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HARAKOSAN CO., LTD.  
Takafumi Okamoto  
Representative Director,  
President and Chief Executive Officer

## **Notice of Acceptance by Mr. Robert John Valentine for invitation to become an Outside Director**

The company had been discussing with Mr. Robert John Valentine (hereinafter “Mr. Bobby Valentine”) regarding the possibility of becoming a Board Director (as part of the Audit and Advisory Committee), and we would like to inform as described below that Mr. Bobby Valentine has accepted the invitation.

### **1. Purpose for invitation to Mr. Bobby Valentine**

As the company is currently amid reconstruction, we have been receiving various types of support from EVOLUTION FINANCIAL GROUP, which our parent company EVO FUND belongs under the leadership of Founder and Global CIO Mr. Michael Lerch. We have received the support of two outside directors from the group where we continue to determine our new business opportunities. While we pursue a new global style of management which is one that brings together both Japanese and American, we came to a conclusion that in order to strengthen our governance it is critical for someone who is deeply experienced and competent in various practices of the two countries participate in the management of the company, which is when the consideration for former Major League baseball player and experienced manager of both Japanese and American professional baseball teams, Mr. Bobby Valentine’s position as an outside director surfaced. Given his esteemed capacity in management capabilities and multifaceted experience in Japan and the U.S., we considered Mr. Bobby Valentine’s position as an Audit and Advisory Committee member would provide appropriate and valuable opinions and judgments towards the executive directors of the company for its success and drive, which lead us to inviting Mr. Bobby Valentine to the position of Board of Director as well as Audit and Advisory Committee and successfully obtained his acceptance.

### **2. Future Outlook**

The current status is an acceptance by Mr. Bobby Valentine. The official appointment is planned to take place after resolving at the next general meeting.