

November 1, 2023

SBI Holdings, Inc.

SBI Investment Co., Ltd.

Notice Regarding Joint Establishment of a Second Corporate Venture Capital Fund with Nikon Corporation

SBI Investment Co., Ltd. (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, Chairman and President: Yoshitaka Kitao; hereinafter “SBI Investment”), a consolidated subsidiary of SBI Holdings (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, Chairman, President & CEO: Yoshitaka Kitao), hereby announces that it has jointly established the “Nikon-SBI Innovation Fund II” with Nikon Corporation (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President: Toshikazu Umatate; hereinafter “Nikon”) on November 1. This Fund will make investments in the latest technologies and services such as aerospace, energy, carbon neutral which are considered as new areas looking beyond Nikon’s Medium-Term Management Plan.

“Nikon-SBI Innovation Fund,” established by Nikon and SBI Investment in July 2016, has been making venture investments globally and has made several business collaborations as well as converting portfolio companies into subsidiaries. As the investment period is coming to an end, Nikon and SBI Investment has launched the new “Nikon-SBI Innovation Fund II.” The size of “Nikon-SBI Innovation Fund II” is 5 billion yen and is expected to operate for a period of seven years.

SBI Investment is a core company in the SBI Group’s Investment Business. As a “New Industry Creator,” SBI Investment invests in venture companies in next-generation growth fields such as AI, blockchain, fintech, IT, biotechnology, healthcare, and environmental energy, as well as operates a CVC business, which fully supports business investments by business corporations. As of November 2023, SBI Investment’s CVC funds have a cumulative investment commitment amount of 138 billion yen*, one of the largest in Japan, with support to 20 business corporations.

The establishment of this fund with Nikon is the second time for SBI Investment’s CVC business to establish a second fund.

SBI Investment will continue to contribute to the revitalization of the Japanese economy by leveraging its network and expertise in corporate development to support business and capital alliances between business corporations and its investees.

*As of November 1, 2023, according to SBI Investment.

[Outline of Nikon-SBI Innovation Fund II]

Fund name	Nikon-SBI Innovation Fund II
Establishment	November 1, 2023
Fund operation period	7 years (plan)
Management company	SBI Investment Co., Ltd.
Investment target	Promising venture companies related to the latest technologies and services such as aerospace, energy, carbon neutral which are considered as new areas looking beyond Nikon's Medium-Term Management Plan
Fund size	5 billion yen

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