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(Tokyo Stock Exchange Standard Market, Code 3974)

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# Notice of strengthening capital and business alliance with M.H. Group LTD., and Regarding Disposal of Treasury Shares by Third-Party Allotment.

SCAT Inc. (the "Company") hereby announces that, it has decided, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 13, 2024, to strengthening capital and business alliance with M.H. Group LTD., and regarding disposal of treasury shares by third-party allotment.

#### I Outline of Capital Business Alliance.

1. Reason for strengthening capital and business alliance.

Our company's corporate philosophy is to "contribute to society by supporting the management of small and medium-sized enterprises using ICT," and by selling POS cash register customer management systems for the hairdressing industry and providing various web content services such as beauty reservation systems, we are We support the management of salons.

M.H. Group LTD. (hereinafter referred to as "MHG") operates "Mod's Hair" salons in Japan and overseas, beauty salon management business responsible for operating directly managed salons and developing franchises; hair and makeup business, the origin of "Mod's Hair", and also provide beauty salon support services that leverage the economies of scale created through these business developments.

The company, MHG, and its wholly owned subsidiary, Right Staff Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "RS"), have entered into a business alliance, including a cooperative structure. This will involve collaboration in sales promotion utilizing the sales bases of both companies, joint marketing of solution services for the beauty industry, exchange of opinions on software development, personnel exchange, and support for sustainable environmental management in the beauty industry.

On the other hand, in the hairdressing industry, paper invoices sent by mail are still the norm, and DXing billing and payment operations is an issue for the industry as a whole. To solve this problem, we aim to promote sales of electronic billing services that are optimal for the hairdressing industry and popularize BtoB credit payments. The company will provide a sales management system for beauty dealers, and RS will provide payment services specialized for the hairdressing industry and will promote mutual cooperation in an alliance.

Our group aims to further expand our services for the beauty industry and beauty-related industries.

The Company will strengthen its business alliance with MHG and RS in projects that take advantage of their networks, and will strengthen their capital and business alliance by acquiring additional shares in MHG.

#### 2. Details of capital and business alliance

- (1) Details of business alliance (expansion)
  - ① Considering business expansion by linking the services of both companies' groups.
  - ② Consideration and development of new businesses that utilize various assets held by both companies' groups.
  - ② Expansion of BtoB payment business and system collaboration between beauty salons and beauty dealers.
  - ④ Initiatives to support sustainable environmental management (SDGs) in the beauty industry

## (2) Details of capital alliance

- ① The Company have agreed that MHG will acquire 65,000 shares of common stock held by the Company through the disposal of treasury stock.

  (MHG's ownership percentage is expected to be 2.81%.)
- ② The company plans to acquire 150,000 new shares issued by MHG. (The company's ownership percentage is expected to be 2.66%.)

#### 3. Overview of capital and business alliance partner

#### (1) Overview of capital and business alliance partner

| 1   | Company Name              | M·H·GROUP LTD.  |  |  |
|-----|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| 2   | Company Address           | 1-11-1 Sendagaya, Shibuyaku, Tokyo 151-0051 Japan         |  |  |
| 3   | President and             | Katsumi Hanzawa   |  |  |
|     | Representative Director   |   |  |  |
| 4   | Business Activities       | Management of mod's hair salons, management of hair &     |  |  |
|     |                           | makeup artists and development of private brand products. |  |  |
| (5) | Capital                   | 200,000,000 yen   |  |  |
| 6   | Date founded              | April 4, 1990   |  |  |
| 7   | Total number of issued    | 11,492,100shares  |  |  |
|     | shares                    |   |  |  |
| 8   | Fiscal year end           | Last day of June  |  |  |
| 9   | number of employees       | 242   |  |  |
| 10  | Main client               | Beauty customers, Hair salon "Mod's Hair" member store.   |  |  |
| 11) | Main banks                | SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION,                      |  |  |
|     |                           | MUFG Bank, Ltd ,Resona Bank, Limited, Mizuho Bank, Ltd.   |  |  |
|     |                           | Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited                       |  |  |
| 12  | Major shareholders and    | Junshu Co., Ltd. 32.16%                                   |  |  |
|     | shareholding ratio (As of | Kengo Group Co., Ltd. 16.55%                              |  |  |
|     | December 31, 2023)        | Yoichi Aoyama 5.71%                                       |  |  |

| 13 | Relationship with the | Capital ties     | The Company holds 160,000 shares of MHG       |  |
|----|-----------------------|------------------|---|--|
|    | company               |                  | stock (voting rights ratio: 1.39%).           |  |
|    |                       |                  |   |  |
|    |                       | Personal         | One director and chairman of MHG also         |  |
|    |                       | relationships    | serves as an outside director of the Company. |  |
|    |                       | Business         | MHG's directly managed stores and franchis    |  |
|    |                       | relationship     | stores use the POS system provided by our     |  |
|    |                       |                  | company, and our company cooperates with      |  |
|    |                       |                  | RS's payment system.                          |  |
|    |                       | Applicable       |   |  |
|    |                       | status of        | Not applicable.                               |  |
|    |                       | related parties. |   |  |

