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To whom it may concern:

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KOKUSAI Kogyo Co., Ltd.

Kokusai Kogyo aims for *smarter use of water* with second business tie up of 2013

Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of leading solar and *green community* developer Japan Asia Group, concluded a business alliance with Suido Kiko Kaisha, Ltd. to provide efficient and comprehensive maintenance and management services for the water supply and sewerage sectors on 25 November 2013.

This alliance aims for synergies between Kokusai Kogyo's pipe line maintenance and management solutions using geographic information systems (GIS; namely the Genavis series*) and cloud-based technology, and Suido Kiko's expertise in operation management, mainly of water treatment plants. The ultimate goal being to reduce maintenance and management costs of public (municipal) water supply and sewerage infrastructure, while extending the service life of the facilities and maintaining a high level of water quality and safety; what we term, a *smarter use of water*.

Earlier this year, on 1 June, Kokusai Kogyo entered a business alliance with Metawater Co., Ltd. to strengthen its range of water supply and sewerage solutions such as for infrastructure maintenance and management using cloud-based systems and the Genavis series, which help managers in visualizing their operations and enabling them to, among others, pinpoint issues and develop strategies. Today's new alliance will further improve the range of services and solutions and enable environmentally-friendly and low-carbon water services. Furthermore, these partnerships will help each company maintain a technological edge in this field to ensure the efficiency, sustainability and disaster resilience of our clients' water supply and sewerage services.

Kokusai Kogyo, as a leading geospatial technology service and solution provider and having developed numerous client-tailored computer systems and software specifically for

managing water supply and sewerage operations, including the Genavis series, has an extensive list of public sector clients, from Japan's largest cities to developing nations around the world. Suido Kiko has an impressive track record of supplying machinery and equipment to water purification plants and its total engineering services and solutions for water purification processes are particularly strong.

Through this alliance we aim to make *smarter use of water* with information and communications technologies and provide a platform for more sustainable operation and management of water supply and sewerage services, and to build further public-private partnerships.

*) Genavis Series: a comprehensive, GIS-based system for supporting a range of public administrative services proprietary developed by Kokusai Kogyo. The Genavis line-up includes: UrbanMap, an information system for urban planning; Tao, a road network information system; Seseragi, a water supply information system; and Seserain, a sewerage information system. Seseragi not only collects and stores information on each facility but also improves the efficiency of asset management and daily inspections, and helps solve various problems, and is a solid platform on which water supply and sewerage service providers throughout Japan are achieving *smarter use of water*.