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Announcement on Contracting the First Ship JOLCO Project with Participation from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (NEXI)

- Contributing to the Preservation and Advancement of International Competitiveness in the Domestic Shipbuilding and Maritime Industries -

Financial Partners Group Co., Ltd. (FPG) is pleased to announce that we have been contracted for a Leasing Fund Business project (the Project) targeting four container ships to be built at a domestic shipyard. The Project is financed by domestic loans provided by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and multiple commercial banks, with loan insurance from Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (NEXI) for the loans provided by the commercial banks.

The Project utilizes a support scheme established for JBIC and NEXI aimed at strengthening the competitiveness of the domestic shipbuilding industry, and it marks the first participation of JBIC and NEXI in a ship JOLCO* project.

The container ships targeted by the Project are equipped with excellent environmental performance that contributes to reducing environmental impact. As such, they have received certification under the "Certification System for Advanced Vessel Introduction Plan" established by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) as Certified Advanced Vessel with low environmental load. Additionally, they have also been certified under the "Certification System for Ocean-going Vessel Procurement Plan," which was established by MLIT to promote stable vessel ownership by domestic shipowners. Due to these certifications, the Project qualifies for a special depreciation system that allows for an increased depreciation rate for the initial year of vessel acquisition.

FPG will commence the Leasing Fund Business at the time of delivery of the targeted vessels, with deliveries scheduled to begin sequentially from October 2025. Therefore, the Project will not impact the earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025.

Guided by the corporate philosophy, "Embracing the future through finance," FPG will continue to actively promote and develop Leasing Fund Business projects that contribute to the global transition to a decarbonized society and enhance the international competitiveness of the domestic shipbuilding industry, while supporting customers who are willing to take on challenges, contributing to the creation of a strong and prosperous society.

* JOLCO: Japanese Operating Lease with Call Option

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