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SBI Holdings, Inc.

SBI Investment Co., Ltd.

Major Malaysian Financial Group RHB Banking Group Secures Investment Advisory Services from SBI Investment for its “Asia CleanTech Fund”

SBI Investment Co., Ltd. (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director & CEO: Yoshitaka Kitao; hereinafter “SBI Investment”), a subsidiary of SBI Holdings, Inc. (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director & CEO: Yoshitaka Kitao; hereinafter “SBIH”) hereby announces that SBIH and RHB Banking Group (RHB Capital Berhad being the holding company with its head office: Kuala Lumpur, Managing Director: Kellee Kam Chee Khiong; hereafter “RHB Capital”) have entered into a preliminary agreement whereas SBI Investment shall offer investment management advisory services to RHB Private Equity Fund Management Ltd (an indirect subsidiary of RHB Capital, hereafter “RHBPE”), to establish an “Asia CleanTech Fund” (hereafter “Fund”).

The total commitment of the Fund will be a minimum of USD 50 million. RHBPE will secure investments from interested institutional investors and plans to commence investment in March 2012. The Fund shall invest mainly in Japan, China and other Asian emerging countries’ listed and unlisted companies related to the clean technology industry. The clean technology industry is drawing great attention in Asia, from the viewpoint of both economic growth and increasing demand for energy. By way of its subsidiary in a neighboring country, SBI Investment will support management of the Fund as an advisor, utilizing its know-how on fund management and enterprise development which have been cultivated both inside and outside of Japan.

The SBI Group has been developing investment businesses in emerging countries including China by collaborating with local prominent organizations. In Malaysia, the SBI Group has established and is operating a fund with PNB Equity, a major governmental asset management company. In addition, the SBI Group is operating financial businesses such as securities and banking businesses overseas utilizing its expertise on online financial businesses as well. The SBI Group will continue to expand its financial service business overseas, with a focus on Asian emerging countries.

RHB Banking Group

Founded in 1994, RHB Banking Group is one of the largest fully integrated financial services group in Malaysia with regional presence in Singapore, Thailand, Brunei and Vietnam. With a market capitalization of about USD5 billion, holding company RHB Capital Berhad counts the Malaysian Employees Provident Fund Board and Aabar Investments PJSC as amongst its largest shareholders. The Group’s commercial banking arm, RHB Bank Berhad, and investment banking arm, RHB Investment Bank Berhad, are leading award-winning banks in Malaysia offering a full range of banking products and services. RHB Private Equity Fund Management Ltd is an indirect subsidiary of RHB Capital Berhad.

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