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Marunouchi Capital Inc.

Notice Regarding Acquisition of Shares of ReadSpeaker

Marunouchi Capital Inc. ("MCAP") is pleased to announce that Marunouchi Capital Fund III ("Fund III"), operated by MCAP has agreed to acquire all shares of ReadSpeaker Japan Co., Ltd., ReadSpeaker Korea Co., Ltd. and ReadSpeaker Holding B.V. (collectively referred to as "ReadSpeaker") through a special purpose company, from HOYA Corporation ("HOYA").

ReadSpeaker is a technology company specializing in text-to-speech ("TTS") technologies. ReadSpeaker develops and delivers synthetic voice services that replicate natural human speech, serving global markets including Japan, Europe, the United States, and South Korea. TTS technologies are widely adopted across diverse sectors—including broadcasting, smart devices, e-learning, website reading, and entertainment—driven by social demand for operational efficiency and better accessibility for international users through multilingual support. Within the speech synthesis industry, ReadSpeaker has established itself as a leading global niche player in embedded TTS services, a segment characterized by high barriers to entry.

In addition to its high market growth potential, TTS technologies play a pivotal role in fostering a more inclusive society by enhancing accessibility. From a responsible investment perspective, ReadSpeaker operates in domains that deliver significant social value.

MCAP will inherit ReadSpeaker's established strength and corporate culture, alongside MCAP's accumulated management expertise and global network through cooperation with Mitsubishi Corporation Group, to realize long-term growth and development of the business in partnership with ReadSpeaker's employees and senior management team.

The investment in ReadSpeaker represents our first investment in the Software and IT sector under MGF III. We will continue to explore attractive opportunities in this high-growth field, in addition to our established investment focus areas such as consumer, retail, and manufacturing.

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About HOYA Corporation

Main Operations : Manufacture and sale of electronics, imaging, healthcare, and medical-related products
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About MCAP

Main Operations : Investment and asset management, investment advisory services
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