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Shinsei Bank Announces Conversion to An Ordinary Bank Charter

Tokyo (Thursday, December 25, 2003) - Shinsei Bank, Limited ("Shinsei Bank") today announced that it received approval from the Financial Service Agency ("FSA") to convert its Long-Term Credit Bank Charter to an Ordinary Bank Charter. The conversion will take place on April 1, 2004.

The FSA has also authorized Shinsei Bank to continue to issue debentures. This special approval to continue to this business allows Shinsei Bank to issue debentures for 10 years after the conversion at its existing 29 branches in Japan.

These approvals were made based on the Law Concerning Mergers and Conversions of Financial Institutions. After its conversion, Shinsei Bank will become a bank licensed under and regulated by the Banking Law.

Shinsei Bank welcomes the FSA approvals, since operating as an ordinary bank with debenture issuance capability will enable it to broaden services to customers. Shinsei Bank aims to achieve higher levels of customer satisfaction by providing a wide variety of financial products and services, including debentures.