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# Notification of Granting Stock Options (Subscription Rights) Based on Commitment to Performance Goals

Today, Yahoo Japan Corporation decided to grant subscription rights as stock options based on "commitment to performance goals" to employees and directors of the Company and its subsidiaries according to Articles 238 and 240 of the Corporation Law of Japan as outlined below.

This offering is intended to increase the rate of profit growth for the Company and its subsidiaries, and to meet the goal "double profit by 201X", the Company grants said rights to raise morale and motivation for employees and directors of the Company and its subsidiaries.

As the subscription rights being offered as compensation and are priced at fair value, this offering is not considered unreasonably favorable and will be implemented without approval through a shareholder's meeting.

1. Reason for granting subscription rights as performance-based stock options

Through the granting of stock options to employees and directors of the Company and its subsidiaries as compensation, the Company further intends to motivate and boost employee morale in regards to once again increasing the rate of profit growth.

In addition, as stated in "2. (10) Conditions for the exercise of subscription rights", rights may be exercised for the first time once the Company's consolidated financial performance meets certain predetermined standards

- 2. Details of granting subscription rights
  - (1) Number of persons granted subscription rights and number of subscription rights granted Directors and Employees of the Company and its subsidiaries: 63 persons, 271,700 rights. Please note that the number of eligible persons listed here is based on the original release and is an estimated number that may increase or decrease. Also, the number of rights represents the maximum number and depending on the number of applications, this number may decrease.
  - (2) Class and amount of stock to be issued upon exercise of subscription rights

    The class of stock to be issued upon exercise of subscription rights shall be common stock of

    Yahoo Japan Corporation. Each subscription right may be exchanged for 1 share of common

    stock ("the shares") upon exercise (Without adjustment, the maximum number of shares to be

    issued upon exercise of all subscription rights granted shall be 271,700 shares).

If the Company splits or consolidates its shares after the date of granting subscription rights, the number of shares to be issued upon exercise of a subscription right shall be adjusted in accordance with the following formula. However, such adjustment shall only be made in relation with subscription rights that have not been exercised at such time. Fractions below 1 share caused by such adjustment are to be rounded down.

[Number of shares after adjustment] = [number of shares before adjustment] x [stock-split or consolidation ratio]

Furthermore, if the Company issues new shares at a price below market value, or transfers its treasury shares (excluding capital increases at market value, issuance of new shares due to exercise of subscription rights, or rights attached to warrants (*shinkabu hikiuke ken*)), or carries out a statutory merger or consolidation with other companies, or spins off part of its business, or makes a share exchange (*kabushiki kokan*) or share transfer (*kabushiki iten*), or makes gratis issuances of shares, or in any other appropriate cases, the Company may adjust the number of shares issued upon exercise of a subscription right in a reasonable manner accordingly. However, such adjustment shall only be made in relation with subscription rights that have not been exercised at such time. Fractions below 1 share caused by such adjustment are to be rounded down.

### (3) Total number of subscription rights to be granted

#### 271,700 rights

However, this is only the expected allocation amount, and if the employees scheduled to be granted subscription rights as indicated in (1) above are no longer employees or directors of the Company or its subsidiaries at the time of granting the subscription rights, or if the total amount of subscription rights applied for is less than the amount stated above, the total amount of subscription rights to be granted shall be the total amount of subscription rights applied for by the employees.

#### (4) Amount of money to be paid in exchange per subscription right

The value of each subscription right will be 272 yen per right. However, such value will be determined by the third party price calculation agency Plutus Consulting Co. Ltd. Which will determine value after inspection of our stock information etc. and based on the Monte Carlo Simulation model. Also the subscription rights will be offered at fair value and therefore the offering is not considered unreasonably favorable.

#### (5) Amount of Payment upon exercise of subscription rights

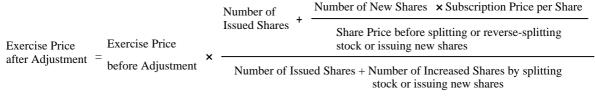
Payment made upon exercise of subscription rights shall be in the form of cash. The amount to be paid upon exercise of 1 subscription right shall be the amount determined by multiplying the value of 1 share (hereinafter referred to as the "Exercise Price") by the number of common shares

exchangeable for 1 subscription right.

