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For Immediate Release

Company name: SEPTENI HOLDINGS CO., LTD. Representative: Group President and Chief Executive Officer Koki Sato

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## **Notice Regarding Change of Certified Public Accountants**

SEPTENI HOLDINGS CO., LTD. (headquartered in Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo; Koki Sato, President; hereinafter the "Company") announces that a meeting of the Board of Company Auditors held on November 21, 2017 resolved to change its certified public accountants, who perform the audit certification set forth in the Article 193-2, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act. It also resolved to submit the matter to the 27<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders (hereinafter called the "General Meeting") that will be held on December 21, 2017 as an agenda item titled the Election of Accounting Auditor. Details are as follows.

## 1. Expected date of change

December 21, 2017 (scheduled date of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders)

## 2. Overview of the new and outgoing certified public accountants

### (1) Overview of the incoming certified public accountant

(i) Name	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC
(ii) Location	Shinagawa Intercity, 15-3 Konan 2-chome, Minato-ku,
	Tokyo
(iii) Name of engaged partners	Hidetsugu Tsuda, Toshihiro Kuchiki, Taichi Nakayama
(iv) Registration status under the	
registration system of audit firms for	Registered.
listed companies of the Japanese	
Institute of Certified Public	
Accountants	

### (2) Overview of the outgoing certified accountant

(i) Name	Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC
(ii) Location	Hibiya Kokusai Building, 2-3, Uchisaiwai-cho
	2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
(iii) Name of engaged partners	Kazumi Okamoto, Hiroyuki Ishii

#### 3. Reasons for the selection of the party stated in 2-(1) as a certified public accountant candidate

Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC had been elected as an Accounting Auditor of the Company for some years. Considering that it was appropriate to re-evaluate and review the certified public accountants, the Board of Company Auditors conducted an investigation of multiple audit firms, including the said company, in accordance with its accounting auditor evaluation and selection guidelines.

As a result, the Company came to the conclusion that Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC possessed the specialty, independence and suitability required to be the Company's Accounting Auditor, and had a system in place that is capable of performing audits of the Company's global business activities in a unified fashion. In addition, the Company judged that the reliability of its financial information would be further enhanced through the application of audits conducted based on perspectives and methods that differ from those previously, as a result of change in certified public accountant.

#### 4. Most recent date of the appointment of the outgoing certified public accountant

December 20. 20, 2016

# 5. Opinions on audit reports and other documents prepared by the outgoing certified public accountant over the past three years

Not applicable.

#### 6. Reason and background for the decision to implement a change or the implementation of a change

The official term of Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC, the Company's current certified public accountant, will expire with the closing of the General Meeting. Therefore, the agenda of appointing Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC as a new accounting auditor was decided for the reason stated in the abovementioned 3.

## 7. Opinions of the outgoing certified public accountant concerning matters stated in audit and other reports in conjunction with the reason and background in 6

The Company has received a reply stating that there is no particular opinion.

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