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**Nationwide Rollout of 'NK Recycle Net'
Automobile Recycling Law Compliant Service
for Automobile-related Business Operators**

(Japan, May11, 2004)--From May 12, NIPPONKOA Insurance Co., Ltd. (President and CEO: Ken Matsuzawa), in cooperation with Sojitz Corporation (President and CEO: Akio Dobashi) and Movi USA (President: Masashi Yorimitsu; Head office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo), will commence 'NK Recycle Net', a service to assist automobile-related business operators in appropriately treating end-of-life vehicles (scrapped cars).

As a support program responding to the 'Automobile Recycling Law' that will come into force in January 2005, 'NK Recycle Net' provides, through a nationwide network, comprehensive menu services such as the provision of registration support as a 'collector' that accepts end-of-life vehicles from users, the introduction of appropriate end-of-life vehicle treatment operators and end-of-life vehicle auctions. This will be the first time for such comprehensive support services to be provided in compliance with the Automobile Recycling Law. While attention is being drawn to how companies manage their corporate social responsibilities, the three companies will actively work for the promotion of recycling resources and the establishment of an advanced recycling-based society.

1. Background of the commencement of 'NK Recycle Net'

Under circumstances where escalating degradation of the environment, resulting from the release of heavy metals contained in end-of-life vehicles and their shredded scrap, is becoming a social issue, the 'Automobile Recycling Law', which is designed to prevent illegal abandonment/improper handling of end-of-life vehicles and to improve recycling rates, will come into force in January 2005. With the enforcement of the law, relevant business providers, including users, will assume the obligation of appropriately treating end-of-life vehicles. Automobile-related

business operators, particularly auto mechanic service providers, will be required to register as end-of-life vehicle 'collectors', and to respond in diverse ways such as handing over collected end-of-life vehicles to registered/authorized appropriate treatment operators (Freon recovery operators, end-of-life vehicle dismantlers and shredders).

2. 'NK Recycle Net' rollout schedule

The service will commence from May 12 in the Kansai and Kyushu regions, and will expand nationwide within a target period of mid August.

3. Intended recipients of the 'NK Recycle Net' service

Automobile-related business operators

* The service will be widely promoted, centered on approximately 20,000 NIPPONKOA agent auto mechanic service providers spread nationwide.

4. 'NK Recycle Net' outline

(1) Appropriate treatment operator introduction service

After the Automobile Recycling Law comes into effect, the service will introduce appropriate treatment operators (Freon recovery operators, end-of-life vehicle dismantlers and shredders) that are scheduled to be registered with and authorized by prefectural authorities, so as to support end-of-life vehicle treatment in compliance with the said law.

(2) End-of-life vehicle auction service

By auctioning off end-of-life vehicles during the ELV treatment processes, the service offers the possibility of purchase at value. The service also enables purchase of end-of-life vehicles by tender.

(3) Registration/authorization support service

The Automobile Recycling Law involves the need to register with a prefectural authority as an 'end-of-life vehicle collector' and to gain authorization as a 'dismantler'. The service provides support in preparing the paperwork required for application for registration/authorization.

Additional comprehensive services are available, such as assisting in the establishment of electronic manifest systems, which make reports on end-of-life vehicle treatment processes.

5. Service fees and use of the service

-Service fees

Admission and membership is free of charge. However, the use of service menus may be billed at cost.

-Use of the service

Users are asked to sign up with 'NK Recycle Net'. Sign up procedures can be performed at NIPPONKOA Insurance sales offices across the country. Information on usage of the various services will be provided separately upon signing up for the service.

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