



RISA PARTNERS INC.

## **Investment in Hallo Foods Co., Ltd.**

**TOKYO, June 30, 2008** – RISA Capital Management Co., Ltd. (“RISA Capital Management”), a subsidiary of RISA Partners, Inc. (“RISA Partners”), today announced the conclusion of a contract with Hallo Foods Co., Ltd. (“Hallo Foods”) for the underwriting of third-party allotment of ordinary shares, preferred shares, and bonds with stock acquisition rights (total amount: ¥1.7 billion).

Hallo Foods operates two businesses in the Toyota and Nagoya areas of Aichi Prefecture, and in Gifu Prefecture: Hallo Foods, a chain of local supermarket with 23 branches, and 8 discount stores named Hallo Land and Big 1. Hallo Foods recorded a sales volume of ¥40.5 billion in the fiscal year ended February 29, 2008. Hallo Foods reached this agreement with RISA Partners after considering capital alliances as a means of improving its financial and operational status in a severely competitive operating environment.

RISA Partners agreed to underwrite the third party allotment of ordinary shares, preferred shares and bonds with stock acquisition rights, having decided that an injection of its Group funds and human resources would enable a significant improvement in the corporate value of Hallo Foods. Following the investment, Frontier Management, Inc., a subsidiary of RISA Partners, will dispatch a business execution support team with retail industry expertise, which will transform the business structure of Hallo Foods and improve its financial base toward achieving stable growth in the medium to long term.

This investment will be the first investment project for the RISA Corporate Solution Fund II (provisional name), which is scheduled to be formed next month.

RISA Partners will continue to actively develop its investment in companies wherever there is potential to improve corporate value through an injection of Group funds and human resources.



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**1. Outline of Hallo Foods Co., Ltd. (as June 30, 2008)**

(1) Company name	Hallo Foods Co., Ltd.
(2) Chairman and CEO	Shigeyuki Ishida
President	Teruyuki Himeno
(3) Location of headquarters	1-3 Urazato, Midori-ku, Nagoya-shi, Nagoya Prefecture
(4) Date of establishment	November 1957
(5) Paid-in capital	¥450 million
(6) Main business	Supermarket and discount store operations
(7) Settlement date	February 29
(8) Number of employees	1,318 (including part-time staff)
(9) Website	<a href="http://www.hallofoods.co.jp">www.hallofoods.co.jp</a>

**2. Effect on financial results for current fiscal year**

The value of shares held by RISA Partners is expected to increase in the event of an improvement in the corporate value of Hallo Foods. However, this is not expected to have a material effect on the financial results of RISA Partners in the current fiscal year.

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