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SBI Holdings, Inc.
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SBI Holdings, Inc. and MFB Invest Ltd.
Reach a Final Agreement to Launch a New Fund

SBI Holdings, Inc. (hereinafter “SBIH”) and MFB Invest Ltd. (hereinafter “MFB Invest”), a wholly owned subsidiary of the state-operated Hungarian Development Bank engaged in investment banking activity, yesterday had a signing ceremony in Budapest where representatives of SBIH and MFB Invest signed the definitive agreements necessary to jointly establish a new fund that will invest in promising companies in Hungary and other Central and Eastern European countries. The Memorandum of Understanding between the two parties was signed in August 2008.

This is the first private equity fund jointly established with a public bank in Central and Eastern Europe, focusing on investments in small and medium sized enterprises (“SMEs”). Taking into consideration the current global crisis that has brought SMEs considerable difficulties in accessing financial resources, the fund will aim to contribute to economic growth of Central and Eastern Europe through investments in SMEs, and to fully enjoy the benefits generated by the economic development in the region.

<Outline of the New Fund>

- (1) Fund Name : SBI European Fund
- (2) Commitment Amount : EUR 100 Million
(60% by the SBIH Group, 40% by MFB Invest)
- (3) Investment Target : Promising companies in Hungary and other Central and Eastern European countries, with promising business models, innovative products/services and proven management.
- (4) Operating Entity : ELAN SBI Capital Partners Fund Management Private Limited Company
(To be established in Hungary with a 60% investment by SBI Ven Holdings Pte. Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of SBIH, and a 40% investment by MFB Invest.)

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