## (2) Consolidated financial position and consolidated performance for the past three years

| Fiscal year end                         | June 2021                  | June 2022         | June 2023         |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Net assets                              | 496 million yen            | 487 million yen   | 516 million yen   |
| Total assets                            | 1,733 million yen          | 1,805 million yen | 1,841 million yen |
| Net assets per share                    | 43.03 yen                  | 42.25 yen         | 44.74 yen         |
| Net sales                               | 1,814 million yen          | 1,848 million yen | 1,902 million yen |
| Ordinary profit                         | $\triangle$ 39 million yen | 37 million yen    | 56 million yen    |
| Profit attributable to owners of parent | $\triangle$ 79 million yen | 16 million yen    | 24 million yen    |
| Net income per share                    | △6.95 yen                  | 1.47 yen          | 2.09 yen          |
| Dividend per share                      | 0 yen                      | 0 yen             | 0 yen             |

## 4. Number of acquired shares, acquisition price, and status of owned shares before and after acquisition.

## (1) SCAT Inc.

| ① Owned stock brand              | M.H. Group LTD.,9439) |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ② Number of shares before chang  | ge 160,000 shares     |
| ③ Number of acquired shares.     | 150,000 shares        |
| Acquisition price                | 31,200,000 yen        |
| ⑤ Number of shares held after ch | ange. 310,000 shares  |

# (2) M.H. Group LTD.,

| 1 | Owned stock brand                   | SCAT Inc. (3974) |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 2 | Number of shares before change      | 82,500 shares    |
| 3 | Number of acquired shares.          | 65,000 shares    |
| 4 | Acquisition price                   | 30,680,000 yen   |
| 5 | Number of shares held after change. | 147,500 shares   |

#### 5. Schedule

| 1 | Board of Directors resolution date          | May 13, 2024           |
|---|---|------------------------|
| 2 | Basic agreement conclusion date             | May 15, 2024 (planned) |
| 3 | Scheduled date of stock acquisition.        | June 6, 2024 (planned) |
| 4 | Payment date for disposal of treasury stock | June 6, 2024 (planned) |

#### Future outlook

We believe that strengthening this capital and business alliance will contribute to increasing corporate value in the medium to long term, as we will create added value through various alliances, including sales collaboration that leverages the business bases of both companies' groups. However, the impact on consolidated results for the fiscal year ending October 2024 is expected to be minor. If any matters that should be disclosed arise in the future, we will promptly disclose them.

#### II Disposal of treasury stock through third-party allotment.

#### 1. Overview

| 1   | Execution date                      | June 6, 2024                   |
|-----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2   | Number of shares to be disposed     | 65,000 shares                  |
| 3   | Disposal price                      | 472 yen per share              |
| 4   | Amount of funding                   | 30,680,000 yen                 |
| (5) | Treasury stock disposal method      | Third party allocation method. |
| 6   | Treasury stock disposal destination | M.H. Group LTD.                |

#### 2. Reason

The company and MHG are already pursuing an alliance of mutual cooperation through a capital and business alliance. However, we have determined that it is necessary to strengthen our capital and business alliance in order to create added value through various alliances, including sales collaboration that leverages the business bases of both companies' groups. This disposal of treasury stock will be carried out as part of this alliance, and the Company will dispose of treasury stock through third-party allotment. MHG will acquire 65,000 shares of SCAT's common stock (1.24% of the total number of issued shares, totaling 30,680,000 yen).

At the same time, MHG will issue new shares through third-party allotment, and the Company will acquire 150,000 shares of MHG's common stock (1.28% of the total number of issued shares, totaling 31,200,000 yen).

