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BARCLAYS APPOINTS KUNIHIRO TAKAHASHI AS HEAD OF JAPAN TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA AND TELECOM SECTOR COVERAGE IN INVESTMENT BANKING

Tokyo, 8 July, 2013 – Barclays Securities Japan Limited today announced the appointment of Kunihiro Takahashi as Head of Japan Technology, Media and Telecom (TMT) Coverage in the Investment Banking Division.

Mr. Takahashi was most recently at Goldman Sachs Japan Co., Ltd. and prior to that worked for Arthur Andersen in Japan. He has advised clients on a number of important transactions, both in the TMT and Industrial sectors and across M&A and financing situations. Notable transactions include the acquisition by Nidec of the Motors & Controls Business of Emerson Electric Co., the acquisition of Bellsystem24 by Bain Capital, the acquisition of Pratt & Whitney Power Systems by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, the acquisition of Kverneland ASA (Norway) by Kubota, the merger between Nippon Steel Corporation and Sumitomo Metal Industries, the acquisition of Sciele Pharma by Shionogi & Co., and the merger between INPEX Corporation and Teikoku Oil.

Tetsuya Kawano, Vice Chairman and Head of Investment Banking Japan, said, "We expect Mr. Takahashi to play one of the central roles in further strengthening our investment banking business. The industries he will cover are dynamic and fast moving, and see significant domestic and international M&A and financing activity. His depth and breadth of experience and expertise in the advisory business will further strengthen our capacity to provide our clients with solutions for their corporate and financial strategies."

It is Barclays' goal to support our clients' business growth with our extensive global network and in-depth understanding of the domestic market. The TMT sector has long been an important sector for Barclays and is an area where we see significant demand from our clients for advice and services.

Mr. Takahashi will join Barclays Securities Japan Limited in September.

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