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Initiative to Calculate and Reduce GHG emissions by Integral and Portfolio Companies

Integral Corporation ("Integral") is pleased to announce the implementation of an initiative to calculate and reduce GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions of Integral and portfolio companies of funds managed and advised by Integral by introducing "Asuzero," a cloud-based climate platform operated by Asuene Inc. for measuring, reducing, and reporting CO2 emissions.

Background and Aims of the Initiative

The movement toward decarbonization is accelerating on a global scale, and companies are demanded to disclose climate-related financial information and take action to measure and reduce GHG emissions. Furthermore, ESG initiatives are becoming more important, as all companies listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange will be required to disclose sustainability information in their annual securities reports starting in FY2023, as well as information on human capital and diversity.

For private equity firms such as Integral, GHG emissions of portfolio companies fall under the Scope 3/Category 15 according to international standards. Through "Asuzero", Integral will provide more precise and reliable GHG emissions calculations for not only Integral but also its portfolio companies, and respond to requests for decarbonization management from various stakeholders, including domestic and foreign institutional investors.

As consumers and business partners increasingly look at sustainability, including decarbonization, Integral will support its portfolio companies as they promote their respective initiatives, aiming to thereby increase their enterprise value.

About Integral and ESG

Since its establishment in 2007, Integral Corporation (Representative Director: Reijiro Yamamoto) has been making investments with an aspiration to contribute to mid to long-term growth of the investees, while aiming to become the "Trusted Investor," who is trusted by all stakeholders, including its investors, management and employees of investee companies, and customers beyond the investees. Although it is only recently that ESG investment has become increasingly important for companies and investors, "long-term growth" and "sustainability" have been Integral's core investment philosophy since its founding. Hence, for many years Integral has been conducting investment activities that resonate with ESG core values. In particular, Integral incorporates ESG into its investment process from the investment consideration phase and provides support to the management of investees in promoting ESG activities that would lead to an increase in their enterprise value.



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