

MONEX GROUP

Announcement of Subsidiaries' Release

TOKYO, April 27, 2020 – Monex, Inc. and Monex SP Trust, Inc., fully owned subsidiaries of Monex Group, Inc., issued the following press release today.

Attachment: Monex, Inc. and Monex SP Trust, Inc. press release

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TOKYO, April 27, 2020 - Monex, Inc. (headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director and President: Yuko Seimei; hereinafter, Monex Securities) and Monex SP Trust, Inc. (headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director and President: Yuki Yada; hereinafter, Monex SP Trust) are pleased to announce a contractual agreement that will enable Monex Securities to begin offering Monex SP Trust's service "WEB Sozoku,"*¹ which handles inheritance matters on behalf of clients, starting Monday, April 27, 2020 (tentative). This is the first time for a major online securities company*² to offer WEB Sozoku as a sales agent.

■ Background

With life expectancy approaching 100 years, there is a strong demand for services that meet the needs of a super aging society. Monex SP Trust, which became a Monex Group company in July 2019, is working to develop convenient, easy-to-use web services that resolve issues related to a super aging society. To reduce burdens associated with inheritance, Monex SP Trust began WEB Sozoku, a service that handles inheritance procedures on behalf of clients. With the launch of the service, Monex Securities has also decided to begin offering WEB Sozoku as an agent.

■ About WEB Sozoku

With WEB Sozoku, a beneficiary can ask Monex SP Trust to handle inheritance procedures, such as the cancellation, liquidation or title change of inheritance assets. Monex SP Trust then transfers the liquidated assets or securities to the beneficiary. Monex SP Trust is able to handle inheritance procedures for bank deposits, listed company shares, investment trust funds and other financial assets as well as the decedent's residence property.

WEB Sozoku includes the following features:

- Accepts online applications to handle inheritance procedures
- Transfers titles of financial assets (for financial assets where a change in title is permitted)
- Provides a full range of services at an affordable fee structure
- Introduces customers to specialists who handle inheritance matters (for a fee)

With the contractual agreement to serve as a sales agent for WEB Sozoku, Monex Securities will take on Monex SP Trust's administrative operations related to WEB Sozoku. Monex Securities will provide customers comprehensive support, from inquiries about the service to consultation and paperwork, through its newly created Inheritance Support Center. In addition to other features to give beneficiaries peace of mind, appointments can be made via the website (call-back feature) to allow for sufficient consultation time.

*1 “Sozoku” means “inheritance” in Japanese. To apply for WEB Sozoku, the beneficiary must first open a Monex Securities comprehensive brokerage account.

*2 According to a Monex Securities survey dated April 27, 2020. Major online brokerages are defined as SBI Securities, Rakuten Securities, au Kabucom Securities, Matsui Securities and Monex Securities.

For further details, please refer to Monex Securities’ website (https://info.monex.co.jp/msp/web_inheritance/index.html) or Monex SP Trust’s website (<https://www.monextrust.co.jp/service/inheritance/>).

As outlined in “[For Creative Minds](#),” a brand statement announced by Monex Group in November 2018, Monex is dedicated to the “Future of Finance” by leveraging new ideas and perspectives that go beyond traditional frameworks.