

Nomura Announces Issuance of Stock Acquisition Rights for Stock Option Plan

Tokyo, October 5, 2006—Nomura Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) today announced that its Group Executive Management Committee* has approved the issuance of stock acquisition rights in conjunction with the Company’s stock option plan. The issuance is in accordance with Articles 236, 238 and 239 of the Corporation Law of Japan as well as a resolution passed at the 102nd Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 28, 2006.

The stock acquisition rights will be used as a means of both enhancing performance-based incentives for employees of subsidiaries of the Company, as well as in order to acquire talented personnel.

*The Group Executive Management Committee consists of a number of representative executive officers and, via Board of Directors resolution, decides important business matters including the issuance of stock acquisition rights.

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Details of Stock Acquisition Rights

1. Name of Stock Acquisition Rights

Nomura Holdings, Inc., Stock Acquisition Rights (No.12)

2. Total Number of Stock Acquisition Rights to be Issued

236 stock acquisition rights

3. Number of Stock Acquisition Rights Grantees

Total of 4 employees of the Company's subsidiaries.

(Allocation of Stock Acquisition Rights)

Classification of Grantees	Total Number of Grantees	Allocation Standard of Stock Acquisition Rights Per Head	Total Allocation of Stock Acquisition Rights
Employees of the Company's Subsidiaries	4	36 – 77	236
Total	4	–	236

The number of Stock Acquisition Rights per head is the planned allocation amount. Should the allocated number of stock acquisition rights allocated reduce due to grantees not applying or other reasons, the revised number of Stock Acquisition Rights will be issued.

4. Amount to be Paid in Upon Issuance of Stock Acquisition Rights

No payment shall be required.

5. Allocation Date of Stock Acquisition Rights

October 10, 2006

6. Details of Stock Acquisition Rights

(1) Type / Number of Shares Under Stock Acquisition Rights

The number of shares under a Stock Acquisition Right (the “Number of Shares under a Stock Acquisition Right”) shall be 100 shares of common stock of the Company.

If the shares are split (including allocation without charge of common stock of the Company) or consolidated after the issuance of the Stock Acquisition Rights, the number of shares under the unexercised stock acquisition rights at the time of the stock-split or stock-consolidation shall be adjusted in accordance with the following formula. Any fraction of less than one (1) share resulting from the adjustment shall be disregarded.

$$\text{Adjusted Number of Shares} = \frac{\text{Number of Shares Before Adjustment}}{\text{Ratio of Split or Consolidation}} \times$$

In addition to the above, after the issuance of the stock acquisition rights, in the event of a merger of the Company with another company, a company split or a capital reduction of the Company, or in any other similar event where an adjustment of the number of shares shall be required, the Company may appropriately adjust the number of shares to a reasonable extent.

(2) Value of assets financed upon the exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights

The value of assets to be financed upon the exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be the amount per share to be issued or transferred by the exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights (the “Exercise Price”) multiplied by the Number of Shares under the Stock Acquisition Rights. The Exercise Price shall be one (1) yen.

(3) Exercise Period of Stock Acquisition Rights

From October 11, 2008 to October 10, 2013

(4) Matters Concerning Capital and Capital Reserves that will Increase if Shares are Issued by the Exercise of Stock Acquisition Rights

- 1) The amount by which the capital will increase if shares are issued by the exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights will be half of the amount of the limit on increase of capital, etc. calculated in accordance with Article 40(1) of the Corporate Calculation Rules, and any fraction of less than one (1) yen as a result of calculation shall be rounded up to the nearest yen.
- 2) The amount by which capital reserves will increase if shares are issued by the exercise of the Stock Acquisition Rights shall be the amount of the limit on increase

of capital, etc. as stated in 1) above less the amount of capital to be increased as prescribed in 1) above.

(5) Restriction on the Acquisition of Stock Acquisition Rights by Transfer

Approval by the Board of Directors shall be required for the acquisition of the Stock Acquisition Rights by transfer.

(6) Conditions for the Exercise of Stock Acquisition Rights

- 1) Stock acquisition rights may not be exercised partly.
- 2) The holder of stock acquisition rights (the "Optionee") must satisfy all of the following conditions:
 - i) The Optionee maintains the position of director, executive officer or employee of the Company or a company (hereinafter referred to as the "Company's Subsidiary"), a majority of whose outstanding shares or interests (only limited to those with voting rights) are held directly or indirectly by the Company, during the time between the grant of the stock acquisition rights and the commencement of the Exercise Period. The Optionee is deemed to maintain the position of a director, executive officer or employee of the Company or the Company's Subsidiary in cases where the Optionee loses this position on account of either of the following situations:
 - a) When the Optionee is a director or executive officer of the Company or the Company's Subsidiary: retirement from office on account of the expiration of the Optionee's term of office or other similar reasons; or
 - b) When the Optionee is an employee of the Company or the Company's Subsidiary: retirement due to the attainment of retirement age, transfer by order of the Company or the Company's Subsidiary, retirement mainly due to sickness or injuries arising out of duty, discharge for a compelling business reason, or other similar reasons.
 - ii) The Optionee, at the commencement of the Exercise Period, does not fall within either of the following categories:
 - a) The Company or the Company's Subsidiary determines in accordance with their Employment Regulations to dismiss the Optionee by suggestion or disciplinary procedures; or
 - b) There is any other reason similar to a).
- 3) Regarding successors of the Optionee, the Optionee must have satisfied both conditions in 2. i) and ii) above immediately prior to the occurrence of succession.

(7) Events for Acquisition of Stock Acquisition Rights

When the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders approves a merger agreement in which the Company is to be the extinguished company or a share exchange agreement or share transfer proposal in which the Company is to become a wholly owned subsidiary, the Company may acquire the stock acquisition rights for no value

on a day separately determined by the Board of Directors of the Company or an executive officer designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

- (8) Any fractions of less than one (1) share out of the shares to be issued or transferred to a person owning the stock acquisition rights who has exercised stock acquisition rights shall be disregarded.