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Press Release

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Appointment of Temporary Accounting Auditor

TonenGeneral Sekiyu announces its decision, reached at the Board of Statutory Auditors meeting held on August 22, 2006 and based on Article 346, Sections 4 and 6 of the Company Law, to appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers Aarata as temporary accounting auditor.

1. Reason for appointment of temporary accounting auditor

ChuoAoyama Audit Corporation, which had served as accounting auditor for the Company, received an order dated May 10, 2006 from the Financial Services Agency to suspend operations for the 2-month period from July 1 to August 31, 2006. As a result, ChuoAoyama served formal notice of resignation.

PricewaterhouseCoopers Aarata, a member firm of the global network of PriceWaterhouseCoopers, which conducts audit operations worldwide, was deemed appropriate as a temporary accounting auditor for TG.

2. Company name and address of temporary accounting auditor

Company name: PricewaterhouseCoopers Aarata
Office location: 5-37-8 Minato-ku Shiba Tokyo

3. Date effective:

September 1, 2006