

MONEX GROUP

Announcement of Subsidiary's Release

TOKYO, June 17, 2021 – Monex, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Monex Group, Inc., issued the following press release today.

Attachment: Summary of Monex, Inc. press release

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TOKYO, June 17, 2021 – Monex, Inc. (headquarters; Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director and President: Yuko Seimei; hereinafter, Monex) is pleased to announce that it will enter the J-Credit trading market as part of Monex Group’s ESG financial initiatives announced on Friday, January 22, 2021. This is the first time for a major online securities company* in Japan to enter the J-Credit trading market.

■Background

In recognition that ESG activities are an integral part of day-to-day business, Monex Group established the ESG Promotion Secretariat to advance the Group’s ESG activities and contribute to mid- to long-term improvement of corporate value. In line with this, Monex created the Sustainable Finance Department to integrate ESG issues into its businesses and announced its intentions to enter the ESG financial investment field at the beginning of 2021.

With its entry into the J-Credit Trading Market, Monex is better positioned to respond to the ESG financial needs of our investors and contribute to the resolution of environmental issues, one of the largest pillars of ESG targets.

■Overview

Certified by the Japanese government, J-Credits are credits that can be earned through greenhouse gas emission reductions or absorption. Emissions trading is one method to promote the transition to a low-carbon society in a global movement to achieve carbon neutrality with virtually zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

In April 2021, Monex joined hands with Carbon Free Consulting Corporation (headquarters: Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture; CEO: Takeshi Nakanishi; hereinafter Carbon Free Consulting) to cooperate in J-Credits, emissions trading and other areas. In the same month, Monex entered into the J-Credit market by directly participating in the 11th J-Credits auction.

By bringing together Monex’s financial knowledge with Carbon Free Consulting’s many years of experience and know-how as an environmental consultant and credit provider, this alliance strives to contribute to the healthy development of the Japanese emissions market.

* According to a June 17, 2021, survey by Monex based on the public account data of J-Credit. Major online securities companies are defined as au Kabucom Securities, SBI Securities, Matsui Securities, Rakuten Securities and Monex, Inc.