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## Shinsei Bank to Offer Accounts in South African Rand and Norwegian Kroner

- Giving customers access to a total of ten foreign currencies -

Tokyo (Friday, June 13, 2008) – Shinsei Bank, Limited, today announced that from Monday, June 16, 2008, it will start offering *PowerFlex* foreign currency savings accounts and time deposits in South African rand and Norwegian kroner. These accounts will be available to customers through all of Shinsei's sales channels – Shinsei Bank branches, Shinsei *PowerDirect* (Internet banking), Shinsei *MobileDirect* (mobile banking)<sup>1</sup>, and the Shinsei *PowerCall* (call center).

South Africa is renowned for its abundant mineral resources while Norway boasts rich reserves of oil and natural gas. By adding these two countries' currencies to the eight foreign currencies already available (U.S. dollar, euro, Canadian dollar, British pound, Australian dollar, New Zealand dollar, Hong Kong dollar and Singapore dollar), Shinsei will provide its customers with an even wider variety of asset management options. Shinsei's exchange rates are updated to reflect global currency markets 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and customers can make transactions 24 hours a day via Shinsei *PowerDirect*, Shinsei *MobileDirect* and Shinsei *PowerCall*.

New Currencies for PowerFlex Foreign Currency Savings Accounts and Time Deposits

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		South African rand	Norwegian kroner
		(S.W.I.F.T. currency code: ZAR)	(S.W.I.F.T. currency code: NOK)
Foreign Exchange Commission (each side)		¥0.50	¥0.25
FCY Savings Interest Rate		5.5% p.a.	0.5% p.a.
		(4.4% p.a. after tax)	(0.4% p.a. after tax)
FCY Time Deposit Interest Rate	1 month	10.0% p.a. (8.0% p.a. after tax)	4.0% p.a. (3.2% p.a. after tax)
	3 months	10.0% p.a. (8.0% p.a. after tax)	4.0% p.a. (3.2% p.a. after tax)
	6 months	10.5% p.a. (8.4% p.a. after tax)	5.0% p.a. (4.0% p.a. after tax)
	1 year	11.0% p.a. (8.8% p.a. after tax)	5.0% p.a. (4.0% p.a. after tax)
Minimum Deposit / Unit of Deposit	FCY Savings Account	1 fractional unit of currency	
		(1 fractional unit of currency unit)	
	FCY Time Deposit	10 base units of currency	
		(1 fractional unit of currency unit)	

- 1. Shinsei MobileDirect (mobile banking) provides access to foreign currency savings accounts only.
- South African rand and Norwegian kroner are not available for FCY-FCY transactions.
- \* Foreign exchange commissions are for each side per base unit of currency, as of June 16, 2008. Commissions are subject to change due to sudden movements in currency markets.
- \* Interest from foreign currency savings accounts and time deposits is subject to a separate 20% withholding tax. Rates shown are as of June 16, 2008, and are revised each business day.

Shinsei Bank's Retail Banking Group aims to enrich and "color" the lives of our customers by providing them with high value-added products and services.

Shinsei Bank is a leading diversified Japanese financial institution providing a full range of financial products and services to both institutional and individual customers. The Bank has total assets of 11.5 trillion yen (US\$115 billion) on a consolidated basis (as of March 2008) and a network of 39 outlets that includes 35 Shinsei Financial Centers, 2 Platinum Centers and 2 BankSpots in Japan. Shinsei Bank demands uncompromising levels of integrity and transparency in all its activities to earn the trust of customers, staff and shareholders. The Bank is committed to delivering long-term profit growth and increasing value for all its stakeholders.

News and other information about Shinsei Bank is available at <a href="http://www.shinseibank.com/english/index.html">http://www.shinseibank.com/english/index.html</a>.

## Regarding foreign currency deposits

- Foreign currency deposits are affected by exchange rate movements, which can generate foreign
  exchange losses that cause the amount of the deposit to fall below the original principal amount.
  In addition, Shinsei Bank's designated exchange rate, which includes a foreign exchange
  commission, will be applied to deposits and withdrawals made in yen. This can result in the final
  amount falling below the original principal amount, even if the exchange rate is unchanged.
- Shinsei Bank's designated TTS rate (the market conversion rate for converting yen to a foreign currency) and TTB rate (the market conversion rate for converting foreign currency to yen), both of which include a foreign exchange commission, will be applied when converting to/from foreign currencies in foreign currency deposits. When converting between yen and a foreign currency, in principle, the foreign currency commission per base unit of foreign currency will be ¥2 per side for one British pound (a TTS-TTB spread of ¥4), ¥0.5 per side for one Hong Kong dollar and South African rand (a TTS-TTB spread of ¥1), ¥0.25 per side for one Norwegian kroner (a TTS-TTB spread of ¥0.5), and ¥1 per side for other currencies (a TTS-TTB spread of ¥2). When converting between two foreign (non-yen) currencies, in principle, the commission will be 0.01 or 0.02 multiplied by one of the currencies (as of June 16, 2008). However, Hong Kong dollars, Singapore dollars, South African rand and Norwegian kroner are not available for direct conversion to another foreign currency.
- Foreign currency deposits are not covered by deposit insurance.
- In principle, foreign currency time deposits cannot be redeemed prior to maturity. However, when Shinsei Bank agrees to an early redemption for reasons deemed unavoidable, only the principal will be returned and no interest will be paid.
- Upon maturity, the principal and interest of foreign currency time deposits will be deposited in that currency to a *PowerFlex* savings account of the same currency. Automatic rollovers are not available.
- Shinsei Bank does not handle foreign currency cash.
- Separate commissions apply to foreign currency-denominated fund transfers.
- Please confirm the details of your foreign currency deposit with the explanatory materials (documents exchanged prior to the conclusion of a contract) available at Shinsei Bank branches or via the Shinsei PowerCall (call center).
- Financial market developments may result in changes of interest rates applied to foreign currency deposits or the discontinuation of deposits in foreign currencies.

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