# **⊘UBIC**

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# Notice Regarding UBIC's Additional Acquisition of Shares of UBIC Risk Consulting, Inc. (100% Ownership) and Absorption-Type Merger (by Way of Simplified Merger)

TOKYO, Jan. 22, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- At its meeting held on January 22, 2015, the Board of Directors of UBIC, Inc. (the "Company") resolved to acquire the 20% of the outstanding shares of UBIC Risk Consulting, Inc. ("URC"), Company's consolidated subsidiary, owned by JP Research and Consulting Co., Ltd. ("JP Research"), as described hereunder. As a result of the acquisition, URC will become the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary.

At the same meeting, the Board of Directors of the Company resolved to merge URC with and into the Company once the acquisition of JP Research's minority interest is completed, as described hereunder.

Since this merger is a simplified merger of its wholly-owned consolidated subsidiary into the parent, certain disclosure items and details have been omitted.

# Particulars

1. Reasons for UBIC's Acquisition of JP Research's Equity Stake in URC and Purpose of Merger

The Company's consolidated subsidiary URC was established in April 2011 with the Company owning 80% of the shares of URC and JP Research owning the remaining 20%, for the purpose of expanding digital forensic services. Since then, forensic services have been expanding at a satisfactory pace and last year URC streamlined its business by transferring some operations to the Company, retaining the risk management and research businesses. In order to further increase business efficiency, the Company has agreed with JP Research and URC that the Company will implement the above-described merger, where the Company survives after acquiring 100% ownership of URC.

In addition, the Company has agreed with JP Research that the Company will continue to work together with JP Research in digital forensic services and other related business.

2. Outline of the Acquisition of JP Research Shares of URC

(1) Details of the number and price of acquired shares as well as the status of ownership before and after the acquisition

1) Number of shares owned by UBIC before the acquisition800 shares (ownership ratio: 80%)2) Number of acquired shares200 sharesAcquisition value9,574,000 yen3) Number of shares owned by UBIC after the acquisition1,000 shares (ownership ratio: 100%)(2) Date of share acquisitionFebruary 27, 2015

#### 3. Outline of the Merger

(1) Schedule	
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Resolution of the Board of Directors of UBIC	January 22, 2015
Signing of the merger agreement	January 22, 2015
Scheduled date of the merger (effective date)	March 12, 2015

- Since this merger is a simplified merger (*kan-i-gappei*) under Article 796, Paragraph 3 of the Companies Act for the Company, and a short-form merger (*ryakushiki gappei*) under Article 784, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act for URC, a general meeting of shareholders for approval of the merger agreement is not required and will not be held at either company.
- This merger will come into force on the condition that the Company has acquired all issued shares of URC.

#### (2) Method of the merger

A merger with the Company as the surviving company and URC being dissolved.

(3) Details of allotment related to the merger

Since URC will have become a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company prior to the merger, there will be no issuance of new Company shares, capital increase or cash payment at the Company as a result of the merger.

(4) Handling of share subscription rights and bonds with share subscription rights of the dissolving company

URC has not issued share subscription rights or bonds with share subscription rights.

4. Outline of Companies Involved in the Merger (as of December 31, 2014)

	Surviving company	Dissolving company
(1) Company name	UBIC, Inc.	UBIC Risk Consulting, Inc.
(2) Location of Head Office	2-12-23 Konan, Minato-ku, Tokyo	2-12-23 Konan, Minato-ku, Tokyo
(3) Name of Representative	Masahiro Morimoto	Keisuke Furuno
(4) Line of business	E-discovery, legal/compliance professional services	Sales, import and export of forensic products
(5) Capital	JPY 1,673,158 thousand	JPY 10,000,000
(6) Established	August 8, 2003	April 12, 2011
(7) Number of shares issued	35,411,360 shares	1,000 shares
(8) Fiscal year end	March 31	March 31
(9) Major shareholders and ownership ratio (as of September 30, 2014)	Masahiro Morimoto 19.54%	UBIC, Inc. 80% JP Research and Consulting Co.
	Focus Systems Co., Ltd. 8.42% Naritomo Ikeue 7.68%	Ltd. 20%
	Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account) 5.45%	
	Japan Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account) 2.44%	
	Nomura Securities Co., Ltd. 2.25%	
	Japan Securities Finance Co., Ltd.	
	2.01%	
	Junichi Hayashi 1.69%	
	Tadahiro Kanbayashi 1.21%	
	SBI Securities Co., Ltd. 1.17%	
(10) Financial position and business results for the most recent fiscal year (as of March 31, 2014)		
1) Net assets	JPY 3,419,213 thousand	JPY 47,500 thousand
2) Total assets	JPY 4,756,257 thousand	JPY 52,114 thousand
3) Net sales	JPY 2,665,496 thousand	JPY 81,418 thousand
4) Operating income or loss	- JPY 405,095 thousand	JPY 8,816 thousand
5) Ordinary income or loss	- JPY 597,914 thousand	JPY 12,210 thousand
6) Net income or loss	- JPY 603,333 thousand	JPY 8,993 thousand
7) Net assets per share	JPY 93.65	JPY 47,500.66
8) Net income or loss per share	- JPY 17.71 yen	JPY 8,993.79

#### 5. Status after the Merger

After the merger, there will be no change in company name, location of head office, name and title of representative, line of business, capital or fiscal year-end of the Company.

# 6. Future Outlook

Since this is a merger with the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, the impact of the merger on the Company's consolidated business results will be minor.

# About UBIC

UBIC, Inc. (Nasdaq:UBIC) (TSE:2158) is a leading provider of e-discovery and digital forensic services for Asia and the world. UBIC has extensive experience working with electronically stored information composed in Chinese, Japanese and Korean (CJK) languages and utilizes that expertise for clients involved in cross-border litigation, corporate investigations, intellectual property disputes and much more. At the forefront of e-discovery innovation, UBIC's proprietary Lit i View® platform is moving the industry from "fact discovery" to "future discovery" by allowing clients to analyze e-mail messages and digital communications found in big data to reveal patterns in human thought and behavior.

For more information about UBIC, contact <u>usinfo@ubicna.com</u> or visit <u>http://www.ubicna.com</u>.

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