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## **SBI HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Incorporated in Japan with limited liability)

(Stock code: 6488)

### **OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT**

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

Please refer to the attached copy of the Announcement.

On behalf of the Board  
**SBI Holdings, Inc.**  
**Yoshitaka Kitao**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

Japan, 30 September 2011

*As of the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr Yoshitaka Kitao, Mr Yasutaro Sawada, Mr Takashi Nakagawa, Mr Kenji Hirai, Mr Tomoya Asakura, Mr Takashi Okita, Mr Noriaki Maruyama, Mr Shumpei Morita, Mr Shinji Yamauchi, Mr Makoto Miyazaki, Mr Yoshimi Takahashi and Mr Masaki Takayanagi, the non-executive Directors are Mr Taro Izuchi, Mr Hiroyoshi Kido, Mr Noriyoshi Kimura and Mr Hiroshi Tasaka and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr Masaki Yoshida, Mr Kiyoshi Nagano, Mr Keiji Watanabe, Mr Takeshi Natsuno and Mr Akihiro Tamaki.*



September 30, 2011

SBI Holdings, Inc.

(TOKYO: 8473 / Hong Kong: 6488)

**Notice Regarding Establishment of Venture Fund Focused on Clean Technology Sector**

SBI Holdings, Inc. (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director & CEO: Yoshitaka Kitao; hereinafter “SBIH”) hereby announces that Energy & Environment Investment, Inc. (head office: Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo; CEO: Shuichiro Kawamura; hereinafter “Energy & Environment Investment”), a joint venture between SBIH and Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. (head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Hiroshi Motoyama; hereinafter “Mizuho Securities”), has established a venture fund, called “EEI Clean Technology Investment Limited Partnership” (hereinafter “the fund”). It is focused on the clean technology sector with investment from the independent administrative agency Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, Japan (hereinafter “SME Support, Japan”).

With a total size of 6.07 billion JPY, the fund is slated to be launched in October 2011. Of this total, SME Support, Japan will invest 2.0 billion JPY. Energy & Environment Investment will also consider expanding the size of the fund in the future by receiving investments from outside investors.

In recent years, the world has come to pay great attention to measures to control carbon dioxide emissions, aiming at preventing global warming. It is also looking for ways to secure new energy sources since there are concerns about the depletion of fossil fuel reserves. In Japan, particularly, economic activities and people’s daily lives are being seriously affected by the unstable power supply following the Great East Japan Earthquake, and there are now extremely high expectations for clean technology.

Under such circumstances, the fund will provide investments and support mainly for Japanese venture companies which promote clean technology-related businesses. Examples of such businesses include creating energy, saving energy, and accumulating energy. In this way, the fund aims to contribute to the development of clean technology.

Outline of Energy & Environment Investment, Inc.

- Trade name: Energy & Environment Investment, Inc.
- Head office: 5-20-7 Higashi Gotanda, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo
- Representative: Shuichiro Kawamura, CEO
- Establishment: March 2006
- Main business: Venture capital specializing in the environmental and energy fields
- Shareholders: SBIH: 50%; Mizuho Securities: 50%

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