

“Independence Criteria for Outside Directors of Nomura Holdings, Inc.”

Outside Directors of Nomura Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) shall satisfy the requirements set forth below to maintain their independence from the Nomura Group (*1).

1. The person, currently, or within the last three years, in principle, shall not correspond to a person listed below.

(1) Person Related to the Company

A person satisfying any of the following requirements shall be considered a Person Related to the Company:

- A) Executive (*2) of another company where any Executive of the Company serves as a director or officer of that company;
- B) Major shareholder of the Company (directly or indirectly holding more than 10% of the voting rights) or Executive of such major shareholder; or
- C) Partner of the Company’s accounting auditor or employee of such firm who works on the Company’s audit.

(2) A person who is a Major Lender (*3) of the Nomura Group or an executive of a Major Lender of the Nomura Group, or a person who is a person for whom the Nomura Group is a Major Lender or an executive of an organization for whom the Nomura Group is a Major Lender.

(3) A person who is a Major Business Partner (*4) of the Nomura Group or an executive (including a partner of a professional services firm, etc.) of a Major Business Partner of the Nomura Group, or a person who is a person for whom the Nomura Group is a Major Business Partner or an executive (including a partner of a professional services firm, etc.) of an organization for whom the Nomura Group is a Major Business Partner.

(4) A person receiving compensation from the Nomura Group of more than 10 million yen (an amount equivalent to US \$120,000 in the case of foreign currency) per year, excluding director/officer compensation.

(5) An executive of an institution receiving more than a Certain Amount of Donation (*5) from the Company.

2. The person’s spouse, relatives within the second degree of kinship or anyone who lives with the person shall not correspond to a person listed below (excluding persons in unimportant positions):

(1) Executive of the Nomura Group; or

(2) A person identified in any of subsections (1) ~ (5) in Section 1 above. (*6)

(Notes)

*1: Nomura Group shall mean the Company and the Company’s subsidiaries listed as significant subsidiaries in the Business Report of the Company.

*2: Executive shall mean Executive Directors (*gyoumu shikkou torishimariyaku*), Executive Officers (*shikkouyaku*) and important employees (*jyuuyou na shiyounin*), including Senior Managing Directors (*shikkouyakuin*), etc.

*3: Major Lender shall mean a lender from which the borrower has borrowed an amount equal to or greater than 2% (excluding borrowings that are not material in terms of fungibility, repayment potential, etc.) of the consolidated total assets of the borrower.

*4: Major Business Partner shall mean a business partner whose transactions with the other party exceed 2% (excluding transactions that are not material, such as those conducted under general conditions) of such business partner’s consolidated gross revenues in the last completed fiscal year.

*5: Certain Amount of Donation shall mean a donation that exceeds 10 million yen (an amount equivalent to US \$120,000 in the case of foreign currency) per year or 2% of the donee institution’s gross revenues or ordinary income, whichever is larger.

*6: The matters listed in 1. (1) C) shall not apply if the person is not a member of the Audit Committee, and the Company’s accounting auditor has determined that such relationship does not affect their independence as the Company’s accounting auditor.