

Nomura Finalizes Details of Stock Options (Stock Acquisition Rights)

Tokyo, October 4, 2007—Nomura Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) today announced that its Group Executive Management Committee* has finalized the details of the issuance of stock acquisition rights as stock options as outlined below.

* The Group Executive Management Committee consists of a number of representative executive officers and, via Board of Directors resolutions, decides important business matters including the issuance of stock acquisition rights.

1. Stock Acquisition Rights to be Issued

Stock Acquisition Rights No. 18 will be issued for employees of overseas subsidiaries of the Company.

Stock Acquisition Rights No. 18 will be issued as stock options in accordance with Articles 236, 238 and 239 of the Corporation Law of Japan under the solicitation plan determined by the 103rd Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 27, 2007.

2. Types of Stock Acquisition Rights to be Issued and Reasons for Issuance

The Exercise Price of Stock Acquisition Rights No. 18 will be one (1) yen per share and will be granted to employees of overseas subsidiaries of the Company in lieu of a portion of cash compensation.

The Stock Acquisition Rights are expected to have the following benefits by restricting the exercise of the rights for two years after they are granted.

1. Retain talented personnel for longer terms by introducing deferred payment rather than paying compensation entirely in cash.
2. Align the interests of employees with those of shareholders by reflecting changes in shareholder value in compensation packages.
3. Create a common objective for Nomura Group in terms of improving performance and trust by sharing a common incentive plan for employees working in different business divisions and regions.

3. Number of Stock Acquisition Rights Grants and Grantees

Stock Acquisition Rights to be Granted to Employees

Stock Acquisition Rights	Number of Stock Acquisition Rights	Shares of Common Stock Under Stock Acquisition Rights	Number of Grantees	
			Employees of the Company (Excluding Concurrent Executives)	Employees of Subsidiaries of the Company (Excluding Concurrent Executives and Employees of the Company)
Stock Acquisition Rights No. 18	2,166 ¹	216,600	—	13

¹ Number of grants per person is between 9 and 470

The above number is the projected number to be granted. Should the number of stock acquisition rights to be granted decrease due to grantees not applying or other reasons, the revised number of Stock Acquisition Rights will be issued.

Summary of Stock Acquisition Rights

	No. 18
1. Grantees	Total of 13 employees of overseas subsidiaries of the Company
2. Total Number of Stock Acquisition Rights	2,166
3. Value of Assets to be Rendered upon the Exercise of Stock Acquisition Rights, or the Method for Calculating Such Value	One (1) yen
4. Type and Number of Shares Under a Stock Acquisition Right	The number of shares under a Stock Acquisition Right shall be 100 shares of common stock of the Company. Should events separately prescribed by the Company occur, the number of stocks granted under a Stock Acquisition Right will be adjusted according to a method separately prescribed by the Company.
5. Paid-in Amount for Stock Acquisition Rights, or the Method for Calculating Such Value	No payment shall be required for Stock Acquisition Rights.

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6. Period for the Exercise of Stock Acquisition Rights	October 20, 2009, to October 19, 2014
7. Conditions for the Exercise of Stock Acquisition Rights	<p>7.1 No Stock Acquisition Right may be exercised partially.</p> <p>7.2 The Optionee must maintain a position as an executive or employee of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company during the period between the granting of the Stock Acquisition Right commencement of the Exercise Period.</p> <p>In the event of certain circumstances¹ prescribed separately, the Optionee shall be deemed to be an executive or employee of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company.</p> <p>7.3 There must be no grounds for dismissal of the Optionee by suggestion or disciplinary procedures at the time of Exercise in accordance with the Employment Regulations of the Company or the Company's subsidiaries.</p> <p>¹ Retirement from office on account of the expiration of the Optionee's term of office, retirement due to the attainment of retirement age, retirement due to reaching an employment contract age limit, transfer by order of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, retirement primarily due to sickness or injuries arising in the conduct of business, discharge for a compelling business reason, or other similar reasons.</p>
8. Matters with regard to Capital Stock and Capital Reserve to be Increased in the Event of the Issuance of Shares upon the Exercise of the Stock Acquisition Right	<p>8.1 Capital Stock to be Increased</p> <p>Half of the amount of the maximum limit on an increase of capital stock, etc. calculated in accordance with Article 40, Paragraph 1 of the Corporate Calculation Regulations, and any fraction of less than one yen resulting from the calculation shall be rounded up to the nearest yen.</p> <p>8.2 Capital Reserve to be Increased</p> <p>Amount of the maximum limit of increase of capital stock, etc. less the amount of capital stock to be increased.</p>
9. Events for the Acquisition of Stock Acquisition Rights by the Company	When the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders approves a merger agreement in which the Company is to be the extinguished company or a share exchange agreement or share transfer proposal in which the Company is to become a wholly owned subsidiary, the Company may acquire the Stock Acquisition Rights for no compensation on a day separately determined by the Board of Directors of the Company or an executive officer designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

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10. Restriction of Acquisition of Stock Acquisition Rights by Assignment	Any assignment of Stock Acquisition Rights shall be subject to approval by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.
11. Treatment of Stock Acquisition Rights under Organizational Restructuring	The same shall apply as described in 9.
12. Grant Date of Stock Acquisition Rights	October 19, 2007
13. Stock Acquisition Rights Certificate	The Company shall not issue any Stock Acquisition Rights certificate.

Reference Dates

1. Resolution by Board of Directors for submission of the proposal to Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders was made on May 15, 2007.
2. Resolution of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders was made on June 27, 2007

Ends

Notes to editors:**Nomura Group**

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