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Notice Regarding Acquisition of Shares of Japan Legal Network Co., Ltd.

Bengo4.com, Inc. (hereinafter “the Company”) announces that at a meeting held on February 12, 2026, its Board of Directors resolved to acquire all shares of Japan Legal Network Co., Ltd. (hereinafter, “Japan Legal Network”), as described below (the acquisition is hereinafter referred to as “the Acquisition”). Because Japan Legal Network owns ATE Co., Ltd. (hereinafter, “ATE”) as its wholly owned subsidiary, ATE will also become the Company’s consolidated subsidiary (sub-subsidiary) as a result of the Acquisition.

(1) Reasons for the share acquisition

In Japan, only about 20% of people who are involved in legal trouble in their daily life actually consult lawyers or other professionals. This has become a serious social issue, known as Niwari Shiho (lit. “20% justice”). There are many cases where people are ultimately forced to give up on exercising their rights, even though they desire a legal resolution, because initial costs, including expensive start-up fees and court costs, become a major barrier. The Company, which operates a legal infrastructure, believes that it has an important role to play in eliminating this gap in access to justice that arises from financial reasons and building a society where anyone can claim their legitimate rights.

Japan Legal Network Group (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo, Representative Director, CEO, and COO: Yasufumi Minamitani, <https://legalnetwork.jp/>) operates Japan’s first legal fee provision service, for which a contract may be signed even after a legal issue arises, under its mission to build a society with access to justice by capitalizing on technologies and expertise in finance in the legal area. This company’s service opens a path to substantive redress for people who gave up on the idea of taking legal actions due to financial concerns. It is thus extremely relevant to the Company’s efforts to achieve a resolution of Niwari Shiho.

The Company expects that the Acquisition will lead to the creation of multilateral synergies, including product development and promotion of the Legal Brain initiative through integration of the two companies’ knowledge and AI technology, in addition to accelerating the spread of services using the Company’s customer base, which is among the largest in Japan. With these synergies, the Company will aim to improve legal access and build a society where more legal problems can be solved.

(2) Overview of the company to be transferred

Name	Japan Legal Network Co., Ltd.
Location	2-4-15 Minami-Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo
Title and name of representative	Yasufumi Minamitani, Representative Director, CEO, and COO
Business	Operation of legal finance business
Share capital	96 million yen
Established	April 24, 2015
Major shareholders and shareholding percentages	The information is not disclosed under a non-disclosure agreement between the parties.
Relationship between the listed company and the relevant company	
Capital relationship	Not applicable.
Personal relationship	Not applicable.
Business relationship	Not applicable.
Operating results and financial position of the company for the last three years	

Fiscal year-end	FY ended September 2023	FY ended September 2024	FY ended September 2025
Net assets	218 million yen	340 million yen	303 million yen
Total assets	411 million yen	591 million yen	432 million yen
Net assets per share	252 yen	392 yen	350 yen
Net sales	144 million yen	39 million yen	29 million yen
Operating profit	-37 million yen	-62 million yen	-38 million yen
Ordinary profit	-37 million yen	313 million yen	-38 million yen
Profit	-39 million yen	236 million yen	-41 million yen
Basic earnings per share (yen)	-45 yen	273 yen	-48 yen
Dividend per share (yen)	—	—	—

* Because Japan Legal Network owns ATE as its wholly owned subsidiary, the above values for the company's operating results and financial standing for the last three years are the totals of the two companies' values.

* The above values are subject to change due to the unification of an accounting policy resulting from the conversion to the Company's consolidated subsidiary, among other factors.

(3) Schedule

Resolution of the Board of Directors to approve the acquisition of shares	February 12, 2026
Date of the share transfer agreement	February 12, 2026
Date of share transfer	April 1, 2026

(4) Number of shares to be acquired and the state of share ownership before and after the acquisition

Number of shares held before the transfer	0 shares (Number of voting rights: 0) (Percentage of voting rights: 0%)
Number of shares acquired	1,024,608 shares (Number of voting rights: 931,093)
Number of shares held after the transfer	1,024,608 shares (Number of voting rights: 931,093) (Percentage of voting rights: 100%)

* The other party to the share acquisition and acquisition price cannot be disclosed because of a confidentiality agreement between the parties. However, it falls under the minimal standard criteria (less than 15% of the Company's net assets), to which timely disclosure standards do not apply.

* The Company has no particular capital, personal, or business relationship with the shareholder.

* The acquisition price was determined upon consultation between the parties based on a share value calculated by outside experts.

(5) Future outlook

As a result of the Acquisition, Japan Legal Network and ATE will be consolidated subsidiaries of the Company. Its impact on the full-year consolidated results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026 will be minor.

Its impact on the full-year consolidated results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027 is currently being examined closely. If any additional matters that need to be disclosed arise, the matters will be promptly announced.