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Notice on Underwriting of Preferred Shares of DiREX CORP.

RISA Partners, Inc. announces its decision to underwrite preferred shares for DiREX CORP. (hereafter, “DiREX”) in the amount of 6.5 billion yen in total via the RISA Corporate Solution Fund Investment Limited Partnership (hereafter, “RCSF”), which is managed and operated by the RISA Partners Group. The details are as follows.

DiREX announced a tender offer for common shares and stock acquisition rights of Thanks Japan Corporation (JASDAQ Code: 7548; hereafter, “Thanks Japan”), an operator of discount stores based in Saga Prefecture, made to Thanks Japan for the purpose of a management buyout (hereafter, the “MBO”) by the management of Thanks Japan (hereafter, the “tender offer”). The tender offer commenced on September 26, 2007. While the planned number of shares to be purchased in the tender offer was 7,274,300 shares of Thanks Japan, the tender offer recently resulted in subscriptions for 9,736,904 shares. With the successful completion of the tender offer, RISA Partners has entered into an agreement with DiREX on the underwriting of preferred shares for the purpose of funding the purchase of Thanks Japan’s Shares. DiREX is planning to merge with Thanks Japan (Following).

After the MBO, the RISA Partners Group will provide support in the financial aspect for the building of new businesses, including construction of the framework for new businesses and radical transformation of the business model. By leveraging our extensive network covering the Kyushu region and across the rest of Japan, advanced financial and real estate know-how and management consulting function, the RISA Partners Group will also make concerted efforts to support DiREX in maximizing their corporate value over the medium to long term. Furthermore, the RISA Partners Group is scheduled to dispatch one outside director to DiREX.

1. Profile of DiREX

(as of November 7, 2007)

(1) Company Name	DiREX CORP.
(2) Line of Business	Sale of everyday sundries, clothing, food, household electrical appliances, medicine, alcohol, etc.
(3) Establishment	July 9, 2007
(4) Head Office Location	930 Oaza Nagase, Takagise-machi, Saga-shi, Saga
(5) Title and Name of Representative	Hideaki Ohshima, President and Representative Director
(6) Paid-In Capital	10 million yen

2. Profile of Thanks Japan

(as of February 20, 2007)

(1) Company Name	Thanks Japan Corporation
(2) Line of Business	Sale of everyday sundries, clothing, food, household electrical appliances, medicine, alcohol, etc.
(3) Establishment	February 25, 1988
(4) Head Office Location	930 Oaza Nagase, Takagise-machi, Saga-shi, Saga
(5) Title and Name of Representative	Hideaki Ohshima, President and Representative Director
(6) Paid-In Capital	1,966,467 thousand yen
(7) Business Performance (Consolidated) (Fiscal year ended February 2007)	Net sales: 80,894 million yen Operating income: 1,225 million yen

3. Details of Preferred Shares

(1) Type of Shares	DiREX CORP Series A, Series B, Series C and Series D Preferred Shares (hereafter, collectively referred to as the "Preferred Shares")
(2) No. of Shares for Subscription	650,000 shares in total
(3) Issue Price	10,000 yen per share
(4) Total Issue Amount	6,500,000,000 yen in total
(5) Payment Deadline	November 15 (Thursday), 2007 (planned)
(6) Allottee	RISA Corporate Solution Fund Investment Limited Partnership
(7) No. of Shares Allotted	650,000 shares

Furthermore, the Preferred Shares will be preferred shares without voting rights, and RCSF will not acquire voting rights of DiREX until the timing requirement of when applications to acquire common shares become available and the terms and conditions (to be separately stipulated among shareholders) are fulfilled.

4. Impact on RISA Partners' Business Performance

As only a short period remains of the operating period of the current fiscal year, the impact on business performance is expected to be minimal. The details on the impact on business performance will be announced at a later date once they are ascertained.