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Nippon Manufacturing Service Corporation

## **Nippon Manufacturing Service Corporation Concludes Business Tie-Up Agreement with Nippon Express Co., Ltd.**

Nippon Manufacturing Service Corporation (Head Office: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo; President: Fumiaki Ono; “NMS,” hereafter) and Nippon Express Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Kenji Watanabe; “Nippon Express,” hereafter) have concluded a business tie-up agreement aimed at the development of a new service that combines manufacturing and distribution operations in Japan and overseas.

NMS primarily runs manufacturing worker dispatch, manufacturing contracting and EMS businesses, deploying staffing and manufacturing services that provide manufacturers with one-stop production solutions covering everything from development and design to manufacturing, inspection and repairs throughout Japan, China and the Southeast Asia region.

As a comprehensive logistics company with one of the world’s largest global networks, Nippon Express leverages its accumulated expertise to employ all modes of transportation and an extensive range of transportation services to deliver optimum logistics services, from procurement to sales, to customer businesses in Japan and overseas.

Due to increasingly diversified market needs and shorter product life cycles, manufacturers face the growing need to look at corporate activities such as procurement, manufacturing and sales from an all-encompassing perspective and engage in operations that are more optimized than ever before. Moreover, with the rising division of global production that has even accelerated recently, manufacturers with production bases from China to Southeast Asia need to develop production systems able to respond flexibly to market needs and make use of global logistics functions for parts procurement and the delivery of finished goods.

To provide services that match these manufacturer needs, NMS, which is familiar with manufacturer processes and Nippon Express, which provides logistics-related functions on a global scale have formed a business tie-up to develop a service combining manufacturing and logistics and progressively develop sales and service systems on a joint basis.

Operating domestically and abroad, the two companies will offer manufacturing-related services (including manufacturing, inspection and repairs) and logistics as a package to support manufacturers’ asset light strategies. In addition, by sharing and centrally managing information concerning manufacturing and logistics, the services will offer supply chain optimization and allow customers to operate their businesses efficiency.

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