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## **Regarding News Reports on our company**

The Nikkei carried reports from yesterday to today referring to leasing business related to our company. However, we have made no announcement in this regard.

While we are discussing various matters with IBJ Leasing Company, Limited, no formal decision has been made at this moment, including this matter. We promptly announce when we decide what to disclose.

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