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**Notice on the Start of Business to Provide Investment Opportunities  
in Solar Power Generation Projects**

Tokyo, September 18, 2013—FinTech Global Incorporated (hereafter, “FGI” or “the Company”) and Leopalace21 Corporation (stock code: 8848; hereafter, “Leopalace21”), which is developing the leased-roof solar power generation business, have signed a basic agreement indicating their intent to jointly undertake a business to provide numerous business corporations with opportunities to invest in solar power generation projects. Details of the agreement are presented below.

**Particulars**

**1. Background and Purpose**

Amid growing interest in Japan regarding efforts to ensure stable access to energy sources other than fossil fuels, the government launched a feed-in-tariff (FIT) system—fixed prices over a specific period— in July 2012 for renewable energy to raise the country’s energy self-sufficiency ratio.

FGI was determined to capitalize on potential investment activity and expand its investment banking operations with the creation of a new arrangement business that would support power generation projects using renewable energy under the FIT system. Last year, the Company began looking into operating partners taking an active approach to green power generation.

Meanwhile, Leopalace21—still pursuing its rental housing construction and post-construction building management and operation businesses—was striking out into the power generation business by renting the rooftops of the buildings that the

company manages and installing photovoltaic panels there to produce energy for sale to power utilities.

With regard to the agreement, FGI and Leopalace21 will use the FGI Group's network of clients and transaction channels in a joint effort aimed at providing numerous business corporations with the opportunity to participate in arrangements that support projects in Leopalace21's solar power generation business. The FIT system should underpin stable revenues from the rented rooftop solar power generation business and contribute to the popularity and widespread use of environment-friendly renewable energy and associated projects. FGI and Leopalace21 will present the new arrangement business to many business corporations and highlight the return potential that such investment support is sure to deliver.

## **2. Counterparty Summary**

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| (1) Name                 | Leopalace21 Corporation                |
| (2) Principal businesses | Construction and leasing operations    |
| (3) Established          | August 1973                            |
| (4) Head Office          | 54-11 Honcho 2-chome, Nakano-ku, Tokyo |
| (5) Representative       | Eisei Miyama                           |
| (6) Paid-in capital      | ¥62,867 million                        |

## **3. Schedule**

September 18, 2013 The Company and Leopalace21 sign a basic agreement.

## **4. Outlook**

The FGI Group will access its existing client base and also utilize channels that have already been carved to business corporations to promote a range of investment opportunities to potential arrangement participants with an interest in solar power generation projects. Also, because the generous fiscal 2012 FIT purchase price remains in effect, the Company can anticipate a reasonable number of orders for generated power in the current fiscal year and in the next fiscal year as well. But right now, the impact of orders and associated investment activity on consolidated performance is uncertain. A performance forecast will be made as soon as management has a clearer idea of the situation.

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