



Monex Group Acquires Shares of Trade Science

TOKYO, July 15, 2008 - Monex Group, Inc. (“the Company”) announces that the Company will acquire all remaining shares of Trade Science Corporation (“Trade Science”, President: Koichi Kato, Head Office: Shinjuku, Tokyo), of which the Company currently owns 33.66%. With this share acquisition, Trade Science will become a fully owned subsidiary of the Company.

1. Reason for Share Acquisition

The Company jointly founded Trade Science with WIT Corporation (President & CEO: Koichi Kato, Head Office: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo) in April 2006 with an aim to establish an investment advisory business utilizing a program investment management method*. By making Trade Science a fully owned subsidiary, the Company intends to develop products and services based on the program investment management method together with Trade Science as a group.

* The “program investment management method” is a method that uses a computer program system that automatically makes investment decisions and places orders based on algorithm set by market price fluctuations and other fundamental factors.

Among the Monex Group companies, Trade Science will be regarded as an R&D institution for IT-based financial engineering, and it will conduct research and planning of leading-edge products and services for individual investors in addition to investment advisory services utilizing the *Kaburobo* (an automated stock trading program).

2. Summary of Trade Science (As of July 1, 2008)

1) Company Name	Trade Science Corporation
2) Representative	Koichi Kato, President
3) Location of head office	513 Waseda Tsurumaki-cho, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo
4) Date of Establishment	April 3, 2006
5) Businesses	Investment advisory service utilizing program investment management method and R&D for its system Registration No.: Director of Kanto Local Finance Bureau (<i>Kinsho</i>) No.909 A Member of Japan Securities Investment Advisers Association
6) Fiscal Year End	March
7) Number of employees	8
8) Capital	91 million yen
9) Number of issued shares	2,020

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10) Major Shareholders and Shareholding Ratio

Monex Group, Inc.	33.66%
Koichi Kato (President, Trade Science)	17.67%
Hideaki Shimane (COO& CFO, Trade Science)	17.67%
Kazuhiro Kunisada (CMO, Trade Science)	17.67%

11) Business results of latest fiscal years (unit: thousand yen)

	FYE March 2007	FYE March 2008
Operating Revenues	60,627	50,748
Operating Income	12,968	-35,454
Ordinary Income	13,087	-36,420
Net Income	1,641	-36,512
Total Assets	107,098	70,943
Net Assets	101,641	66,129

3. Transferors of Shares Koichi Kato
Hideaki Shimane
Kazuhiro Kunisada
Other employees of Trade Science, etc.

4. Number of shares acquired, acquisition price, and shareholding ratio before and after the acquisition (planned)

1) Number of shares owned before acquisition	680	(Shareholding ratio: 33.66%)
2) Number of shares acquired	1,340	(Acquisition Price: 1,000 million yen)
3) Number of shares owned after acquisition	2,020	(Shareholding ratio: 100%)

5. Schedule

Signing Share Transfer Agreement	July 15, 2008
Due Dates of Share Transfer	July 18-25, 2008 (planned)

6. Perspective

Financial impact by this transaction is limited.

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