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**Mirai Creation Fund II (two) Invests in FIXER Inc.,
a Full Managed Software Provider of Public Clouds**
— Promote Digital Transformation (DX) in Enterprise and Society —

TOKYO—February 17, 2020—SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX; TSE1: 8739) today announced that its Mirai Creation Fund II (two) —established in July 2018—has executed an investment (the amount is not disclosed) in FIXER Inc. (“FIXER”), a cloud service vendor offering managed software solutions for public clouds. With this round of fundraising, FIXER will accelerate Digital Transformation (DX) by promoting its main product “cloud.config”, which is a full managed service of public clouds, to financial institutions, enterprises and the public sector.

Portfolio Company Outline

FIXER (HQ: Tokyo, Japan/Founder and CEO: Seiichi Matsuoka) was founded in 2009 and offers cloud solutions, including the full managed service cloud.config that manages all aspects of a public cloud service, from implementation and design to 24/7 operations, monitoring and maintenance. Besides FIXER’s expert technical capabilities in cloud solutions, its core technologies have emerged from auto and labor-saving functions which supports today’s rapid expansion of DX including the use of public clouds in various industries such as financial institutions, enterprises, and the public sector. FIXER assists clients to focus on service and application development by providing timely and comprehensive support of their cloud environments. FIXER is a Microsoft certified Azure Expert Managed Service Provider (MSP); only 40 of more than 300,000 global partners have earned this certification.

Mirai Creation Fund I and Mirai Creation Fund II Summaries

The Mirai Creation Fund I began operations in November 2015 with financing of JPY 13.5 billion from three companies: Toyota Motor Corporation, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, and SPARX, the Fund’s general partner. Ultimately, the Fund received contributions from 20 companies, including the above three. Casting intelligent technologies, robotics, and hydrogen-economy technologies as core technologies of the future, Fund I has invested in approximately 50 companies and projects—from the US, the UK, Israel, Singapore, and Japan—that possess innovative technologies in these fields. In H2 2018, SPARX began managing the Mirai Creation Fund II, which targets the three existing Mirai Creation fields along with the two additional areas of electrification and new materials. As of January 31, 2020, the combined AUM for Fund I and Fund II were JPY 109.3 billion.

Mirai Creation Fund investment track record: <https://mirai.sparx.co.jp/en/investment/>

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