## MONEX GROUP

## Announcement of Subsidiary's Release

TOKYO, September 22, 2022 – Coincheck, Inc., a subsidiary of Monex Group, Inc., issued the following press release today.

Attachment: Summary of Coincheck, Inc. press release

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[Press Release]

September 22, 2022 Coincheck, Inc.

## Coincheck NFT (β version) to start offering Ethereum Name Service, a naming system based on the Ethereum blockchain, on September 27

Coincheck, Inc. (Head office: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, President: Satoshi Hasuo, hereinafter referred to as "Coincheck") announces that its NFT marketplace "Coincheck NFT ( $\beta$  version)" will begin handling Ethereum Name Service ("ENS"), a naming system based on the Ethereum blockchain, on September 27, 2022 (planned).

"ENS" is an address naming service for the Ethereum blockchain platform that allows users to link wallet addresses of crypto assets, which consist of complex character strings, to easily recognizable arbitrary character strings. Strings created using ENS are also called "Web3 usernames" and are widely used as social networking account names and avatar names in the metaverse. The strings created can be traded as NFTs, and the news that an NFT named "beer.eth" was purchased for approx. 11 million yen (approx. \$95,000) last year also have attracted much attention.

Ethereum Name Service: https://ens.domains/

By utilizing strings created with ENS as common "usernames" in the metaverse and multiple DApps (decentralized applications), it is possible to use various services more seamlessly. Coincheck believes that by starting to handle "ENS" at Coincheck NFT ( $\beta$  version), it can provide customers with an opportunity to easily experience the decentralized Internet world utilizing blockchain technology called Web3.

Coincheck NFT ( $\beta$  version) continues to provide an opportunity for customers to become more familiar with NFTs, which have the potential to become a new means of value exchange, by increasing the handling of NFTs used in a wide range of fields, including blockchain games, art, sports, fashion, and the metaverse.



## About Coincheck NFT (β version)



Coincheck NFT ( $\beta$  version) was launched in March 2021 as the first NFT marketplace operated by a crypto asset exchange in Japan. As a service that allows users to trade NFTs more easily, safely, and securely with no network fees (\*1), the service is currently being used by over 120,000 (\*2) customers.

- \*1 At the time of sale or purchase.
- \*2 As of the end of August.