

**Johannesburg Representative Office upgraded to ‘Sub-Branch’**

**Tokyo, September 6, 2013---** The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. (“BTMU”) (President: Nobuyuki Hirano) is pleased to announce that BTMU upgraded its Johannesburg Representative Office, in the Republic of South Africa, to a ‘Sub-Branch\*’, on 5th September 2013.

The Republic of South Africa is acknowledged globally for its rich natural resources such as gold, diamonds platinum and rare metals. With the country’s GDP reaching USD 384 billion in 2012, South Africa is recognised as being the most powerful country in the continent and they are now the only African nation in the G20. In addition, South Africa is gaining more attention as a gateway to other African countries and there is potential for significant growth in the country.

BTMU’s presence in South Africa began in 1996, with the establishment of a representative office. It supported our customers by providing local market research and intelligence. BTMU has committed to strengthening its offering of financial services in Africa to meet the diverse financial needs of its customers through the upgrade of the Johannesburg Representative Office’s status to ‘sub-branch’ from a Japanese legal perspective,

\* From a Japanese legal perspective, the status of the Johannesburg Representative Office has been upgraded to Sub-Branch however, the official English name of the office remains as Johannesburg Representative Office, as there is no change in status from the perspective of South African banking law.

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