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To Whom It May Concern:

Company Name: The Bank of Yokohama Ltd.

Representative: President Tadashi Ogawa

( Code No. 8332: Listed on the 1st Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange)

**Re: Business Alliance with Aozora Bank**

**~ Comprehensive Alliance on Investment Banking Business ~**

The Bank of Yokohama (President: Tadashi Ogawa, hereafter referred to as “BOY”) has signed a comprehensive business alliance agreement with Aozora Bank Co., Ltd. (Chairman and CEO: Kimikazu Noumi, hereafter referred to as “Aozora”) on May 24, 2007, in the area of Investment Banking Business, which includes asset financing business, namely securitization business and asset liquidation business, and advisory services on financial and capital strategy such as M&A, for corporate customers.

Specifically, “Yokohama Desk”, where BOY personnel is stationed all the time, will be set up within Aozora’s Investment Banking Division, which is to be a dedicated section for BOY to provide solutions for its customers’ needs.

BOY will also dispatch personnel to Aozora’s Investment Banking Division and related divisions to acquire expertise and know how on investment banking business for the purpose of training personnel on this business from medium to long term. Furthermore, Aozora will implement a short-term training for BOY personnel who are in charge of corporate customers.

With this alliance, BOY will be able to establish a regime where BOY personnel can better and more adequately respond to customers’ needs, which consequently leads to BOY’s opportunity to expand “fee business”.

With the objective of maximizing the effectiveness of this alliance, an “Alliance Committee”, comprising representatives of both banks, will be established. In this “Alliance Committee”, the two banks will discuss and exchange information on various issues, and will proceed to discuss the possibility of further business alliance other than investment banking business. BOY currently holds Aozora’s shares, around 0.09% of Aozora’s shares outstanding, and is planning to increase the portion.

This alliance with Aozora is one of the typical cases of what BOY is currently focusing, as it has hoisted “Developing functions by utilizing alliance” as one of the main themes in its latest medium term management plan “New Horizon”.