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SBI Holdings, Inc.
(TOKYO: 8473)
SBI Investment Co., Ltd.

Notice Regarding an Investment into solarisBank AG

SBI Investment Co., Ltd. (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director: Katsuya Kawashima; hereinafter “SBI Investment”), is a subsidiary of SBI Holdings, Inc. (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director: Yoshitaka Kitao), which conducts investments and management of venture capital funds. SBI Investment hereby announces that it has invested in solarisBank AG (Head office: Berlin, Germany; hereinafter “solarisBank”) through its funds including the FinTech Fund.

solarisBank, which obtains a German banking license, operates a platform that enables the provision of banking components, such as electronic money, loans and settlements as well as digital banking services such as bank accounts, transactions and payment cards through an API. With the API connection to solarisBank, its partner companies, including e-commerce and FinTech companies, will be able to provide only the necessary banking functions to their customers at a high speed.

In the FinTech field, the emergence of a groundbreaking financial service that utilizes API connections with banks is expected, while the usage of Open API of banks is expanding in Europe. Going forward, it is anticipated that the Asian countries, including Japan, will follow this trend of Open API.

solarisBank intends to globally expand its business in the European and Asian countries over the coming years, and will establish a joint venture company with the SBI Group in order to develop businesses in Asia.

In December 2015, SBI Investment established the FinTech Fund (Fund name: FinTech Business Innovation LPS; total commitment amount: JPY 30 billion), which intends to invest in the FinTech field. The FinTech Fund will make aggressive efforts to invest in promising both Japanese and overseas venture companies in the FinTech business fields and support open innovation between the fund investors and the investee companies, with a view to promote introduction and utilization of FinTech-related technologies by the fund investors, while boosting the value of investee companies.

The SBI Group will continuously expand investments in venture companies in the FinTech field by leveraging the knowledge in the online financial services businesses accumulated by itself, as a FinTech pioneer company, and sequentially adopt the leading-edge FinTech technologies in the Group’s Financial Services Business.

[Outline of solarisBank]

Head office : Anna-Louisa-Karsch Str. 2, 10178 Berlin, Germany
Representative : Roland Folz, CEO / Marko Wenthin, CCO / Andreas Bittner, COO
Business : Operation of a banking platform that offers banking services through an API
Establishment : March 2016
URL : <https://www.solarisbank.de/>

* Application Programming Interface: Mechanism to enable the managing of data and software functions from an outside program source

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