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[Translation]



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(Amendment) Notice regarding Amendment to “Announcement of Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares in CAREER BANK CO., LTD. (Securities Code: 4834)”

As announced in “Announcement of Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares in CAREER BANK CO., LTD. (Securities Code: 4834)” dated March 3, 2026 (the “Press Release Dated March 3, 2026”), North Pacific Bank, Ltd. (the “Tender Offeror”) commenced the tender offer for all of the common shares of CAREER BANK CO., LTD. (the “Target Company Shares”) (listed on the Main Board of the Securities Membership Corporation Sapporo Securities Exchange (the “Sapporo Securities Exchange”), Securities Code: 4834; the “Target Company”) (excluding the Target Company Shares owned by the Tender Offeror; the same applies hereinafter) under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended; the “Act”) (the “Tender Offer”) on March 4, 2026.

On March 5, 2026, the Tender Offeror obtained the authorization under the proviso to Article 11, Paragraph 1 of the Act on Prohibition of Private Monopolization and Maintenance of Fair Trade (Act No. 54 of 1947, as amended; the “Anti-Monopoly Act”) from the Fair Trade Commission, and on March 5, 2026, the Tender Offeror obtained the authorization under Article 16-2, Paragraph 4 of the Banking Act (Act No. 59 of 1981; as amended) from the Commissioner of the Financial Services Agency, respectively. In addition, it emerged that the Heirs owned additional Target Shares other than the Shares Agreed to Be Tendered by Heirs. In connection with these, the Tender Offeror is required to amend a portion of the matters stated in the Tender Offer Registration Statement in relation to the Tender Offer filed on March 4, 2026 as well as the Public Notice of Commencement of the Tender Offer dated March 4, 2026, which is an attachment to the Tender Offer Registration Statement (the “Public Notice of Commencement of the Tender Offer”). Accordingly, in order to amend the Tender Offer Registration Statement and to add and modify related attachments to such amendment, the Tender Offeror today filed an Amendment Registration Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement with the Kanto Local Finance Bureau pursuant to the provision of Article 27-8, Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Act.

The Tender Offeror hereby announces that, in connection therewith, it has amended a portion of the contents of the Press Release Dated March 3, 2026 and the Public Notice of Commencement of the Tender Offer as described below.

Amendments are underlined

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A. Details of Amendments to Press Release Dated March 3, 2026

1. Purpose of the Tender Offer

(1) Outline of the Tender Offer

(Before amendment)

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In connection with the Tender Offer, the Tender Offeror entered into the tender agreements on March 3, 2026 with the following heirs of the late Mr. Yoshio Sato, former President and Representative Director of the Target Company, who owned 386,700 shares of the Target Company Shares (ownership ratio: 38.94%) and was the Target Company's largest shareholder (as of November 30, 2025; the same applies hereinafter to the ranking of shareholders), according to the Target Company's shareholder register dated November 30, 2025, and who passed away on October 16, 2025 (the "late Mr. Sato"): Ms. Kazuko Sato (number of shares owned: 154,680 shares, ownership ratio: 15.58%), Mr. Yoshihiro Sato (number of shares owned: 116,010 shares, ownership ratio: 11.68%), and Ms. Mai Sato (number of shares owned: 116,010 shares, ownership ratio: 11.68%) (Ms. Kazuko Sato, Mr. Yoshihiro Sato and Ms. Mai Sato are collectively referred to as the "Heirs"), pursuant to which the Heirs will tender the Target Company Shares they own (386,700 shares in total, ownership ratio: 38.94%; the "Shares Agreed to Be Tendered by Heirs") in the Tender Offer (the "Tender Agreements with Heirs"). Furthermore, the Tender Offeror entered into tender agreements on March 3, 2026 with the following shareholders: SGC Corporation, the second largest shareholder of the Target Company (Note 2) and an asset management company of the late Mr. Sato (number of shares owned: 103,900 shares, ownership ratio: 10.46%) and SATO-INVESTMENT Co., Ltd., the fourth largest shareholder of the Target Company and an asset management company of the late Mr. Sato (number of shares owned: 36,800 shares, ownership ratio: 3.71%; together with SGC Corporation, the "Other Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares", and the Heirs and the Other Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares are collectively referred to as the "Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares"), pursuant to which the Other Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares shall tender the Target Company Shares they own (140,700 shares in total, ownership ratio: 14.17%; the "Other Shares Agreed to Be Tendered", and the Shares Agreed to Be Tendered by Heirs and the Other Shares Agreed to be Tendered are collectively referred to as the "Shares Agreed to Be Tendered" (527,400 shares in total, ownership ratio: 53.11%)) in the Tender Offer (the "Other Tender Agreements", and the Tender Agreements with Heirs and the Other Tender Agreements are collectively referred to as the "Tender Agreements"). For details regarding the Tender Agreements, please see "(6) Important Agreements Related to the Tender Offer" below.

(Note 2) The ranking of the Target Company's shareholders is based on the number of shares stated in "(5) Status of Major Shareholders" in "1. Status of Shares, etc." of "3. Status of the Submitting Company" under "Part I: CORPORATE INFORMATION" of the Target Company's Semi-Annual Securities Report.

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(After amendment)

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(6) Matters concerning Material Agreements Related to the Tender Offer

(i) Tender Agreements
(Before amendment)

As described in “(1) Outline of the Tender Offer” above, in connection with the implementation of the Tender Offer, the Tender Offeror entered into the Tender Agreements with each of the Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares on March 3, 2026, containing the following provisions, pursuant to which, each of the Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares agreed to tender all of the Target Company Shares they own (527,400 shares in total, ownership ratio: 53.11%) in the Tender Offer and agreed not to withdraw their tenders.

