

## **Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG)**

### **Business suspension of Global Open Network Japan, Inc.**

**Tokyo, February 22, 2022** --- Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (“MUFG”) today announced that it has begun preparing to suspend the operations of Global Open Network Japan, Inc. (“GO-NET Japan”), a subsidiary of Global Open Network, Inc. (“GO-NET”) which was jointly established by MUFG and Akamai Technologies, Inc. (“Akamai”).

#### **1. Reasons for business suspension**

GO-NET Japan was established in April 2019 with the aim of providing an open platform with high scalability and multi-connectivity data processing in response to the rise of IoT and has launched its primary business in April 2021.

However, in the payments business, the recent hard business environment, i.e. slow growth of payment transaction numbers caused by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors, made it difficult to develop its business on the scale originally anticipated. In addition, in the IoT business, which GO-NET Japan had planned to expand in future, it struggled to find a fit to the growing market needs with its high scalability and multi-connectivity data processing blockchain, and commercialization of the product is expected to take longer than anticipated. As a result, the business is not expected to be able to achieve profitability in a reasonable timeframe, and it was concluded that it would be desirable to suspend its operations.

#### **2. Future plans**

After coordinating with clients and partners, GO-NET Japan will suspend operations and liquidation procedures of GO-NET and GO-NET Japan will proceed thereafter.

#### **3. Impact on financial results**

This matter is not expected to have any material impact on MUFG’s financial results for the current fiscal year.

#### **4. MUFG’s digital strategy**

MUFG will continue to accelerate digital transformation as a core strategy to achieve the goal of becoming a “leading business partner that pioneers the future with financial and digital capabilities.” MUFG is discussing further opportunities of collaboration with Akamai and seeking to drive momentum in open innovation through alliances with global business partners and by utilizing the latest technologies based on experience from the GO-NET project.

## 5. Overview of GO-NET and GO-NET Japan

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| Name           | Global Open Network, Inc.  | Global Open Network Japan, Inc.                  |
| Address        | 13-12, Nihombashi 2-Chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan                                     | 13-12, Nihombashi 2-Chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan |
| Representative | Masakazu Osawa   | Shinji Tokunaga                                  |
| Shareholders   | MUFG 80%<br>Akamai Technologies, Inc. 11%<br>Akamai Technologies International AG 9% | Global Open Network, Inc. 100%                   |
| Business       | Business administration of GO-NET  | Provision of payment network services in Japan   |

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