

FRONTEO Announces Capital Increase of Consolidated Subsidiary

TOKYO, Jan. 31, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- FRONTEO, Inc. (NASDAQ:FTEO) (TSE:2158) ("FRONTEO" or the "Company"), a leading provider of international litigation support and big-data analysis services, today announced that a resolution was passed at the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on January 31, 2017 that its consolidated subsidiary FRONTEO Healthcare, Inc. ("FRONTEO Healthcare") will increase its capital through third-party allotment underwritten entirely by FRONTEO. As a result, the capital of FRONTEO Healthcare will become greater than 10% of the capital of FRONTEO, rendering it a specified subsidiary of FRONTEO.

1. Reason for underwriting of capital increase

FRONTEO Healthcare engages in research and development of artificial intelligence ("AI") systems utilizing the AI engine "KIBIT" uniquely developed by the FRONTEO group and enhancement of service systems, to contribute to improving the quality of medical and nursing services. In order to further expand its business in the future, FRONTEO Healthcare resolved a capital increase for the purpose of strengthening its capital and financial base, and FRONTEO resolved to underwrite it.

2. Outline of the consolidated subsidiary whose capital will be increased

(1) Designation	FRONTEO Healthcare, In	FRONTEO Healthcare, Inc.		
(2) Location	2-12-23, Kounan, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-0075 Japan			
(3) Title and name of representative	Chief Executive Officer Naritomo Ikeue			
	Clinical trial information analysis support service Data analysis service to improve the in-hospital environment Pharmacovigilance service Health care information services			
(4) Business contents	Other healthcare-related information analysis businesses			
(5) Capital amount	¥27,000,000			
(6) Date of foundation	April 16, 2015			
	FRONTEO, Inc.	89.2%		
(7) Major shareholders and shareholding ratios	Four individual shareholders	10.8%		
	Capital relations	Currently FRONTEO holds 89.2% of voting rights, but this capital increase will result in FRONTEO holding 99.3% of voting rights.		
	Personnel relations	Director and Vice President of FRONTEO concurrently holds the office of CEO of FRONTEO Healthcare. Additionally, two Directors of FRONTEO concurrently hold the offices of Officers of the subsidiary.		
(8) Relationship with FRONTEO	Business relations	FRONTEO is entrusted by FRONTEO Healthcare on management operations and business of customer development support etc., and also has a licensing agreement with FRONTEO Healthcare		
(9) Settlement day	March 31			

3. Content of payment for capital increase

(1) Amount of payment for capital increase	¥500,000,000 (capital: ¥300,000,000, capital reserve: ¥200,000,000)		
(2) Capital amount after capital increase	¥327,000,000		
(3) Underwriter of capital increase	FRONTEO, Inc.		
(4) Payment due date	February 1, 2017 (planned)		
	FRONTEO, Inc.	99.3%	
(5) Shareholder composition after capital increase	Four individual shareholders	0.7%	

To make the payment for capital increase, part of the funds procured on December 1, 2016 by the issuance of the subscription for the 2nd unsecured bonds with convertible bond type stock acquisition rights by third-party allotment will be allocated. FRONTEO Healthcare will utilize the increased capital paid to promote existing projects relating to the healthcare business. More specifically, the increased capital will be allocated as shown in rows 1), 2) and 3) in the Table "Specific uses

of the amount to be funded" below and also previously announced in the "Notice of the Issuance and the Subscription for the 2nd Unsecured Bonds with Convertible Bond Type Stock Acquisition Rights by Third-Party Allotment" on November 14, 2016.

(Reference) "Specific uses of the amount to be funded"

Specific use	Amount (millions of yen)	Scheduled disbursement timing
1) System development for existing projects relating to the healthcare business	380	December 2016 - November 2019
 Establishment of operation & maintenance systems for existing projects relating to the healthcare business 	70	April 2017 - November 2019
3) Development of sales system for existing projects relating to the healthcare business	50	September 2017 - November 2019
4) New investments into research and development	300	December 2016 - November 2019
5) Tie-up and M&A for accelerating the development of the healthcare business including cultivation of cooperators and capital participation	1,675	December 2016 - November 2019
Total	2,475	

4. Future perspective

Impact of the payment for capital increase above on the consolidated business performance for this term is minor.

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About FRONTEO, Inc.

FRONTEO, Inc. (Nasdaq:FTEO) (TSE:2158) supports the analysis of big data based on behavior informatics by utilizing its technology, "KIBIT". FRONTEO's KIBIT technology is driven by FRONTEO AI based on knowledge acquired through its litigation support services. The KIBIT incorporates experts' tacit knowledge, including their experiences and intuitions, and utilizes that knowledge for big data analysis. FRONTEO continues to expand its business operations by applying KIBIT to new fields such as healthcare and marketing. FRONTEO was founded in 2003 as a provider of e-discovery and international litigation support services. These services include the preservation, investigation and analysis of evidence materials contained in electronic data, and computer forensic investigation. FRONTEO provides e-discovery and litigation support by making full use of its data analysis platform, "Lit i View®", and its Predictive Coding technology adapted to Asian languages.

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