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Company name: NHK Spring Co., Ltd.

Securities code: 5991 (TSE Prime Market)

## NHK Spring Receives DBJ Environmental Rating from the Development Bank of Japan

NHK Spring Co., Ltd. (Head office: Kanazawa-ku, Yokohama; President & COO: Kazuhisa Uemura) has received financing from Development Bank of Japan Inc. (hereafter referred to as "DBJ") under the DBJ Environmentally Rated Loan Program. Through this Program, the company has obtained the DBJ Environmental Rating as a "company with advanced environmental initiatives".

The DBJ Environmentally Rated Loan Program is the world's first financing menu to incorporate environmental ratings. Using a proprietary screening system, DBJ rates enterprises on the quality of their environmental management.

This rating recognizes the following initiatives:

- (1) Under the leadership of top management, we have implemented comprehensive environmental management across the entire organization, focusing on progress management by the Global Environmental Response Committee to achieve the goals of reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and industrial waste, as outlined in the "NHK Spring Group's Environmental Challenges." Furthermore, we are taking steps to establish a foundation for sustainability management by launching Sustainability Committee newly in April 2024.
- (2) To achieve carbon neutrality, we have set medium-term CO<sub>2</sub> reduction goals and measures for each business segment. By promoting energy-saving initiatives and actively adopting renewable energy, we have translated these efforts into tangible results in reducing our environmental footprint.
- (3) Anticipating the future of vehicle electrification, we established the Electrification Business Promotion Department in 2018 as a direct division under the president. This department is focused on developing key components for motors used in electric vehicles. In addition, we continue our "Explore of Development Themes" initiative to create new business opportunities beyond the automotive field.
- (4) Starting in fiscal year 2023, we have strengthened our electrification business promotion framework by launching the "Motor Core Project," which integrates development, production, and sales. This project is part of our continuous efforts to foster sustained innovation and contribute to future advancements.

NHK Spring Group remains committed to providing indispensable key parts through its core businesses, while contributing to the realization of a sustainable society and addressing pressing societal issues, including environmental challenges.



In November 2024, (NHK Spring Co., Ltd.) received a Development Bank of Japan loan under the DBJ Environmentally Rated Loan Program, having been evaluated as a "company with advanced environmental initiatives."

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