

SBI Investment Co., Ltd. to Invest in QuEra Computing Inc.

SBI Investment Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, Chairman and President: Yoshitaka Kitao; hereinafter referred to as “SBI Investment”) hereby announces that it has invested in QuEra Computing Inc. (Head Office: Massachusetts, the United States; Interim CEO: Andy Ory; hereinafter referred to as “QuEra”), the leading developer and provider of quantum computers using neutral atoms.

QuEra is the market leader in developing quantum computing using neutral atoms, which represents a new approach to quantum circuits. Based in Boston, QuEra has built on pioneering research from nearby Harvard University and the MIT to develop the world’s largest publicly accessible quantum computer. QuEra plays a pioneering role in the commercialization of quantum computing, and is expected to find applications in a wide range of fields, including the chemical and pharmaceutical as well as finance.

QuEra has successfully closed a total of USD 230 million in Series B funding. Investors include Google LLC, a subsidiary of Alphabet Inc. SBI Investment also participated in this funding round.

SBI Investment, the core company in the Investment Business of the SBI Group, has a strong network of more than 350 fund investors and an annual sourcing amount of more than 2,500 with cumulative investments of over JPY 570 billion and cumulative commitments exceeding JPY 800 billion.

Since its establishment, SBI Investment has focused its investments on growth areas such as the IT sector and biotechnology/life sciences sector. In addition to our traditional focus areas—Fintech, AI, and blockchain—SBI Investment is expanding our investment domains into innovative technology and service sectors across a wide range of industries. This expansion includes sectors that contribute to the realization of “Society5.0 for SDGs”, such as 5G, IoT, and big data, as well as sectors that promote “Industry4.0”, such as robotics, healthcare, infrastructure, food, and agriculture. Consequently, SBI Investment have developed extensive experience in venture investing and nurturing startups in these fields.

SBI Group will continue to actively work on developing the next generation of industries and increase the corporate value of the portfolio companies.

[Overview of QuEra]

(1) Name of company	QuEra Computing Inc.
(2) Location	Massachusetts, USA
(3) Title and name of representative	Interim CEO : Andy Ory
(4) Business activities	Development and production of quantum computers and related software
(5) Year of establishment	2018
(6) URL	https://www.quera.com/



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