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Announcement regarding Change of Major Shareholder

Please be informed that, the change of a major shareholder of Advantest Corporation (“Advantest”) will occur on November 9, 2017.

1. Reason of the Change:

Today, Fujitsu Limited (“Fujitsu”) expressed that it sold all the Advantest’s shares held by its retirement benefit trust (Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. (retirement benefit trust (Fujitsu account), re-trust trustees, Trust & Custody Services Bank, Ltd.) of which voting rights is exercised pursuant to instructions given by Fujitsu. Therefore, our major shareholder will be changed as follows.

Under the transaction, Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. will become our major shareholder, temporarily. However, the notice is received from Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. that the transaction is not for the purpose of domination of Advantest and Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. will immediately resell the shares which are obtained from the transaction.

2. Date of the change:

November 9, 2017

3. Overview of shareholder subject to planned change:

(i) overview of a shareholder that does not become a major shareholder

(1) Name:	Fujitsu Limited
(2) Address:	4-1-1, Kamikodanaka, Nakahara-ku Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa
(3) Name and Title of representative:	President: Tatsuya Tanaka
(4) Content of business:	The development, manufacture, sales and maintenance of software and products in the field of information and communication technology.
(5) Paid in capital	JPY 324,625 million

(ii) overview of a shareholder that becomes newly major shareholder

(1) Name:	Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.
(2) Address:	Otemachi First Square 1-5-1, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0004, Japan
(3) Name and Title of representative:	President: Tatsufumi Sakai
(4) Content of business:	Financial instrument business
(5) Paid in capital	JPY 125,167 million

4. Number of voting rights held by the shareholder (number of shares held) and its ratio to the total voting rights before and after change:

(i) Fujitsu Ltd.

	Number of voting rights (Number of shares held) (Note1)	% of ratio to the total voting rights (Note 2)	Ranking among shareholders (Note3)
Before change (as of November 6, 2017)	201,426 (20,142,600 shares)	11.35%	Second
After change	0 (0)	0%	

(ii) Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.

	Number of voting rights (Number of shares held) (Note4)	% of ratio to the total voting rights (Note2)	Ranking among shareholders (Note3)
Before change (as of November 6, 2017)	7,402 (740,240 shares)	0.41%	Tenth or less
After change	208,828 (20,882,840 shares)	11.77%	Second

(Note1) - Number of voting rights (Number of shares held) and % of ratio to the total voting rights before change is based on the number of shares held by the retirement benefit trust (Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. (retirement benefit trust (Fujitsu account), re-trust trustees, Trust & Custody Services Bank, Ltd.) of which voting rights is exercised pursuant to instructions given by Fujitsu.

(Note2) - % of ratio to the total voting rights is based on the shareholders list as of September 30, 2017

- Total number of shares issued as of September 30, 2017: 199,566,770
- Number of shares without voting rights deducted from the total number of shares issued: 22,222,670
- Total voting rights: 1,773,441

(Note3) - Ranking among shareholders is estimated based on the shareholders list as of September 30.

(Note4) - Number of voting rights (Number of shares held) includes Advantest shares held by Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. by its own account (740,240 shares). The number is based on the shares as of November 2, 2017.

5. Outlook

There is no impact on our business performance etc. as a result of the sales above. In case Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. will not become a major shareholder due to the sales of the shares which are obtained from the transaction, further announcement will be released.

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