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To Our Shareholders and Investors



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Notice Regarding Recent Media Coverage Concerning Proposed Plant Site in Japan

On September 15, 2026, an article was published in the *Shinano Mainichi Shimbun* under headlines such as "NISSEI ASB Freezes Plant Plan" and "Plastics Container Demand Calming Down," concerning the planned construction of a new plant by NISSEI ASB MACHINE CO., LTD. (the "Company") in Saku City, Nagano Prefecture.

This article contains statements suggesting that the primary reason for freezing the construction plan is a "calming down or slowdown in demand," which differs from the facts announced and explained by the Company.

To convey accurate information to our stakeholders, the Company hereby provides an explanation of its current business status and the reasons for freezing the construction plan as follows:

1. Business and Financial Performance Status

Although the article states that "demand for plastic container molding machines did not rise as expected", global market demand for molding machines remains robust, and the Company's business performance continues to trend strongly. Therefore, there is no truth whatsoever to the claim that the plan was frozen due to a decline in demand or a market slowdown.

To meet expanding global demand, as announced in the "Notice Regarding Capital Investment in Indian Subsidiary" dated August 6, 2026, the Company has already decided on and is executing a large-scale capital investment at its plant in India. For the time being, the Company plans to respond to strong global demand by expanding production capacity at this location.

2. Changes in the Domestic Construction Environment and Reasons for Freezing the Plan

The Company had been considering the construction of a new plant in Japan to respond to increasing demand both domestically and overseas. However, due to recent sharp increases in construction material prices and prolonged construction periods caused by labor shortages, it has become extremely difficult to commence operations within the originally planned schedule and budget.

Extending the construction deadline without a clear prospect of commercialization would cause significant inconvenience to Saku City, the inviting municipality, and other related parties. After careful consideration from the perspective of fulfilling corporate social responsibility and maintaining sincere relationships with the local community and government authorities, the Company has decided to freeze the plan and request the buyback of the land.

There is no impact from this matter on the Company's consolidated business performance for the current fiscal year. Should any matters arise in the future that require disclosure, the Company will promptly announce them.