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To All Concerned Parties

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Notice Regarding the Establishment of a Special Investigating Committee

We hereby announce that, at the Board of Directors meeting held today, our company has resolved to establish a Special Investigating Committee as outlined below.

1. Purpose and Background of the Establishment of the Special Investigating Committee

In July of this year, our company identified inappropriate accounting practices related to inventory—specifically, the deferral of loss recognition—at our consolidated subsidiary, Nippon Helium Inc., through a voluntary inspection. Subsequently, in September, as we continued our internal investigation, we also discovered inappropriate accounting practices involving inventory and stored goods at consolidated subsidiaries, Air Water Ecoroca Inc. and Air Water Mechatronics Inc., as well as within our Plant Gas Division. Furthermore, during the course of the audit conducted by our accounting auditor, we received indications suggesting the inappropriate activity.

In response to these situations, we have been conducting an internal investigation led by our external statutory auditor, with support from outside legal and accounting professionals. However, as the possibility of involvement by our officers and employees in the four aforementioned cases has emerged, and in light of the need to verify whether similar incidents have occurred within our company or other consolidated subsidiaries, we recognize that a more thorough and comprehensive investigation is required.

In light of the above, we have determined that a broader and deeper investigation is necessary. To ensure independence and objectivity, we have decided to establish a Special Investigating Committee composed of external experts, rather than continuing with the current investigating framework led by our external statutory auditor.

We sincerely apologize for the considerable inconvenience and concern caused to our shareholders, investors, and all other stakeholders.

2. Composition of the Special Investigating Committee

- **Chairperson:** Masatoshi Ohara (Attorney-at-law, Partner at Kikkawa Law Offices; Former President of the Osaka Bar Association; Former Vice President of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations)
- **Member:** Wataru Nakamori (Attorney-at-law, Partner at Kitahama Partners)
- **Member:** Mamoru Honda (Certified Public Accountant, Partner at PwC Risk Advisory LLC)

None of the Committee members have any conflicts of interest with our company, and we have found no factors that would compromise the independence or objectivity of the Special Investigating Committee.

To ensure the adequacy of the investigation, the Committee will engage the following professionals as investigation assistants: attorneys from Kikkawa Law Offices and Kitahama Partners, and certified public accountants from PwC Risk Advisory LLC.

3. Scope of Investigation by the Special Investigating Committee

- (1) Investigation of the facts
- (2) Examination of the existence of similar cases
- (3) Assessment of the financial impact
- (4) Identification of the root cause and recommendations for recurrence prevention measures
- (5) Other matters deemed necessary by the Committee

4. Impact on Financial Results

Based on the findings of the Special Investigating Committee, if any impact on financial results is identified, we will promptly disclose the relevant information.

5. Announcement Regarding the Financial Results for the Second Quarter of the Fiscal Year Ending March 2026

Our company had initially planned to announce the financial results for the second quarter of the fiscal year ending March 2026 on November 14, 2025. However, due to the time required for the investigation by the Special Investigating Committee, we have decided to postpone the

announcement.

The deferred expected date for the financial results announcement will be disclosed promptly once it has been determined, taking into account the progress of the investigation.

6. Future Actions

We will fully cooperate with the Special Investigating Committee and work to expedite the investigation. Any progress or findings from the Committee will be disclosed promptly as they become available.

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