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Notice Regarding Early Repayment of Hybrid Loan (Subordinated Loan)

Nippon Sanso Holdings Corporation (NSHD; formerly Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation) hereby announces that it will implement the early repayment of following hybrid loan (subordinated loan) (“the Hybrid Loan”) executed on March 22, 2019.

1. Background to Early Repayment of the Hybrid Loan

As announced in the "Notice Regarding Financing through a Subordinated Loan" dated March 18, 2019 (“the Previous announcement”), NSHD has executed the Hybrid Loan as a means of raising funds to help maintain its financial soundness while avoiding a decline in capital efficiency due to share dilution.

Given the continued improvement of financial soundness and the cash-in-hand situation after the initial optional repayment date of March 22, 2024, NSHD has decided to make an early repayment on December 20, 2024 to increase the flexibility of its future financial strategy and contribute to improving the corporate value.

Since the financing through the Hybrid Loan, there has been a steady improvement in financial soundness therefore the replacement restrictions (*1) and exception clause (*2) stated in the contract for the Hybrid Loan will be fulfilled. As a result, there is no plan for replacement by hybrid debt financing prior to the implementation of early repayment. The repayment amount will be allocated from the proceeds of the ordinary loan which NSHD plans to execute on December 20, 2024.

*1 A restriction stating that, if NSHD repays the Hybrid Loan by early repayment (“the Early Repayment”), NSHD intends to raise funds through the issuance of replacement securities, etc., for which NSHD has gained approval from a rating agency as having equity that ranks pari passu with the common stock or the Hybrid Loan for 12 months prior to the date of performing the Early Repayment.

*2 In the event of the Early Repayment, it is possible that the fundraising in *1 above, will be omitted in the case that both of the following requirements are fulfilled:

- (1) NSHD's adjusted consolidated net debt to shareholders' equity ratio as of the end of the consolidated fiscal year or quarterly consolidated fiscal period immediately preceding the date of the Early Repayment, as calculated based on the financial data relating to the consolidated balance sheet that has been publicly announced by NSHD (including public announcements through financial statements), is 1.00x or less. In addition, NSHD's adjusted consolidated net debt to shareholders' equity ratio as of the end of the consolidated fiscal year or quarter immediately following the date of the Early Repayment is 1.00x or less.
- (2) The amount of consolidated shareholders' equity as of the end of the consolidated fiscal year or quarter immediately preceding the date of the Early Repayment, as calculated based on the financial data, is 175 billion yen or more than the amount of consolidated shareholders' equity as of the end of the second quarter of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.

2. Details of the Early Repayment

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| 1. Early repayment date | December 20, 2024 |
| 2. Early repayment amount | 75 billion yen (Tranche A stated in the Previous announcement) |
| 3. Reason for early repayment | Based on the clause regarding early repayment of the Existing Subordinated Loan |

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