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JAIC Establishes Management Company for Tianjin Fund (RMB Fund)

Japan Asia Investment Co., Ltd. (headquartered at Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, represented by Moriyoshi Matsumoto Representative Director, hereinafter “JAIC”) announced today that JAIC has established an investment management company (hereinafter the “Management Company”) in China, jointly with China Binhai New Area Venture Capital Guiding Fund Co., Ltd.(headquartered at Tianjin, China, represented by Xu Hongzhi, Chairman, hereinafter “Tianjin FoFs”) for managing the “Tianjin Fund,” an investment fund denominated in Renminbi that invests in companies mainly engaged in environmental technology-related businesses.

Beside JAIC and Tianjin FoFs, Tianjin Eco-City Investment and Development Co., Ltd. (hereinafter “Tianjin Eco-City”), will also invest in the Tianjin Fund. Tianjin Eco-City is a Chinese consortium company established as part of the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Project, the first Chinese national-level big environmental urban development project implemented in Binhai New Area, Tianjin.

1. Outline of Tianjin Fund (not finalized yet)

Name	Japan-Asia (Tianjin) Venture Capital Investment Enterprise
Scheme of the fund	A Sino-Foreign Non-Legal Person Venture Capital Enterprise formed under The Measures of Administration of Foreign-Invested Venture Capital Enterprises of the PRC
Fund management company	Japan-Asia (Tianjin) Venture Investment Management Co., Ltd.
Investors	JAIC, Tianjin FoFs, Tianjin Eco-City and others
Fund total	RMB 120 million (At the first closing. Targeted to increase to RMB 800 million)
Main investment target	Mainly in companies at growth stage in Tianjin, China, including those engaged in environmental technology-related businesses and other promising businesses in Binhai New Area

2. Outline of the Management Company

Name	Japan-Asia (Tianjin) Venture Investment Management Co., Ltd.
Location	Tianjin Eco-City, Binhai New Area, Tianjin, the PRC
Business	Operation and management of the Tianjin Fund
Share Capital	RMB 2 million
Shareholdings	JAIC 70% Tianjin FoFs 30%

3. Background of Establishment of the Tianjin Fund

Tianjin is one of the cities directly controlled by the national government of China and has been experiencing rapid economic growth recently. In the Binhai New Area, facing the Bo Hai Bay, so-called “the third national development project” has been progressing, following projects in Putong Area (Shanghai) and Shenzhen Special Economic Zone.

The government of Tianjin City sets the goal, as its main policy for the Binhai New Area development strategy, to realize recycling-oriented economic system and add high values to the industries. Tianjin FoFs, established with investments by government-funded companies, has promoted development of environment-related industries and other industries and introduction of advanced technologies, through management of joint investment funds with foreign companies.

The JAIC Group has investment experience of more than ten years in Greater China region, with its investment business bases in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Shanghai, Beijing and Shenyang. It has abundant investment experience in environmental protection and energy businesses in Japan and Asia.

The Tianjin Fund will be jointly established and operated by Tianjin FoFs and the JAIC Group, as a Japan-China joint project. By making the best use of the support from the Tianjin City government and the JAIC Group’s know-how on investment in Greater China region and in the environmental technology-related businesses, the Fund will support companies at the growth stage engaged in environmental technology-related and other promising businesses in the Binhai New Area, while pursuing the improvement of the Fund’s performance.

4. China Binhai New Area Venture Capital Guiding Fund Co., Ltd. (Tianjin FoFs)

China Binhai New Area Venture Capital Guiding Fund Co., Ltd. (Tianjin FoFs) is a fund of funds established in March 2008, of which shares held by Binhai New Area Construction and Investment Group Co., Ltd. and Binhai New Area Technology and Investment Co., Ltd., both Chinese government-funded companies, with the aim to promote venture capital investments, growth of small- and medium-size companies and development of science technologies in the Binhai Area, Tianjin.

URL: <http://www.binhaifof.cn/>

5. Tianjin Eco-City Investment and Development Co., Ltd. (Tianjin Eco-City)

Tianjin Eco-City Investment and Development Co., Ltd. (Tianjin Eco-City) is a Chinese consortium company established by six Chinese government-funded companies, as part of a joint project between China and Singapore. The Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Project is a joint project between China and Singapore and is the first national-level big environmental urban development project in China, with the concept of establishing an environmental, energy-saving and recycling-oriented society in the development area of Binhai New Area extending approx. 30km². The Tianjin Eco-City is a pioneer project for environmental urban development in China, expected to become a model case for the future environmental urban development projects in other areas in China.

URL: Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Project <http://www.eco-city.gov.cn/>

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