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## **Shinsei and DBJ to Launch Private Equity Fund**

Tokyo (Wednesday, February 27, 2008) – Shinsei Bank, Limited (“Shinsei Bank”), and the Development Bank of Japan (“DBJ”) today announced the establishment of the Raffia II L. P. private equity fund. The fund will invest in medium-sized companies in the form of buyouts or by providing growth capital and business revitalization, and will be managed by a subsidiary of Raffia Capital Inc. (“Raffia Capital”).

Providing a variety of financial services to private- and public-sector companies and financial institutions, investment banking is one of Shinsei’s core areas of operations, and Shinsei has been particularly active in the area of private equity investment. The business focuses on investment operations including buyouts, growth capital, pre-IPO, business revitalization and listed stocks, while also providing a variety of other financial services including M&A advisory services.

Slated for privatization in October 2008, DBJ provides integrated investment and financing services to private- and public-sector companies and financial institutions, with the aim of enriching Japanese society by creating new economic wealth and social value. As part of this mission, DBJ’s strategy is to further strengthen its investment business by expanding investment opportunities with long-term investments that allow the bank to maintain a unique, neutral position.

Established in 2002, Raffia Capital manages Raffia Investment Business Limited Partnership, which invests in medium-sized companies in Japan and Taiwan and provides management support to the companies in which it invests. Raffia Capital became a joint venture of Shinsei and DBJ in October 2007, when previous shareholder Itochu Corporation sold its entire shares to DBJ.

The partnership will make it possible for the fund’s investment activities to capitalize on both banks’ diverse financial services and experience in private equity investing. Both banks see this bringing new investment opportunities, and will strive to aggressively develop this business by providing management support to increase the corporate value of the companies in which the fund invests.

1. Fund Overview

- (1) Name: Raffia II L.P.
- (2) Size (target): 15 billion yen
- (3) Investments: In medium-sized companies for buyouts, growth capital, and business revitalization

2. Overview of Shinsei Bank (as of September 30, 2007)

- (1) Name: Shinsei Bank, Limited
- (2) Primary business: Banking operations
- (3) Established: December 1952
- (4) Head office: 1-8, Uchisaiwaicho 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan
- (5) Representative: Thierry Porté, President and CEO
- (6) Capital: 451.2 billion yen
- (7) Employees: 2,358
- (8) Major shareholders and ownership:
  - The Resolution and Collection Corporation (11.95%)
  - The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. London (7.85%)
  - Shinsei Bank, Limited (5.76%)
- (9) URL: <http://www.shinseibank.com>

3. Overview of DBJ (as of October 1, 2007)

- (1) Name: Development Bank of Japan
- (2) Primary business: Investment and financing operations
- (3) Established: October 1999
- (4) Head office: 9-1, Otemachi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan
- (5) Representative: Minoru Murofushi, Governor
- (6) Capital: 1,272.2 billion yen
- (7) Employees: 1,347
- (8) Major shareholders and ownership:
  - Government of Japan (100%)
- (9) URL: <http://www.dbj.go.jp>

4. Overview of Raffia Capital (as of September 30, 2007)

- (1) Name: Raffia Capital Inc.

- (2) Primary business: Formation, management and investment in investment partnerships
- (3) Established: July 2002
- (4) Head office: 13-18, Minami-aoyama 3-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan
- (5) Representatives: Nozomi Moue, Representative Director  
Kenichi Kumagai, Representative Director
- (6) Capital: 10 million yen
- (7) Directors & employees: 9
- (8) Major shareholders and ownership:  
Shinsei Bank (50%)  
DBJ (DBJ Value Up Fund) (50%)
- (9) URL: <http://www.raffia.co.jp>