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## **Notice of Investment in Interstellar Technologies Inc. and Conclusion of Partnership Agreement for Human Resources Utilization**

NISSO CORPORATION (hereinafter, the "Company") hereby announces that it has invested in Interstellar Technologies Inc. (Headquarters: Taiki-cho, Hiroo-gun, Hokkaido; Representative Director & President: Takahiro Inagawa; hereinafter, "IST"), a rocket venture company, through shares issued by IST. In addition, the Company also announces that it has concluded a partnership agreement on the utilization of human resources, as follows.

### **1. Background of Investment and Partnership Agreement**

The Company empathizes with the rocket development venture IST, which upholds the mission of a "low-cost, convenient rocket of choice", and independently develops and manufactures the sounding rocket "MOMO", and the microsatellite launch vehicle (rocket) "ZERO". At the same time, due to the growing need for the space industry through public-private partnerships, the Company has determined that IST's mission to launch microsatellites at a low cost, which is expected to increase demand for Earth observation and communications in the future, is important and indispensable.

In addition, the Company has decided to invest in the regional revitalization projects in Hokkaido, Taiki-cho, and related companies, as well as the space version of the Silicon Valley concept, because it believes that these projects have great dreams and potential, and that it will become an industry that will support Japan's *MONOZUKURI* (manufacturing) in the future.

Furthermore, since it is also an important position in the cutting-edge field of rocket development and manufacturing in terms of human resources development for the Company's engineers and newly graduated employees, the Company has concluded a "Partnership Agreement" with the aim of contributing to the development of the space industry through highly specialized human resources.

The Company has been contributing to Japan's *MONOZUKURI* for half a century under its founding philosophy of "*Nurturing and Bringing Out the Best in People*". In the future, the Company will take a step forward into the new realm of the space industry, which is expected to expand, and expand its business while continuing to contribute to Japan's *MONOZUKURI*.

### **■ Overview of Interstellar Technologies, Inc.**

IST is a rocket development venture company headquartered in Taiki-cho, Hiroo-gun, Hokkaido, with the vision of "creating a future where everyone can reach space".

The sounding rocket "MOMO" No.3 was launched on May 4, 2019, and was the first rocket developed and manufactured by a private Japanese company to reach outer space.

In July 2021, two rockets reached outer space, and utilizing this technology, IST is developing "ZERO", which can launch microsatellites at a low cost, for which demand is expected to increase in the future, and plans to launch it within a few years.