- 3. Amount of funds to be procured, purpose of use, and expected timing of expenditure.
  - (1) Amount raised.

| 1 | Total payment amount.                 | 30,680,000 yen |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 2 | Approximate amount of issuance costs. | 100,000 yen    |
| 3 | Amount raised.                        | 30,580,000 yen |

#### (2) Specific use of raised funds

For details, please refer to "I Outline of Capital Business Alliance." "1. Reason for strengthening capital and business alliance." The purpose of this is to increase the effectiveness of the business alliance with MHG and to build a long-term partnership. The proceeds will be used to cover underwriting costs for the third-party allotment of capital to be implemented by MHG. The funds will be managed in our company's deposit account until they are actually disbursed.

#### 4. Thoughts on the rationality of the use of funds.

We believe that the use of the proceeds is reasonable because it will leverage the management resources and know-how of both companies' groups, expand the foundation for business growth, and contribute to improving corporate value over the medium to long term.

#### 5. Reasonability of disposal conditions.

(1) Basis for calculating the disposal price and its specific details

The disposal price was set at 472yen, which is the closing price of the Company's common stock on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on the business day immediately preceding the resolution of the Board of Directors regarding the disposal of treasury stock (May 10, 2024).

The closing price of the business day immediately preceding the date of the Board of Directors' resolution regarding the disposal of treasury stock was used as the standard for the following reasons. According to the Japan Securities Dealers Association's "Guidelines for the Handling of Capital Increase through Third-Party Allotment," the amount when issuing shares through third-party allotment is, in principle, the price immediately before the issuance resolution date for the issuance of shares. In addition, the Company has determined that the market price closest to the time of calculation, the closing price on the business day immediately preceding the date of the Board of Directors' resolution, is reasonable as the current fair price of the Company's shares.

In addition, the disposal price is a 1.26% discount on the average closing price of 478yen for the month immediately before the date of the board of directors' resolution. Similarly, it is a 2.88% discount on the average closing price for the previous three months, which is 486 yen. Furthermore, it is a 4.65% discount from the average closing price of 495yen for the past 6 months.

Furthermore, all of the corporate auditors who attended the board of directors meeting expressed the opinion that this disposal price is legal and does not constitute a particularly advantageous payment amount. This disposal price is based on the market price, which is an objective indicator of the value of the Company's shares, and is based on the Japan Securities Dealers Association's "Guidelines for Handling Capital Increases through Third-Party Allotments" based on the Company's most recent financial condition and business results. The price is fair and reasonable, taking into account the market price and trading volume.

(2) Basis for determining that the quantity to be disposed of and the scale of stock dilution are reasonable

The number of shares disposed of through this treasury stock disposal is 65,000 shares (650 voting rights). This is equivalent to 1.24% of the 5,240,000 outstanding shares of the Company as of October 31, 2023 (2.19% of the 29,745voting rights), resulting in a certain degree of dilution.

However, the Company believes that this capital and business alliance will expand the Company's future growth base and contribute to improving its corporate value over the medium to long term, and will ultimately lead to improved profits for existing shareholders. Therefore, we judge that the quantity to be disposed of and the scale of stock dilution are at a reasonable level.

#### 6. Reason for selection.

(1) Summary of planned disposal destination.

Please refer to "3. Overview of capital and business alliance partner" in "1. Outline of Capital Business Alliance."

The Company directly confirmed that MHG, its officers, and major shareholders are not anti-social forces through interviews with its representatives and officers in charge. The Company has confirmed the "Basic Concept and Status of Development for Eliminating Anti-Social Forces" submitted by MHG to the Tokyo Stock Exchange. (Described in "Corporate Governance Report IV Matters Regarding Internal Control Systems, etc." dated January 23, 2024.) As a result of the investigation, we have not confirmed any information that indicates a relationship between MHG and anti-social forces, and therefore we have concluded that there is no connection whatsoever with anti-social forces.

- (2) Reasons for selecting the planned disposal site.
  - Please refer to "1.Reason for strengthening capital and business alliance r" in "1. Outline of Capital Business Alliance."
- (3) Holding policy of planned disposal destination.

The Company has heard from the intended disposer that it intends to hold the shares acquired through this treasury stock disposal over the medium to long term.

Furthermore, if the intended recipient transfers the Company's common stock within two years from the payment date, the Company shall report the details to the Company in writing. The Company plans to report the contents of this report to the Tokyo Stock Exchange and receive a letter of consent for public inspection.

(4) Contents confirmed regarding the existence of property required for payment by the intended disposal destination.

The Company has received a report from MHG that it has secured the funds necessary to pay for the shares to be acquired through the disposal of treasury stock. Furthermore, after reviewing MHG's most recent financial statements, we have confirmed that it holds sufficient cash and deposits necessary to pay for the disposal of treasury stock.