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(After amendment)

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(9) Other Conditions and Methods for Purchase

(ii) Conditions of Withdrawal, etc. of the Tender Offer, Details Thereof and Method of Disclosure of Withdrawal, etc.

(Before amendment)

<The beginning omitted>

In the event that, by the day immediately prior to the last day of the Tender Offer Period, the Tender Offeror fails to obtain either: (i) authorization from the Fair Trade Commission pursuant to the proviso to Article 11, Paragraph 1 of the Act on Prohibition of Private Monopolization and Maintenance of Fair Trade (Act No. 54 of 1947, as amended; the “Anti-Monopoly Act”) (“Authorization (i)”) (Note: As the Tender Offeror is a bank as defined in Article 2, Paragraph 1 of the Banking Act (Act No. 59 of 1981, as amended; the “Banking Act”) and a company engaged in banking business as defined in Paragraph 2 of the same Article, the acquisition of the Target Company Shares through the Tender Offer (the “Acquisition of Shares”), which would result in the Tender Offeror acquiring voting rights in the Target Company exceeding 5/100 of the voting rights of all shareholders, requires the Tender Offeror to obtain prior authorization from the Fair Trade Commission for the Acquisition of Shares pursuant to the proviso to Article 11, Paragraph 1 of the Act on Prohibition of Private Monopolization and Maintenance of Fair Trade (Act No. 54 of 1947, as amended); or (ii) authorization from the Commissioner of the Financial Services Agency pursuant to Article 16-2, Paragraph 4 of the Banking Act (“Authorization (ii)”) (Note: The Tender Offeror is a bank as defined in Article 2, Paragraph 1 of the Banking Act. The Target Company and its subsidiaries, Japan Language CO., LTD. and Sales Outsourcing Co., Ltd., fall under the category of “bank-associated company for advanced business” (Article 16-2, Paragraph 1, Item 15 of the same Act). As a result of the Acquisition of Shares, the Target Company will become a subsidiary of the Tender Offeror as defined in Article 2, Paragraph 8 of the Banking Act. The Tender Offeror, either alone or together with its subsidiaries (meaning subsidiaries as defined in Article 2, Paragraph 8 of the Banking Act), will acquire voting rights exceeding the reference voting rights threshold (meaning the number of voting rights obtained by multiplying 5/100 of the voting rights of all shareholders, as defined in Article 16-4, Paragraph 1 of the same Act). Therefore, pursuant to Article 16-2, Paragraph 4 of the same Act, the Tender Offeror must obtain prior authorization from the Commissioner of the Financial Services Agency for the Acquisition of Shares.), or if Authorization (i) or Authorization (ii) is obtained but conditions

(meaning conditions set forth in Article 54 of the Banking Act) are attached to Authorization (i) or Authorization (ii) that the Tender Offeror cannot agree to, or if Authorization (i) or Authorization (ii) is rescinded or withdrawn by the day immediately prior to the last day of the Tender Offer Period, the Tender Offer may be withdrawn, etc., as events specified in Article 14, Paragraph 1, Item 4 of the Enforcement Order occur.

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(After amendment)

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B. Amendment to the Public Notice of Commencement of the Tender Offer

1. Purpose of the Tender Offer

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[Solicitation Regulations]

This press release is intended to announce the Tender Offer to the public and was not prepared for the purpose of soliciting an offer to sell shares. If shareholders wish to make an offer to sell their shares, they should first read the tender offer explanation statement concerning the Tender Offer and make an offer to sell their shares at their own discretion. This press release is not and does not constitute a part of an offer or a solicitation to sell or a solicitation to offer to purchase any securities, and this press release (or any part of this press release) or its distribution shall not be interpreted to constitute the basis of any agreement in relation to the Tender Offer and may not be relied upon at the time of entering into any such agreement.

[Forward-Looking Statements]

This press release contains the prospect regarding the schedule and conditions of the Tender Offer, as well as the prospect of business development based on the opinions of the Tender Offeror in the event that the Tender Offeror acquires the Target Company Shares. The actual results may materially differ from the expectations of the Tender Offeror due to numerous factors.

[Restriction Related to the United States]

The Tender Offer is not and will not be directly or indirectly made in or to the United States by using the U.S. postal service or any other means or instruments of interstate or foreign commerce (including, but not limited to, telephone, telex, facsimile, e-mail and internet communication) or through any facilities of a securities exchange in the United States. No one may tender shares in the Tender Offer by any of the means or instruments above, through any of the facilities above or from the United States. In addition, the press releases on the Tender Offer or other related documents are not and may not be sent or delivered by the postal service or any other means in, to or from the United States. Any tender of shares in the Tender Offer that directly or indirectly breaches any of the restrictions above may not be accepted.

No solicitation for the purchase of securities or their equivalents may be made to U.S. residents or in the United States, and no securities or their equivalents may be sent to the Tender Offeror from U.S. residents or from the United States.

[Other Countries]

The announcement, issuance or distribution of this press release may be legally restricted in some countries or territories. In such case, shareholders should be aware of and comply with such restrictions. The announcement, issuance or distribution of this press release shall not be interpreted as an offer to purchase or a solicitation of an offer to sell the share certificates in connection with the Tender Offer, but simply be interpreted as a distribution of information.