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Release of US dollar based index values for Russell/Nomura Japan Indexes

Russell Investment Group and the Financial & Economic Research Center of Nomura Securities will begin

calculating the Russell/Nomura Japan Index in US dollars. The new index should provide overseas

investors with a useful tool to understand the Japanese equity market. The index is scheduled to be

launched in July. Calculation methodology is shown below.

Definition of the Indexes

(1) Calculation

Dollar-based indexes are calculated according to the following definition. Both capital and total returns

will be provided.

Dollar-based index value: <u>Index value in Japanese yen × Exchange rate of the base date of each index</u>

Exchange Rate

(Please refer to the rule book for the base date of each index.)

(2) Exchange rate

The indexes will be calculated using the official mid rate published by the Bank of Japan each day at 5:00

pm.(JST)

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