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## **SBI HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Incorporated in Japan with limited liability)

(Stock code: 6488)

### **OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT**

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.10B of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

Please refer to the attached copy of the Announcement.

On behalf of the Board

**SBI Holdings, Inc.**

**Yoshitaka Kitao**

*Representative Director,*

*President & Chief Executive Officer*

Japan, 7 May 2014

*As of the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Yoshitaka Kitao, Mr. Takashi Nakagawa, Mr. Tomoya Asakura, Mr. Shumpei Morita and Mr. Peilung Li, the non-executive Directors are Mr. Masato Takamura, Mr. Hiroshi Tasaka and Mr. Teruhide Sato and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Masaki Yoshida, Mr. Kiyoshi Nagano, Mr. Keiji Watanabe, Mr. Akihiro Tamaki and Mr. Masanao Marumono.*

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### **SBI Ven Capital's New VC Fund is Selected for Singapore Government Funding**

SBI Holdings, Inc. (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President & CEO: Yoshitaka Kitao; "SBIH") hereby announces that a venture capital fund (the "Fund") to be established by SBI VEN CAPITAL PTE. LTD. ("SBI Ven Capital"), SBIH's Singaporean subsidiary, has been selected to be awarded funding from the National Research Foundation (NRF), a Singapore Government agency.

The NRF has announced that it has selected six VC funds, including the Fund, out of 32 funds that applied for the Early Stage Venture Fund (ESVF) scheme\*1. Accordingly, the Fund will be awarded up to SGD 10 million (approx. USD 8 million\*2) from the NRF. We believe that the following factors enabled the Fund to be selected: (a) Sector focus and track record of fund team (b) SBI's network in Asia and other regions – both of which will enable the fund to bring operating experience and geographic connectivity to target companies.

The Fund is planned to be launched in August 2014 with a commitment amount of up to USD 50 million, and will invest in technology (primarily software) companies in South/Southeast Asia with a focus on Singapore and India.

\*1: The Early Stage Venture Fund (ESVF) is an initiative to seed funds with selected venture capital firms to invest in Singapore-based early-stage technology start-ups.

\*2: Converted at SGD 1 = USD 0.795

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