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To Whom It May Concern:

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Potential Violation of the Antimonopoly Act by Our Listed Subsidiary

Marubeni Corporation's ("**Marubeni**") listed subsidiary, ARTERIA Networks Corporation ("**ARTERIA**"), announced today that it has been recognized that ARTERIA and ARTERIA's subsidiary TSUNAGU NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS INC. ("**TNC**") may potentially have violated the Act on Prohibition of Private Monopolization and Maintenance of Fair Trade (the "**Antimonopoly Act**"). ARTERIA and TNC may have arranged with competitors of TNC such that (i) each party would not engage in proactive efforts to convince the other party's customers to switch to its service, and (ii) ARTERIA and TNC would, in certain areas, refrain from competing with certain competitors of TNC, who have a business relationship with ARTERIA ((i) or (ii) hereinafter referred to as the "Conduct").

ARTERIA was newly listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (the "**Listing**") on December 12, 2018, and as a result of the sales of ARTERIA's common stock, held by the shareholders other than Marubeni, through the offering associated with the Listing, Marubeni became the parent company of ARTERIA. Additionally, without realizing the situation described above, Marubeni purchased after the Listing one unit (100 shares) of ARTERIA's common stock on the market for the purpose of holding majority voting rights in ARTERIA.

It is truly regrettable that this situation has occurred with ARTERIA, which became a subsidiary of Marubeni at the time of the Listing, and as the parent company of ARTERIA, Marubeni takes the situation seriously.

In order to clarify the management responsibilities, ARTERIA today announced the resignation of the person who had served as ARTERIA's President and CEO and that ARTERIA will reorganize the management structure, enhance awareness of compliance, and take measures necessary to prevent similar occurrences in the future. In addition, ARTERIA announced that, based on internal regulations, they will take strict disciplinary action against directors and employees who are determined to have been involved in this incident.

At the same time, ARTERIA resolved that Koji Kabumoto, who was a part-time member of ARTERIA's Board, would be appointed as ARTERIA's President and CEO at the meeting of ARTERIA's Board of Directors today. Additionally, Koji Kabumoto will step down as Marubeni's Chief Operating Officer, ICT & Real Estate Business Div., and Executive Officer today.

(NOTE)

Please refer to ARTERIA's timely disclosure below regarding the reoccurrence prevention measures and other actions to be instituted by ARTERIA.

<https://www.arteria-net.com/uploads/en/20190416-02.pdf>

(“Potential Violation of the Antimonopoly Act”, April 16, 2019)

Marubeni will cooperate with ARTERIA and play an active role in ensuring compliance awareness and preventing reoccurrence at ARTERIA. Additionally, with this opportunity, Marubeni will further strengthen the corporate governance of Marubeni's group.