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To Investors and Customers:

Monex Beans Holdings, Inc.

Announcement of Attaining Sole-Lead Manager Position on an Initial Public Offering

This announcement is to inform that Monex, Inc.*("Monex", Oki Matsumoto, President&CEO) has attained the position as Sole-Lead Manager in an Initial Public Offering for S-Pool,Inc.("S-Pool", Sohei Urakami, Chairman&CEO)

Monex has attained the first position as Sole-Lead Manager in the online securities industry, and this will be the second Sole-Lead Manager deal.

S-Pool is a company that engages in (i) general manpower outsourcing business such as human resource dispatch and business consigning mainly for the logistics and sales field, (ii) mobile marketing business related to commercial market research and sales promotion, and (iii) management consulting such as corporate internal training. Today, S-Pool was approved by Osaka Stock Exchange to be listed on the New Nippon Market "Hercules". Date of listing is scheduled to be February 10,2006.

Monex was approved as securities underwriter in accordance with requirements of the Securities Exchange Law in April 2000 and has been pursuing the underwriting business, especially for Lead Manager Status. We will continue to focus on the IPO underwriting business, and endeavor to contribute as a strong liaison between individual investors and entities.

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