “Online Advertising & Media”, “Internet Securities”, and “Mobile Entertainment” as a comprehensive Internet Group, based on the corporate slogan “Internet for Everyone”. Within the Group, the core part of the “Internet Securities”, GC Group develops online finance-related business mainly for retail customers, “wishing to make finance more open and accessible for everyone”. GC Group provides various financial products such as stocks, FX, CFD and the like. In the field of FX, GCS has continued to grow, reached the No.1 position in the world as to trading volume and has retained this No.1 position for three consecutive years since 2012.

This time, both groups have come to this execution of memorandum, expecting that they can increase their corporate value by mutually utilizing managerial resources of each other and improving their customers’ convenience and quality of services, and also, DSGI made a decision to acquire a part of shares in GCH.

2. Contents of Business Collaboration

Both groups intend to establish a cooperative framework to provide advanced financial services to be chosen by customers, by means of combining together (i) DS Group’s firm business foundation and know-how in securities business that DS Group has cultivated as general securities company group and (ii) GC Group’s ability to develop systems independently and its high marketing capacity. Both groups also intend to discuss the attractive services such as FX and stock trades which make use of the characteristics of the both groups and aim for execution of the business collaboration agreement which defines contents in detail by the end of March, 2016.

3. Contents of Partial Acquisition of Shares

DSGI acquires a part of shares in GCH which GI owns (i.e. 11,100,000 shares corresponding to approximately 9.6% of the total number of shares outstanding as of September 30, 2015). In addition, both groups plan to discuss with each other continuously about the possibility that DSGI acquires additional shares in GCH in the future up to about 20% of the total number of shares outstanding (including shares acquired today), based on the progress and outcome of business collaboration between DS and GC Group.

4. Schedule

Friday October 30, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Execution of memorandum as to consideration of business collaboration between DS Group and GC Group• Execution of share purchase agreement between DSGI and GI• Closing of the partial acquisition of shares in GCH by DSGI
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5. Overview of the Company

(Overview of DSGI) (URL : <http://www.daiwa-grp.jp/>)

(1) Company Name	Daiwa Securities Group Inc. (security code : 8601)
(2) Head Office	1-9-1, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
(3) Representative	President and CEO Takashi Hibino
(4) Business	Holds, manages and controls shares of companies engaged in businesses including the financial instruments and exchange business
(5) Capital	247,397 million yen (as of 30 September 2015)

(Overview of GCH) (URL : <https://www.gmo-click.com/>)

(1) Company Name	GMO CLICK Holdings, Inc. (security code: 7177)
(2) Head Office	20-1, Sakuragaoka-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
(3) Representative	President Hiroyasu Kito
(4) Business	Management of group companies conducting financial instrument and exchange business, etc. and other related operations
(5) Capital	248 million yen (as of 30 September 2015)

(Overview of GI) (URL : <http://www.gmo.jp/>)

(1) Company Name	GMO Internet, Inc. (security code: 9449)
(2) Head Office	26-1, Sakuragaoka-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
(3) Representative	Group CEO and Founder Masatoshi Kumagai
(4) Business	Internet Infrastructure, Online Advertising & Media, Internet Securities Mobile Entertainment, Incubation
(5) Capital	5,000 million yen (as of 30 September 2015)

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