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SBI Holdings, Inc

Notice Regarding Participation in Circle’s ARC Token Presale

SBI Holdings, Inc. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, Chairman, President & CEO: Yoshitaka Kitao; hereinafter “SBI Holdings”) hereby announces that, through one of its consolidated subsidiaries, it has participated in the presale of the “ARC Token,” the native token of “Arc,” a Layer 1 blockchain for stablecoin enabled finance, being developed by Circle Technology Services, LLC, a subsidiary of Circle Internet Group, Inc. (Head Office: New York, NY, USA; Co-founder & CEO: Jeremy Allaire; hereinafter “Circle”).

According to Circle’s announcement, the presale is expected to raise a total of USD 222 M through a consortium of leading investors. Circle has also simultaneously released a technical white paper regarding the ARC Token, which describes the ARC Token as a native digital asset designed to support governance, security, and network operations on Arc.

In November 2023, SBI Holdings signed a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with Circle Internet Financial, LLC, an affiliate of Circle, for a strategic business alliance to explore the circulation of USDC and to promote the use of Circle’s Web3-related services in Japan.

Following the MOU, SBI Holdings entered into a formative joint agreement with Circle Internet Holdings, Inc. in March 2025 for the establishment of a joint venture, and subsequently completed the establishment of Circle SBI Japan KK in the same year.

In addition, in March 2025, SBI VC Trade Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Tomohiko Kondo), a consolidated subsidiary of SBI Holdings engaged in the crypto-asset exchange business, became the first and sole company in Japan to register as an Electronic Payment Instruments Service Provider and subsequently began offering USDC trading services.

Furthermore, pursuant to Circle’s listing on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), the SBI Group acquired shares in Circle equivalent to USD 50 million as a strategic investment.

Participation in the ARC Token presale further strengthens SBI Group’s strategic relationship with Circle and aligns with the Group’s strategy of promoting on-chain transformation through the utilization of digital assets.

Through collaboration with global partners including Circle, SBI Group will continue to work toward the creation of new use cases for stablecoins and digital assets, while contributing to the sound development of the broader digital finance market.

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