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Dear Sirs and Madams,

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**Notice Concerning Investment in Venture Fund -- FINTECH GIMV FUND**

February 4, 2008 -- FinTech Global Incorporated (hereafter, “the Company”) hereby gives notice that the Company, along with Euronext Brussels-listed GIMV, the largest private equity investment company in Belgium, and Development Bank of Japan, have taken lead investor (sponsor) positions in the “FINTECH GIMV FUND” (hereafter, “the Fund”), which was established in December 2007 to invest in Japanese and overseas venture companies specializing in technology sectors, particularly information and communications, new materials and life sciences.

Management and administration of the Fund are undertaken by general partner FGF (GP) Management Limited, registered in Jersey, the Channel Islands. FinTech Global Capital, LLC, a Company subsidiary, will act as the general partner’s fund advisor.

**1. Reasons for Investing in Venture Fund**

The Company’s goal is to make companies in all industries aware of the benefits to be gained through innovative structured financing.

The Company presents the advantages of structured financing to corporate groups with obvious growth potential as a third line of fund procurement, which is neither debt -- funds acquired from financial institutions -- nor equity -- funds acquired from capital markets -- but which transcends corporate credit -- essentially, credit ratings -- and then generates revenue on fund-raising arrangements backed by receivables and future cash flows.

Investment in the Fund will, from an equity perspective, enable the Company to reinforce its approach to corporate groups that seek funds more than anything else to fuel

growth. This investment should also produce long-term synergies that will benefit the Company down the road.

## 2. About the Fund

- (1) Name: FINTECH GIMV FUND, L.P. (FGF)
- (2) Structure: Limited partnership in accordance with the laws of Jersey, the Channel Islands
- (3) Investment Targets: Japanese, U.S. and European companies with high growth potential in such sectors as information and communication technology, new materials and life sciences.
- (4) General partner: FGF (GP) Management Limited  
This general partner, established in Jersey, the Channel Islands, will manage and administer the Fund.
- (5) Principal limited partners: FinTech Global Incorporated  
GIMV  
The Development Bank of Japan  
BASF  
Others
- (6) Fund size: The Fund raised US\$55 million, about ¥6 billion at an exchange rate of ¥110 to the U.S. dollar, in its first closing on December 18, 2007. The Fund is expected to eventually reach US\$100 million, or about ¥11 billion.  
BASF, the world's leading chemical company, was among participants in the first closing. Full-scale investment activities commenced in January 2008.
- (7) Fund features: In recent years, global competition in the development of technologies has become increasingly severe, and even with excellent technologies, companies may find it difficult to maximize corporate value in respective local markets alone. In addition to supplying sufficient capital through equity investment, the Fund will underpin the efforts of such Japanese companies as they seek to expand business by taking respective technologies global -- an in-out approach -- and the efforts of overseas companies as they seek to establish a stronger presence in Japan by combining excellent technologies -- an out-in approach. The Fund will work to achieve these goals by maximizing the financial know-how and networks of the Company and the Development Bank of Japan as well as the global networks of GIMV and other top-tier U.S. and European venture capital providers, generating versatile cross-border business opportunities, and vigorously encouraging venture companies to

accelerate business activities through worldwide expansion of operations at home and abroad.

### **About GIMV**

GIMV, listed on Euronext Brussels, is the largest private equity investment company in Belgium. The Flemish government holds 27% equity.

Headquarters: Antwerp, Belgium  
Listed: Initial public offering on the Brussels Stock Exchange (now, Euronext Brussels) in 1997.  
Total assets: 1.3 billion euros, as of December 31, 2006  
Website: <http://www.gimv.com>

### **About Development Bank of Japan**

Established: Established on October 1, 1999, as a corporation in accordance with the Development Bank of Japan Law  
Capitalization: ¥1,272.2 billion, as of September 30, 2007 (wholly owned by the Japanese government)  
Business scale: Balance of loans stood at ¥11,757.8 billion as of September 30, 2007  
Business activities: Supply of long-term funds, such as loans and debt guarantees; project support; and information distribution  
Website: <http://www.dbj.go.jp>

### **About BASF**

With more than 95,000 employees, business partners in over 200 countries and more than 150 production sites, BASF is the world's leading chemical company -The Chemical Company.

Website: <http://www.basf.com>  
<http://www.japan.basf.com>

### **About FinTech Global Capital , LLC**

Established: September 7, 2006  
Address: 19th Floor, Toranomon Towers Office,  
1-28, 4-chome Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo  
Business activities: Following registration for investment advisory and agency operations in accordance with the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law, FinTech Global Capital intends to provide investment advice to the general partner of the Fund.

The team at FinTech Global Capital hinges on three people -- Mizuhiko Hashimoto, responsible primarily for new materials, semiconductors and medical equipment; Goro

Takeda, responsible for life sciences; and Takashi Hondo, responsible for semiconductors and information technology. These men have extensive experience gained in the international investment divisions of major domestic venture capital companies, maintain good connections with business partners and top-tier venture capital providers in Europe and the United States, and the skills to support up-and-coming companies in their global business pursuits.

**3. Outlook on Future Performance**

The impact of the Fund on fiscal 2008 performance will be minimal, but the addition of companies with solid growth potential to the Company's client base is expected to have a synergistic effect on investment banking business, which should contribute to enhanced business results in the medium to long term.

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