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To whom it may concern

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Progress Status Based on the Plan to Meet the Continued Listing Requirements

Nishimoto Co., Ltd. (the “Company”) submitted a plan to meet the continued listing requirements of the Prime Market on December 27, 2021 and has disclosed its content.

The progress status of the plan as of the end of December 2023 is as follows:

1. Change in the status of the Company’s compliance with the continued listing requirements and the target period:

The table below shows the status of the Company’s compliance with the continued listing requirements of the Prime Market as of the end of December 2023, including any change thereof.

As shown in the table, the Company does not meet the requirements for the tradable share ratio, and will continue to take various measures to meet the continued listing requirements by December 2025.

		No. of Shareholders	No. of Tradable Shares (Units)	Tradable Share Market Cap	Tradable Share Ratio	Average Daily Trading Value
The Company’s Status and Change Thereof	As of June 30, 2021 (Record date for transition)* ¹	4,907	38,488	JPY 10.76 billion	26.8%	JPY 0.028 billion
	December 31, 2023* ^{1,2}	6,834	38,047	JPY 21.71 billion	26.5%	JPY 0.159 billion
Requirements for Continued Listing		800	20,000	JPY 10.0 billion	35%	JPY 0.02 billion
Target Period		–	–	–	End of December 2025	–
Compliance		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

*¹ The Company’s compliance status as of each record date is calculated based on information on the distribution of ownership of share certificates of the Company and other relevant information available to Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. (the “TSE”) as of the respective record date.

*² The average daily trading volume shown in this row is based on the “Status of Compliance with Requirements for Continued Listing (Trading Volume Requirements),” a notice received from the TSE on January 11, 2024.

2. Status and evaluation of measures that have been taken to meet the requirements for continued listing:

The Company established a basic policy, and identified issues and measures to be taken to meet the requirements for continued listing on the Prime Market, in the “Application to Select the Prime Market in New Market Segments and Submission of a Plan to Meet the Requirements for Continued Listing” announced on December 27, 2021 (the “Initial Plan”). Based on the policy, the Company has diligently implemented the following measures to further enhance its corporate value during the fiscal year ended December 2023.

Announcement of the Medium-Term Business Plan

In October 2023, the Company announced its Medium-Term Business Plan (2024 to 2026), starting with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 and concluding with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026. By promoting the business strategies and measures outlined in this plan, the Company will accelerate its growth toward further progress and evolution, centering on its mainstay Asian Food Global Business.

Promotion of IR activities and reinforcement of corporate governance

To increase awareness of the Company and its business, promote understanding of its growth strategy, and increase the activity and liquidity of trading of the Company's shares, it has made endeavors to enhance its investor relations activities by actively holding investor meetings and such. In addition, as the scale of the Group's business expands due to an increase in the number of consolidated subsidiaries overseas and other factors, the Company has been actively enhancing its corporate governance system in order to meet the discipline and social mission required of a company listed on the Prime Market.

In terms of business performance, consolidated net sales, operating income, and ordinary income for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 reached respective record highs of 300.8 billion yen, 11.0 billion yen, and 12.5 billion yen, all of which represent increases from the previous fiscal year for the third consecutive year. Against the backdrop of these strong financial results and the announcement of the aforementioned medium-term management plan, investor relations activities, including investor meetings, have gained momentum, and the number of shareholders, market capitalization of shares in circulation, and average daily trading value as of the end of December 2023 have all increased significantly from the record date for transition.

In addition, since the end of December 2023, the following announcements have been made regarding the Company's shares, and the progress towards the improvement of the tradable share ratio have been affirmed.

Reduction of the investment unit through a stock split

Since the announcement of the above-mentioned medium-term management plan, the investment unit of the Company's shares has remained above 500,000 yen, a reference level set by the exchange. Furthermore, in order to increase the liquidity of the Company's shares and expand the investor base, the Company announced that it would conduct a three-for-one stock split for each share of common stock held by shareholders as of June 30, 2024, the record date.

Change (decrease) in the shareholding ratios of major shareholders

As part of initiatives to improve the ratio of tradable shares, which is a nonconforming item, the Company has placed a request with its major shareholders, both corporate and individual, to relinquish a portion of the Company's shares that they hold. On March 8, 2024, a large-shareholding report was submitted by Yoshiro Susaki, a major individual shareholder, and the Company confirmed that 300,000 of the shares held by Mr. Susaki had been sold to Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. on March 1, 2024. This volume of shares corresponds to 2.09% of the total 14,353,140 shares issued by the Company (as of December 31, 2023, including treasury stock).

3. Issues and measures to be taken going forward

Achieving a tradable share ratio of 35% or more continues to be a challenge that the Company needs to resolve to maintain its listing on the Prime Market, but as mentioned above, progress is being made towards resolving this nonconformity. The Company will continue to implement measures to achieve sustainable growth and strive to enhance its corporate value over the medium to long term. Furthermore, as stated in its initial plan, the Company will continue discussing the implementation of measures to improve the distribution of shareholdings and the liquidity of shares, aiming to meet the requirements for continued listing by December 2025.