

NIPPON SHOKUBAI Announces Establishment of Sponsored ADR

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD. [Tokyo Stock Exchange - TOKSE:4114.T] (“NIPPON SHOKUBAI”) hereby announces that NIPPON SHOKUBAI converts its existing unsponsored American Depositary Receipt (“ADR”) program traded in the United States (“US”) into a sponsored program with The Bank of New York Mellon as depositary. Our sponsored ADR program was effective as of September 28, 2009, US Eastern Standard Time.

The sponsoring of the ADR program is not accompanied by a listing or capital raising in the US.

1. Purpose of conversion to a sponsored ADR program

Our ADRs had been traded in the US in an unsponsored program.

Under a deposit agreement with a single depositary bank, we can preclude trading of our shares in the form of ADRs out of control, define responsibilities of NIPPON SHOKUBAI and a depositary bank in managing the facility, and enhance shareholder services.

In addition, with this conversion, we expect we can provide high quality IR information to the investors in the US.

2. Details of our sponsored ADR program

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| (1) Type of ADR program: | Sponsored Level-1 ADR* |
| (2) Trading market : | OTC (Over-the-counter) |
| (3) Trading effective date: | September 28, 2009, US Eastern Standard Time |
| (4) ADR ratio : | 1 ADR : 1 ordinary share |
| (5) CUSIP number : | 48283C100 |
| (6) Ticker Symbol : | NPSHY |
| (7) Depositary Bank : | The Bank of New York Mellon |
| (8) Local Custodian Bank: | Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. |

<Supplemental information>

1. An ADR is a receipt which represents an ownership interest in the underlying securities of a non-US company. Registered at the SEC, an ADR is a negotiable security in the US and is traded in the same manner as other US securities for clearance, settlement, transfer and ownership purposes.

2. *For sponsored ADRs, a company issuing the underlying stock enters into a deposit agreement with one specific depositary bank, and ADRs are issued by the depositary bank once the issuer, depositary bank and investors rights and obligations have been clarified. Sponsored ADR programs are classified into Levels 1, 2 or 3 depending on the level of disclosure the company is obligated to provide and whether the issuance or sale of new stock is involved.

A Level-1 ADR program is an unlisted program in the US and disclosure duties, so called “Full Disclosure”, applied to the US listed companies are exempted; provided that certain disclosure information is posted on the company website.

3. The information contained herein does not constitute an offer or sale of securities in the US. Securities may not be offered or sold in the US unless they are registered under the US Securities Act of 1933 or are exempted from registration.

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