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Request to the Asahi Shimbun Reporter

In the February 8th morning edition of the Asahi Shimbun, a report appeared on the first and third pages regarding the transfer of \$40 million dollars in connection with our company's Philippine business. It was reported that "a board of directors' resolution states '[we] resolve to agree to and approve the payment of this expense', and is signed by Kazuo Okada, the UE chairman who also serves as a director of Aruze USA, and by Tomohiro Okada, a director of UE." However, no such document entitled "Board of Directors' Resolution", which would not be used by companies in general, exists in our corporate group, nor does has such a document been officially processed within Aruze USA. In addition, the same Asahi Shimbun report also makes statements such as a history of the creation of the minutes being noted in internal documents, but we have discovered evidence that, several months after the aforementioned money transfer, a former employee had the person in charge of drafting minutes create minutes that were clearly false, through the exchange of incomprehensible emails with this person.

Our company has already asked the involved Asahi Shimbun reporter to show us the provenance and authenticity of this "Board of Directors' Resolution" document, since such a document could not possibly exist pursuant to our company's management, but we have not yet received any response from that reporter. Therefore, we are today again requesting that said document be provided to us by February 15.

Note that our company is requesting only the provision of that document, which the involved Asahi Shimbun reporter already possesses, so this request involves no particular undue burden. Therefore, in the event that the document is not produced by the deadline, we will be forced to conclude that the Asahi Shimbun reporting in general is a false and mendacious report, will disclose that the report lacks the accuracy and fairness prescribed by the press code of ethics set forth by the Japan Newspaper Publishers and Editors Association, and will consider taking appropriate legal action.

In addition, we will also consider taking similar action against others who possess that document in awareness of its illicit acquisition.