

## Nomura Exits US Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Business

**Tokyo, October 15, 2007**—Nomura Holdings, Inc. today announced its exit from the US residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) market.

During the second quarter the company moved aggressively to reduce its US Residential Mortgage exposure from ¥266bn (US\$2.3bn)<sup>1</sup> to approximately ¥48.0bn (US\$409m). Nomura's remaining Residential Mortgage exposure now stand at just ¥14.0bn (US\$119m), about ¥100m (US\$1m) of which is subprime related.

Nomura's exit from the RMBS business is part of an ongoing reorganization of the group's US operations. As part of this reorganization, Nomura expects to cut regional headcount from about 1,300 at the end of March to about 900, and to reduce annual expenses by approximately ¥25bn (US\$213m).

The restructuring will result in a total charge of about ¥15bn (US\$128m). Of this, approximately ¥10bn (US\$85m) will be booked in the second quarter on top of losses from the RMBS business of around ¥73bn (US\$621m). As a result, Nomura expects to post a consolidated pre-tax loss in the second quarter of around ¥40bn-¥60bn (US\$340m – US\$511m).

“Nomura has faced challenges in the US residential mortgage-backed securities market which have led to these disappointing results,” said Nobuyuki Koga, President and CEO. “However, we have moved decisively to deal with the issue and have avoided further and protracted losses by taking firm and immediate action. This draws a line under the residential mortgage-backed securities problem.

“We remain strongly committed to the US and to the development and growth of profitable operations that reflect our core competencies,” said Mr. Koga.

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<sup>1</sup> US dollar amounts are included solely for the convenience of the reader and have been translated at the rate of 117.50 yen = 1 US dollar, the noon buying rate in New York for cable transfers in foreign currencies as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on October 12, 2007. This translation should not be construed to imply that the yen amounts actually represent, or have been or could be converted into, equivalent amounts in US dollars.

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