



January 6, 2012 SBI Holdings, Inc. SBI ALApromo Co., Ltd.

<u>Notice Regarding Obtainment of Certification of Product Registration for Health Foods</u> <u>Granted by Philippines Government</u>

SBI ALApromo Co., Ltd., (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director and CEO: Yoshitaka Kitao; "SBI ALApromo"), a subsidiary of SBI Holdings, Inc., that conducts research and development of cosmetics, health foods and pharmaceuticals using 5-aminolevulinic acid (ALA)* has announced that its health food, 'NatuALA ONE' became nationally licensed by Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Philippines.

With the certification of product registration from the Philippine authority, SBI ALApromo is preparing for the launch in the Philippines within the year, collaborating with local firms. In Japan, SBI ALApromo has already sold health foods containing ALA, such as "NatuALA-Bio," "NatuALA Black Garlic" and "NatuALA-BCAA." Going forward, SBI ALApromo will reinforce overseas sales structure.

SBI ALApromo will continue product development, to support the health of as many people as possible through provision of health foods containing ALA. Research progress and up-to-date information of ALA will also be sent out from "ALAplus Research Laboratory" (URL: <u>http://www.ala-plus.jp/</u>).

* About 5-aminolevulinic acid (ALA):

An amino acid created in mitochondria. It is an important substance that serves as protein material related to energy production in the form of hemes and cytochromes, and its productivity is known to decrease with age. ALA is contained in shochu distillation remnants, red wine and food such as radish sprouts. It is also known as a material forming chloroplasts in plants.

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