#### 7. Major shareholders and voting rights ratio after disposal

| Before transfer (as of October 31, 2023) |       | After transfer                |       |
|--|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Koichi Kagawa                            | 7.36% | Koichi Kagawa                 | 7.21% |
| Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd.              | 7.29% | Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd.   | 7.14% |
| Fukoku Mutual Life Insurance             | 6.85% | Fukoku Mutual Life Insurance  | 6.71% |
| Company                                  |       | Company                       |       |
| Shigeyuki Yasuda                         | 4.20% | M.H. Group LTD.               | 4.85% |
| M.H. Group LTD.                          | 2.77% | Shigeyuki Yasuda              | 4.11% |
| Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire              | 2.72% | Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire   | 2.66% |
| Insurance Co., Ltd.                      |       | Insurance Co., Ltd.           |       |
| SCAT Employee Stock Ownership            | 2.62% | SCAT Employee Stock Ownership | 2.57% |
| Association                              |       | Association                   |       |
| Hideyuki Tanaka                          | 2.20% | Hideyuki Tanaka               | 2.15% |
| Tomohiro Yoshida                         | 1.69% | Tomohiro Yoshida              | 1.65% |
| Kumio Ishizuka                           | 1.33% | Kumio Ishizuka                | 1.30% |

- •Listed based on the shareholder register as of October 31, 2024.
- •The above table does not include treasury stock held by the Company.

  The number of treasury shares held by the Company (2,262,426 shares as of October 31, 2024) will become 2,202,426 shares after this treasury stock disposal.
- •The voting rights ratio is the ratio of the number of voting rights held to the total number of voting rights (rounded to the second decimal place).

#### 8. About the future

We believe that this transaction will contribute to the expansion of our business, but we assume that the impact will be over the medium to long term, and the specific amount of impact on our business results has not been determined at this time. In the future, if there is a need to revise earnings forecasts or there are any matters that should be announced, we will promptly notify you.

#### 9. Matters related to procedures under the Corporate Code of Conduct

This disposal of treasury stock will result in a dilution rate of less than 25% and will not involve a change in the controlling shareholder. Therefore, the Tokyo Stock Exchange's `procedures for obtaining opinions from independent third parties and confirming shareholders' intentions as stipulated in Article 432 of the Securities Listing Regulations' are not necessary.

## 10. Performance and equity financing status over the past three years

## (1) Results for the last three years

| Fiscal year end                         | October 2021     | October 2022      | October 2023      |
|---|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Net assets                              | 2,316million yen | 2,177 million yen | 1,844 million yen |
| Total assets                            | 3,714million yen | 3,470 million yen | 1,841 million yen |
| Net assets per share                    | 524.51yen        | 555.60 yen        | 668.18 yen        |
| Net sales                               | 2,483million yen | 2,587 million yen | 2,742 million yen |
| Ordinary profit                         | 180million yen   | 223 million yen   | 230 million yen   |
| Profit attributable to owners of parent | 120million yen   | 100 million yen   | 157million yen    |
| Net income per share                    | 27.56 yen        | 24.30yen          | 52.79 yen         |
| Dividend per share                      | 7.00 yen         | 8.50 yen          | 10.50 yen         |

## (2) Current number of issued shares

|                         | Number of |       |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------|
|                         | shares    |       |
| Number of issued shares | 5,240,000 | 100 % |

## (3) Recent stock price situation

# ① Status of the last three years

|                | October 2021 | October 2022 | October 2023 |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Starting value | 445 yen      | 491 yen      | 430 yen      |
| high value     | 560 yen      | 550 yen      | 560 yen      |
| low price      | 399 yen      | 292 yen      | 387 yen      |
| Final value    | 491 yen      | 431 yen      | 469 yen      |

## ② Status of the last 6 months

|                | 11      | 12      | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4       |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Starting value | 469 yen | 500 yen | 495 yen | 508 yen | 510 yen | 490 yen |
| high value     | 504 yen | 534 yen | 515 yen | 510 yen | 510 yen | 496 Yen |
| low price      | 464 yen | 471 yen | 480 yen | 470 yen | 465 yen | 468 Yen |
| Final value    | 500 yen | 497 yen | 508 yen | 510 yen | 492 yen | 476 yen |

3 Stock price on the day before the disposition decision date

|                | May 10, 2024 |
|----------------|--------------|
| Starting value | 475 Yen      |
| high value     | 475 Yen      |
| low price      | 472 Yen      |
| Final value    | 472 yen      |

## 11. Requirements

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