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New Horizon Capital Co., Ltd.

NHC Invests in RIKO Float Technology CO., LTD.

New Horizon Capital Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Chairman: Yasushi Ando; hereinafter NHC), a leading independent private-equity fund, announced that, as of today, NHC's third fund (hereinafter NH-3) has acquired all shares of RIKO Float Technology CO., LTD. (Head Office: Tondabayashi, Osaka; President and Representative Director: Takuji Umezu; hereinafter RFT).

RFT was founded in 1965 as RIKO Sangyo Co., Ltd., and started manufacturing industrial floats in 1967. The float-type level switch manufactured by RFT, the only manufacturer specializing in industrial floats in the world, has established its own technology in terms of its materials and craftsmanship. As a result, RFT has succeeded in skillfully balancing the required performances, such as durability and specific gravity setting range. RFT is dealing with customers all over the world and has been selected as one of the companies on the Global Niche Top Companies Selection 100 list for the 2020 fiscal year by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Among the float-type level switch manufacturers, RFT has customers in a wide range of fields and markets that are either expected to be stable or continuously expanding. NHC decided to implement this investment anticipating that RFT can further grow from future productivity improvements. The investment enables us to support the business succession of world-class Japanese SMEs such as RFT. RFT also focuses on promoting diverse work styles that match the lifestyles of employees and create local employment. NHC believes that making this investment has social significance in light of NHC's Principles for Responsible Investment (ESG Policy).

NHC will support RFT to strengthen governance and improve productivity to accelerate growth and enhance the corporate value of the company.

Takashi Ogata, the current managing director, will be appointed as the representative director, and NHC plans to send several directors and corporate auditors after the acquisition.

About NHC:

New Horizon Capital (NHC) is a top-tier Japanese PE fund targeting small- to mid-cap buyout deals, with more than 19 years of experience and a cumulative AUM of 270 billion yen. NHC was spun off

from Phoenix Capital, which was founded by Yasushi Ando. NHC has been managing three funds since its foundation and nine funds in total as Phoenix Capital and NHC. The NHC team has an excellent equity-investment track record, including Mitsubishi Motors Corporation, Teac Corporation, Tokyu Construction, Fudo Construction, Seikitokyu Kogyo, Ichida, Tsumura, Hitachi Housotec, Marumo Industry, Mag2, iae Holdings, Tachikichi, Takeda Industry, GENEROSITY Japan, Shibaura Fire Pump Corporation, Kawasaki Holdings, Showa Corporation, Kagayaku Cosmetics, Wood TEC, NITTO, Japan System Care, Iwata Industry, SAT Corporation and LeadPlus. NHC possesses the largest track record of investment in Japan, having invested in more than 100 firms, including 50 equity investments.

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