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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

NOMURA HORUDINGUSU KABUSHIKI KAISHA

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

NOMURA HOLDINGS, INC.

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Japan (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) None (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

13-1, Nihonbashi 1-chome Chuo-ku, Tokyo, 103-8645 Japan (81-3-5255-1000) (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 46) of Nomura Holdings, Inc. Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 49) of Nomura Holdings, Inc. Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 53) of Nomura Holdings, Inc. Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 55) of Nomura Holdings, Inc. Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 56) of Nomura Holdings, Inc. Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 59) of Nomura Holdings, Inc.

> Nomura Securities International, Inc. Worldwide Plaza, 309 West 49th Street New York, New York 10019-7316 (Name and Address of Agent for Service)

> (212-667-9000) (Telephone Number of Agent for Service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer X Non-accelerated filer Accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Nomura Holdings, Inc. (the "Registrant") is hereby filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 (this "Amendment") to Form S-8 Registration Statement to amend the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed on March 27, 2015 (File No. 333-203049) (the "Registration Statement"), as amended by the Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 thereto ("Amendment No. 1") to deregister certain shares registered in connection with options under the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 49) and the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 55) of Nomura Holdings, Inc.

Under the Registration Statement, 1,649,300 shares were registered in connection with the options under Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 49) of Nomura Holdings, Inc. and 2,698,700 shares were registered in connection with the options under Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 55) of Nomura Holdings, Inc.

Of the 1,649,300 shares relating to the options under the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 49) of Nomura Holdings, Inc., 36,500 shares remained unsold at the termination of the exercise period for the options issued under the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 49) of Nomura Holdings, Inc. on April 19, 2021. Of the 2,698,700 shares relating to the options under the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 55) of Nomura Holdings, Inc., 2,675,200 shares remained unsold at the termination of the exercise period for the options issued under the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 55) of Nomura Holdings, Inc., 2,675,200 shares remained unsold at the termination of the exercise period for the options issued under the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 55) of Nomura Holdings, Inc. on November 18, 2020.

The Registrant previously deregistered unsold shares relating to the options under its Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 46), the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 53), the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 56) and the Stock Acquisition Rights (No. 59) under Amendment No. 1. As a result of this Amendment, all shares originally registered under the Registration Statement and unsold at the termination of the relevant exercise period have been deregistered.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Tokyo, Japan as of May 24, 2021.

NOMURA HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Kentaro Okuda

Name: Kentaro Okuda Title: Representative Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of Registrant and in the capacities indicated as of May 24, 2021.

Signature

Title

/s/ Koji Nagai

Koji Nagai

/s/ Kentaro Okuda Kentaro Okuda

/s/ Toshio Morita

Toshio Morita

/s/ Hisato Miyashita Hisato Miyashita

/s/ Hiroshi Kimura Hiroshi Kimura

/s/ Kazuhiko Ishimura Kazuhiko Ishimura

/s/ Noriaki Shimazaki Noriaki Shimazaki

/s/ Mari Sono

Mari Sono

/s/ Michael Lim Choo San Michael Lim Choo San

/s/ Laura Simone Unger

Laura Simone Unger

Director Chairman of the Board of Directors

Director Representative Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

Director Representative Executive Officer

Director

Director

Director

Director

Director

Director

Director

/s/ Takumi Kitamura

Takumi Kitamura

/s/ Yo Akatsuka

Yo Akatsuka

Chief Financial Officer Executive Managing Director (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

Senior Managing Director (Authorized Representative in the United States)