#### Press Release

#### **Attention**

This is an unofficial translation of an excerpt of the press release issued on December 22, 2020 by Daiwa Securities Group Inc. The original press release is in Japanese.

Daiwa Securities Group Inc.

# Notice regarding merger of consolidated subsidiaries and change of corporate name

Daiwa Securities group Inc. has announced that its subsidiaries, Daiwa Institute of Research Holdings Ltd. (hereinafter "DIR-HD"), Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd. (hereinafter "DIR") and Daiwa Institute of Research Business Innovation Ltd. (hereinafter "DIR-BI", together with DIR-HD and DIR-BI, the "DIR Group"), have entered into the merger agreement with the effective date of April 1,2021, as a results of discussion based on basic agreement signed by DIR Group as described in the press release "Reorganization of Daiwa Institute of Research Group" dated September 23, 2020.

### 1. Objective of the Merger

This organizational restructuring brings together the knowledge and know-how of the DIR Group, and organically links the function of "research," "consulting," and "systems" to meet the diverse needs of the Daiwa Securities Group and customers outside our group. Our purpose is to establish a system that can provide solutions speedily and to improve the efficiency of organizational management. We believe that this reorganization will contribute to provide "New Value" as an Integrated Securities Group with a Hybrid Business Model that Daiwa Securities Group aims to achieve and to build a Daiwa version of the SDG Value Chain that will create a sustainable capital cycle.

## 2. Outline of the Merger

Schedule of Merger

Execution Date of the Merger Agreement December 22, 2020 Effective Date of Merger April 1, 2021

• The merger Method

Absorption-type merger with DIR-HD as the surviving company and DIR and DIR-BI will be dissolved.

# 3. Post Merger Status

| Corporate   | Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd. (Daiwa Institute of Research Holdings Ltd. will |
|-------------|--|
| name        | change its corporate name to Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd. on April 1,2021.)  |
| Main        | Research, consulting, system integration, and system consulting on domestic and  |
| business    | overseas economies and companies   |
| Head office | 15-6, Fuyuki,Koto-ku,Tokyo   |
| President   | Masahisa Nakagawa, President   |
| Paid-in     | ¥3,898 mil   |
| Capital     |  |
| Accounting  | March 31   |
| Period      |  |
| Ownership   | Daiwa Securities Group Inc. 100%   |
| Ratio       |  |

# 4. Overview of the merged parties

| Corporate   | Daiwa Institute of Research Holdings Ltd. |
|-------------|---|
| name        |   |
| Head Office | 15-6, Fuyuki,Koto-ku,Tokyo                |
| President   | Masahisa Nakagawa                         |
| Paid-in     | ¥3,898 mil                                |
| Capital     |   |
| Ownership   | Daiwa Securities Group Inc. 100%          |
| Ratio       |   |

| Corporate   | Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd.              |
|-------------|---|
| name        |   |
| Head Office | 15-6, Fuyuki,Koto-ku,Tokyo                    |
| President   | Masahisa Nakagawa                             |
| Paid-in     | ¥1,000 mil                                    |
| Capital     |   |
| Ownership   | Daiwa Institute of Research Holdings Ltd.100% |
| Ratio       |   |

| Corporate   | Daiwa Institute of Research Business Innovation Ltd. |
|-------------|--|
| name        |  |
| Head Office | 1-14-5, Eitai,Koto-ku,Tokyo                          |
| President   | Masahisa Nakagawa                                    |
| Paid-in     | ¥3,000 mil   |
| Capital     |  |
| Ownership   | Daiwa Institute of Research Holdings Ltd.100%        |
| Ratio       |  |