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Notice of Capital and Business Alliance with Cogent Labs Inc.

The board of directors of COMTURE CORPORATION approved a resolution on March 25, 2020 to establish a capital and business alliance as follows with Cogent Labs Inc. (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Representative Directors: Jun Iinuma, Eric Hideyuki Whiteway).

1. Reason for the capital and business alliance

The COMTURE Group is growing steadily by focusing on business opportunities created by the digital transformation (DX) that is altering business and social activities. There are many activities in growing DX business domains as group companies utilize new technologies such as the cloud, big data, artificial intelligence and robotic process automation.

Cogent Labs develops solution services that utilize highly advanced and practical artificial intelligence and provides these services to major companies in Japan. Services include following products: 1) Tegaki, an artificial intelligence optical character reader that can convert handwritten text into digital data in order to increase the efficiency and lower the cost of data input tasks; 2) Kaidoku, a similar language search engine compatible with unstructured data that cannot be recognized or analyzed by using conventional methods; and 3) TSF (Time Series Forecasting), a predictive analytics engine that simultaneously processes and analyzes various market data for accurate forecasting.

Establishing an alliance with Cogent Labs, which has these solution service capabilities, will better enable COMTURE to support the working style reforms of client companies and enable these companies to collect, analyze and utilize data. For example, COMTURE expects to provide companies using Salesforce.com or other cloud services with solutions combining Tegaki and robot process automation in order to dramatically reduce the volume of work required for inputting data.

By using this alliance, COMTURE expects to capture synergies with its primary business fields and create new businesses. COMTURE believes this will make it possible to strengthen measures aimed at rapid growth and the provision of services with substantial added value. Based on this outlook, the decision was made to make an investment in Cogent Labs.

2. Details of the capital alliance

By using a third-party allotment, COMTURE will purchase 300 million yen of newly issued Cogent Labs Class E preferred stock on March 30, 2020.

The price per share, which COMTURE is not disclosing, was determined by mutual agreement with Cogent Labs while taking into consideration business plans and other factors.

3. Overview of Cogent Labs

(1)	Company name	Cogent Labs Inc.	
(2)	Location	Roppongi Grand Tower 36F 3-2-1, Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo	
(3)	Representative	Jun Iinuma, Eric Hideyuki Whiteway, Representative Directors	
(4)	Business	Research and development of advanced artificial intelligence and provision of related solution services	
(5)	Capital	2,802.6 million yen (including reserves)	
(6)	Established	April 2014	
(7)	Relationships between COMTURE and Cogent Labs	Capital	Not applicable.
		Personnel	Not applicable.
		Business	In the current fiscal year, COMTURE performed development tasks outsourced by Cogent Labs in order to expand the functions of Cogent Labs products.

Note: A three-year summary of the results of operations and financial position of Cogent Labs is not shown in accordance with the wishes of Cogent Labs.

4. Schedule

(1)	Resolution date	March 25, 2020
(2)	Contract signing	March 26, 2020 (tentative)
(3)	Payment date	March 27, 2020 (tentative)

5. Outlook

This alliance will have only a negligible effect on consolidated results of operations for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020. An announcement will be made promptly if there is new information concerning a significant effect of this alliance on results of operations.