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Press Release

Daiwa PI Partners Co. Ltd.

Investment in an Australian Government-Established venture capital fund

Daiwa PI Partners Co. Ltd. ("Daiwa PI Partners") has decided to invest in the Third Fund ("Fund") managed by Main Sequence ("MS"), in a joint investment with Daiwa Securities Group Inc. The MS is a deep technology venture capital fund managed by the National Science Agency (CSIRO). MS specializing in the Australian deep-tech sector and investing in start-ups with the aim of addressing the global challenges, including environmental and social issues through technology.

Daiwa PI Partners has been investing in start-up companies in Southeast Asia and East Asia. In Australia, we have been providing real estate financing since 2018, and this investment in the Fund marks our first equity investment in Australia.

MS was established in 2017 by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), to commercialise Australian publicly-funded research.

MS is tackling the world's biggest challenges by turning today's scientific discoveries into tomorrow's industries. It works closely with scientists, researchers and industry collaborators to create, fund and accelerate new companies and industries across health, food, space, transport, security and deep tech to accelerate humanity for a more prosperous future.

Our medium-term management plan "Passion for the Best 2023" defines our basic policy as "creation of a new capital recycling system through a hybrid strategy." We will achieve this by expanding and strengthening our external network and peripheral area of businesses as well as our traditional securities business at the core. Also, with the core concept of "from savings to SDGs" as stated in our management vision "2030 Vision", we aim to realize the SDGs through creating a sustainable capital cycle. We will strive to improve our medium- to long-term corporate value and create a sustainable and prosperous society through initiatives that contribute to SDGs and ESG in collaboration with stakeholders.

This is the first investment in the Fund operated by MS by a Japanese company. There are many opportunities for potential cooperation between Japan and Australia in areas that MS focuses on, such as decarbonisation, food, healthcare, space, core technology (quantum computers, cybersecurity, semiconductors), and AI. We aim to foster the collaboration between innovative Australian startups and Japanese companies, startups, universities, and other stakeholders. Our goal is to connect the startup ecosystems of Japan and Australia and create a new fund circulation mechanism to achieve the SDGs.

■ Outline of the Fund:

Name	Main Sequence Fund 3, LP
Total fund size	AU\$450 million
Investment Targets	Six priority areas: "Decarbonise the Planet," "Feed 10 Billion People," "Enable the Next Intelligence Leap," "Bridge the Gap to Space," "Supercharge Industrial Productivity," and "Reach Humanity Scale Healthcare"
Date of Establishment	17 March 2023
Duration	Until December 2033

(References) Main Sequence

<https://www.mseq.vc/about>

(References) Daiwa Securities Group's SDGs initiatives :

https://www.daiwa-grp.jp/english/sustainability/?cid=ad_eir_ensdgspress