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To: All Concerned Stakeholders

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Notice Regarding Investment in US Venture Fund Targeting Leading-edge IT Enterprises

The ID Group hereby notifies that it has invested in ff Violet (VI), L.P. (hereinafter “ff Violet (VI)”), a venture fund managed by ff Venture Capital (hereinafter “ffVC”).

1. Purpose of investment

ffVC is a New York-based venture capital firm that invests in enterprises at the seed and early-stage levels. Established in 2008, ffVC focuses on enterprises in cutting-edge technologies with exceptionally high growth, such as artificial intelligence (“AI”), cybersecurity, drones, enterprise software and financial technology (“fintech”). ffVC is currently assembling its sixth fund, investing in 74 companies with a combined market value of around US\$5 billion, about 30% of which are valued at US\$50 million or more.

The ID Group began investing in a ffVC fund in 2018. Through its participation in this fund, the Group gains access to the latest IT trends and discovers and strengthens relationships with promising, leading-edge IT enterprises. One of three core policies identified in the Group’s current Mid-term Management Plan, “Next 50 Episode I: Awakening!” formulated in the current fiscal year, is the upgrading of its business model through the promotion of digital transformation (DX). Through its investment in ff Violet (VI), the ID Group will strive to gather further vital information, obtain access to leading-edge technologies and transform its services.

2. Overview of investment

(1) Managing company	ff Venture Capital
(2) Location of company’s head office	New York City, New York, USA
(3) Year established	2008
(4) Name of fund	ff Violet (VI), L.P.
(5) Business types targeted for investment	AI, cybersecurity, drones, data analysis, fintech, Internet of Things (IoT), etc.
(6) Period of operation	10 years

3. Future prospects

The investment described herein does not significantly impact consolidated financial results or financial condition of the ID Group.