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SBI Holdings, Inc.  
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SBI Investment Co., Ltd.

### **Notice Regarding an Investment into R3 HOLDCO LLC, a U.S. FinTech Company**

SBI Investment Co., Ltd. (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director: Katsuya Kawashima; hereinafter “SBI Investment”), a subsidiary of SBI Holdings, Inc. (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director: Yoshitaka Kitao; hereinafter “SBI Holdings”), which conducts investments and management of venture capital funds, hereby announces that it has invested in R3 HOLDCO LLC (Head office: NY, U.S.; hereinafter “R3”) through its funds, including the FinTech Fund and others. Upon the investment, the SBI Group has become R3’s largest outside shareholder.

R3 is a U.S. startup company that excels in distributed ledger technology (DLT), and is working on a global project towards establishing a distributed ledger platform on a global standard in the financial industry. The consortium led by R3 currently consists of over 80 leading financial institutions around the world (as of May 23, 2017). Some of the financial institutions in the consortium are promoting the application of DLT in financial services, and have already started performing demonstration experiments to verify the feasibility of such technology.

As was announced in March 2016, SBI Holdings joined in the consortium led by R3 as the first financial group in the world, whose main channel is the Internet, and has acquired information about DLT and conducted researches regarding the distributed ledger platform. By taking advantage of this investment, the SBI Group will further strengthen cooperation with R3 toward the utilization of DLT.

The SBI Group will continue to further expand investments in promising companies in the FinTech industry, which is expected to grow, by leveraging the knowledge in the online financial services businesses accumulated by itself, as a FinTech pioneer company.

#### [Outline of R3]

Head office : 1370 Broadway, Ste 1050 New York, NY 10018  
Representative : David Rutter, CEO  
Business : Management of the DLT consortium and provision of a DLT platform  
Establishment : February 2016  
URL : <http://www.r3cev.com/>

[Reference] Investors of R3 (Excerpt from the press release of R3)

Banco Bradesco	Itaú Unibanco S.A.
Bangkok Bank	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG)
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Mizuho
Bank of Montreal	Natixis
Bank of New York Mellon	Nomura
Barclays	Nordea Bank
BBVA	OP Cooperative
BNP Paribas	Ping An
B3 (BM&FBOVESPA and Cetip)	Royal Bank of Canada
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	SBI Group
Citi	SEB
Commerzbank	Societe Generale
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
Credit Suisse	TD Bank Group
CTBC Financial Holding	Temasek
Daiwa Securities Group	The Bank of Nova Scotia
Danske Bank	Northern Trust
Deutsche Bank	The Royal Bank of Scotland
HSBC	U.S. Bank
ING	UBS AG
Intel Capital	Wells Fargo
Intesa Sanpaolo	Westpac

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