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To whom it may concern

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Press Conference by ASKUL Corporation Held Today (July 18, 2019)

Yahoo Japan Corporation (the “Company”) hereby notifies the following on the press conference by ASKUL Corporation (“ASKUL”) held today (July 18, 2019).

■Exercise of the Company’s shareholder right

•The Company is considering to exercise its shareholder right for the early recovery of ASKUL’s performance, which has stagnated for several years. Therefore, the Company does not have any special intention towards ASKUL’s individual businesses.

■Transfer of LOHACO business to the Company

•The Company will continue its policy of not requesting the transfer of LOHACO business.

•As President Iwata stated in the press conference, outside director Mr. Koji Imaizumi pointed out numerous times in ASKUL’s Board of Directors meetings that ASKUL should consider terminating or transferring the LOHACO business since the losses of LOHACO business is affecting the stagnation of ASKUL’s business result. The Company has only asked if ASKUL intends to transfer the business in the first place. ASKUL replied that it has no such intention, thus the Company will continue its policy of not requesting the transfer of LOHACO business.

•The Company judges that it is best that LOHACO business continues to be operated under ASKUL. We will continue to cooperate to the utmost to achieve profitability in the LOHACO business and for the recovery of ASKUL’s performance. We also intend to maintain the business alliance on LOHACO business.

■Transfer of ASKUL’S shares

•The Company has no plan of transferring ASKUL’s shares, nor has it received a demand for sale from ASKUL.

■Successor to President Iwata

•As announced by the Company on July 17, 2019*, the Company plans to exercise its voting rights against the reappointment of President Iwata in proposal 2 “Election of Directors”, in the 56th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of ASKUL Corporation

scheduled to be held on August 2, 2019.

- If President Iwata's reappointment is rejected, the Company views that the new President and CEO should be resolved by ASKUL's Board of Directors, and the Company has no intention of dispatching a President.

■ Review of business and capital alliance

- The Company thinks it unnecessary to hold discussion on the review of the business and capital alliance.

- If the proposal on President Iwata's reappointment as director is rejected in ASKUL's 56th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company, as ASKUL's largest shareholder, will respect ASKUL and its new management's opinions from the viewpoint that it is important that ASKUL's independence as a listed company continues to be secured. Moving on, the Company will cooperate to the utmost so that ASKUL can promptly pursue its measures to improve its mid- to long-term corporate value and to maximize the common interest of its shareholders.

*https://file.swcms.net/file/sw4689/en/ir/news/news5253465997672989484/main/0/link/20190717_a.pdf

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