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Notice of Investment in FiNC Japan's Mobile Health Technology Venture

Financing the development of new mobile applications
to become the platform company in the health and wellness industry

Tokyo (January 13, 2017) – SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (“The Company”) has executed a new investment (amount not disclosed) in FiNC Inc. (FiNC), a Japanese venture company in the health and wellness industry, from “Mirai Creation Investment Limited Partnership” (Fund), established in November 2015. Using this capital, FiNC will accelerate its investment in Artificial Intelligence (AI). Leveraging technologies and research, FiNC will develop and promote new flagship mobile applications under the name “FiNC”, to become the undisputed platform company in the health and wellness industry.

■ Overview of Investment

FiNC (HQ: Chiyoda, Tokyo), was established in April 2012 with the vision to “Support people who want to take control of their precious life”. FiNC is a digital health company providing personalized health and wellness recommendations to individuals via a combination of healthcare experts and AI, based on various data including genetic tests, medical diagnostics and lifestyle habits. Leveraging its partnerships, FiNC is advancing towards its goal of becoming the No. 1 wellness company in the world.

■ Overview of the Fund

The Fund targets to invest in enterprises and projects that possess innovative technologies in the core fields of AI, robotics, technologies to help achieving a hydrogen-based society, as well as other related projects. The Fund began its operations in November 2015 with SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX) as an operator, with investment of 13.5 billion yen by Toyota Motor Corporation, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and SPARX. At the end of December 2016, 19 companies have invested in the Fund and AUM reached 35.1 billion yen. The Fund has been invested in 15 companies, including venture capitals as of January 13th, 2017.

■ Related Press Release

“Toyota and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation to Invest in New Investment Fund Established by SPARX Group Co., Ltd.” dated November 4, 2015.

<https://www.sparxgroup.com/press/uploads/PressE151104-01.pdf>

“Notice Concerning the Execution of First Investment Project by Mirai Creation Fund” dated January 5, 2016.

<https://www.sparxgroup.com/press/uploads/PressE160105-01.pdf>

“Notice Concerning the Execution of New Investment by Mirai Creation Fund” dated January 13, 2016.

<https://www.sparxgroup.com/press/uploads/PressE160113-01.pdf>

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“Notice Concerning the Execution of First Investment In Energy Storage Venture by Mirai Creation Fund” dated March 30, 2016.

<https://www.sparxgroup.com/press/uploads/PressE160330-02.pdf>

“INCJ, SPARX Group and Mitsubishi UFJ Capital to invest in 3D MEDiA Co., Ltd. Company develops and markets world's first "3D robot vision system" dated May 26, 2016.

<https://www.sparxgroup.com/press/uploads/PressE160526-01.pdf>

“Notice On the Execution of Investment In WHILL, Revolutionary Next-Generation Personal Mobility Device Company” dated June 1, 2016.

<https://www.sparxgroup.com/press/uploads/PressE160601-01.pdf>

“Notice On the Execution of Investment In SORACOM, M2M Connection Service, which is Crucial in IoT Era” dated July 6, 2016.

<https://www.sparxgroup.com/press/uploads/PressE160706-01.pdf>

“Notice On the Execution of Investment In a FoF, Composed By a U.S. Venture Capital Firm” dated July 11, 2016.

<https://www.sparxgroup.com/press/uploads/PressE160711-01.pdf>

“Notice On the Execution of Investment In GROOVE X New Generation Robot for Consumer Appliances” dated October 4, 2016.

<https://www.sparxgroup.com/press/uploads/PressE161004-01.pdf.pdf>

“Notice On the Execution of Investment In Getaround Peer to Peer Car Sharing Service and Car Rental” dated November 1, 2016.

<https://www.sparxgroup.com/press/uploads/PressE161101-01.pdf>

“Notice On the Execution of Investment In freee Japan's Leading Market Share Company In Cloud Accounting Software” dated December 26, 2016.

<https://www.sparxgroup.com/press/uploads/PressE161226-01.pdf>

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