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**NEWS RELEASE**

**Notice of Completion of Share Acquisition of the DISTANT LANDS  
TRADING CO. a U.S. company (Corporate Acquisition)**

As ITO EN, LTD. (headquartered in Shibuya-ku, Tokyo; hereinafter referred to as “our company”) announced the “Notice of Share Acquisition of the DISTANT LANDS TRADING CO. a U.S. company (Corporate Acquisition)” on December 25, 2014, DISTANT LANDS TRADING CO. (a Delaware corporation; hereinafter referred to as “DLTC”) became a wholly-owned subsidiary of our company’s subsidiary, ITO EN (North America) INC. (headquartered in New York, USA; hereinafter referred to as “NA”).

Note

1. Overview of Selling Shareholders

DLTC's 54 shareholders received cash from NA and their shareholders’ rights have been transferred. Overviews of the major shareholders of them as follows.

In addition to the following, nevertheless ITO EN acquired the shares from three funds and 44 individuals, these are not disclosed due to the confidentiality. In addition, there is no capital, personnel, or business relationship with funds and individuals.

(1) Centre Bregal Partners, LP

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| (1) Trade name:                      | Centre Bregal Partners, LP                                  |
| (2) Location:                        | 825 Third Avenue-40th Floor, New York,<br>NY 10022          |
| (3) Form of legal establishment:     | Limited partnership formed in the State of<br>Delaware, USA |
| (4) Purpose of establishment:        | Investing in private equity                                 |
| (5) Establishment:                   | November 6, 2003  |
| (6) Stated capital:                  | US\$ 173,799 thousand                                       |
| (7) Fund members:                    | Centre Partners Management LLC                              |
| (8) Description of operating entity: |   |
| Name:                                | Centre Partners Management LLC                              |
| Location:                            | 825 Third Avenue-40th Floor, New York,<br>NY 10022          |
| Representative:                      | Bruce Pollack   |

Business description: Investing in private equity  
Paid-in capital: Not disclosed due to the confidentiality  
(9) Agent in Japan: No agent in Japan  
(10) Relation with ITO EN Group: No capital, personnel, or business relationship

(2) Doc Allen & Son, Inc.

(1) Trade name: Doc Allen & Son, Inc.  
(2) Location: 570 Clay Kiser Road, Paris, Kentucky 40361  
(3) Representative: William J. McAlpin, President  
(4) Purpose of establishment: Investments  
(5) Stated capital: US\$ 4,144 thousand  
(6) Establishment: September 22, 1995  
(7) Net assets: Not disclosed due to the confidentiality  
(8) Total assets: Not disclosed due to the confidentiality  
(9) Shareholders and ownership ratio: William J. McAlpin: 70%  
Carole McAlpin: 30%  
(10) Relation with ITO EN Group: No capital, personnel, or business relationship

(3) Centre Capital Investors IV, LP

(1) Trade name: Centre Capital Investors IV, LP  
(2) Location: 825 Third Avenue-40th Floor, New York,  
NY 10022  
(3) Form of legal establishment: Limited partnership formed in the State of  
Delaware, US  
(4) Purpose of establishment: Investing in private equity  
(5) Establishment: November 6, 2003  
(6) Stated capital: US\$ 27,901 thousand  
(7) Fund members: Centre Partners Management LLC  
(8) Description of operating entity:  
Name: Centre Partners Management LLC  
Location: 825 Third Avenue-40th Floor, New York,  
NY 10022  
Representative: Bruce Pollack  
Business description: Investing in private equity  
Paid-in capital: Not disclosed due to the confidentiality  
(9) Agent in Japan: No agent in Japan  
(10) Relation with ITO EN Group: No capital, personnel, or business relationship

(4) Centre Capital Non-Qualified Investors IV, LP

(1) Trade name: Centre Capital Non-Qualified Investors IV, LP  
(2) Location: 825 Third Avenue-40th Floor, New York,  
NY 10022

- (3) Form of legal establishment: Limited partnership formed in the State of Delaware, US
- (4) Purpose of establishment: Investing in private equity
- (5) Establishment: November 6, 2003
- (6) Stated capital: US\$ 5,231 thousand
- (7) Fund members: Centre Capital Non-Qualified Investors IV, LP
- (8) Description of operating entity:
- Name: Centre Capital Non-Qualified Investors IV, LP
  - Location: 825 Third Avenue-40th Floor, New York, NY 10022
  - Representative: Bruce Pollack
  - Business description: Investing in private equity
  - Paid-in capital: Not disclosed due to the confidentiality
- (9) Agent in Japan: No agent in Japan
- (10) Relation with ITO EN Group: No capital, personnel, or business relationship

(5) Centre Partners Coinvestment IV, LP

- (1) Trade name: Centre Partners Coinvestment IV, LP
- (2) Location: 825 Third Avenue-40th Floor, New York, NY 10022
- (3) Form of legal establishment: Limited partnership formed in the State of Delaware, USA
- (4) Purpose of establishment: Investing in private equity
- (5) Establishment: November 6, 2003
- (6) Stated capital: US\$ 3,670 thousand
- (7) Fund members: Centre Partners Coinvestment IV, LP
- (8) Description of operating entity:
- Name: Centre Partners Coinvestment IV, LP
  - Location: 825 Third Avenue-40th Floor, New York, NY 10022
  - Representative: Bruce Pollack
  - Business description: Investing in private equity
  - Paid-in capital: Not disclosed due to the confidentiality
- (9) Agent in Japan: No agent in Japan
- (10) Relation with ITO EN Group: No capital, personnel, or business relationship

(6) Centre Carlisle Coffee, LP

- (1) Trade name: Centre Carlisle Coffee, LP
- (2) Location: 825 Third Avenue-40th Floor, New York, NY 10022
- (3) Form of legal establishment: Limited partnership formed in the State of Delaware, USA

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| (4) Purpose of establishment:        | Investing in private equity                        |
| (5) Establishment:                   | January 9, 2006                                    |
| (6) Stated capital:                  | US\$ 2,785 thousand                                |
| (7) Fund members:                    | Centre Carlisle Coffee, LP                         |
| (8) Description of operating entity: |  |
| Name:                                | Centre Carlisle Coffee, LP                         |
| Location:                            | 825 Third Avenue-40th Floor, New York,<br>NY 10022 |
| Representative:                      | Bruce Pollack                                      |
| Business description:                | Investing in private equity                        |
| Paid-in capital:                     | Not disclosed due to the confidentiality           |
| (9) Agent in Japan:                  | No agent in Japan                                  |
| (10) Relation with ITO EN Group:     | No capital, personnel, or business relationship    |

(7) John Stiker

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| (1) Name:                       | John Stiker                                     |
| (2) Location:                   | Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067                       |
| (3) Relation with ITO EN Group: | No capital, personnel, or business relationship |

## 2. Outlook for the Future

The impact of this acquisition on the business performance is currently being analyzed and ITO EN will announce the impact of this once verified.