The Exercise Price shall be set at 32,400 yen.

If the Company splits or reverse-splits its stock or issues new shares at any price below the market value or transfers its treasury shares after the granting date of subscription rights (excluding capital increases at market value, and issuance of new shares due to the exercise of subscription rights or rights attached to warrants), the exercise price shall be adjusted by the following formula, with fractions below ¥1 caused by such adjustment to be rounded up.

In the formula below, the "Number of Issued Shares" shall be the number of issued shares of the Company minus the number of treasury shares being held. In the case of transfer of treasury shares, the items in the following calculation shall be changed as follows. "Number of New Shares" shall read "Number of Shares Transferred out of Treasury". "Number of Increased Shares by splitting stock or issuing new shares" shall read "Shares Transferred".



(with reverse-splits the number of shares)

Furthermore, if subscription rights remain valid after a statutory merger or consolidation with other companies, or after a spin-off of part of business, or after a share exchange or share transfer, or after a gratis issuance of shares, or in any other appropriate cases, the Company may adjust the exercise price accordingly.

- (6) Date of granting subscription rights March 1, 2013
- (7) Issue of subscription right certificate No certificate shall be issued.
- (8) The amount by which Capital and Additional Paid-In Capital will increase in cases where shares are issued upon exercise of subscription rights

The amount of increase in Capital shall be 50% of the Increase Maximum in Capital Etc. (*shihonkin-to-zoka-gendogaku*) as calculated according to the method provided for in the Company Accounting Regulations, Article 17, Paragraph 1, with fractional amounts of less than ¥1 being rounded up. Additional Paid-In Capital shall increase by the remaining amount.

(9) Period to exercise subscription rights

## (10) Conditions for the exercise of subscription rights

From the March 2014 fiscal period until the March 2019 fiscal period for any period where the operating income (As stated in the consolidated income statement of the Company's securities report (if no consolidated income statement has been created, then the "income statement"), the same shall apply hereinafter) exceeds the numbers listed below in (a) or (b), according to the first period that achieved the set average operating income ("the achieved period"), the subscription rights holder may exercise the decided percentage of subscription rights ("exercisable percentage") from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month following the publishing of the securities report for the achieved period until the deadline for exercising stock options. However, if the amount of subscription rights results in a fraction less than 1, such fraction will be rounded down.

(a) if the operating income exceeds 250 billion yen:,

Achieved Period: 3/2016 fiscal period Exercisable Percentage: 20%
Achieved Period: 3/2017 fiscal period Exercisable Percentage: 14%
Achieved Period: 3/2018 fiscal period Exercisable Percentage: 8%
Achieved Period: 3/2019 fiscal period Exercisable Percentage: 2%

(b) if the operating income exceeds 330 billion yen:

Achieved Period: 3/2016 fiscal period Exercisable Percentage: 80%
Achieved Period: 3/2017 fiscal period Exercisable Percentage: 56%
Achieved Period: 3/2018 fiscal period Exercisable Percentage: 32%
Achieved Period: 3/2019 fiscal period Exercisable Percentage: 8%

If the conditions listed in (10) (a) or (b) have yet to be met and the operating income of the securities report is less than 175 billion yen, at any time from the March 2014 fiscal period to the March 2019 fiscal period, except for stock options that are exercisable as per (10) above until the day before said statement is published, no stock options may be exercised from that day forward.

Based on the judgment regarding the operating income for (10) and above, in the case that any changes in calculation standards based on significant changes in what is to be considered operating income occur, the Company will, within reason, refer to a separate indicator as decided by the Board of Directors.

Persons who received subscription rights must also be directors, employees, or hold an equivalent position at the Company or its subsidiaries during the period between when they received their subscription rights until when they exercise them. However, this is not applicable in cases of resignation due to the expiration of the term of employment, mandatory retirement, involuntary retirement or such a situation where the Company deems that there is justifiable reason to admit exceptions.

If a person who is eligible to exercise subscription rights is deceased before the exercise period of the subscription rights begins, the subscription right becomes void. If a person who is eligible to exercise subscription rights is deceased after the exercise period of the subscription rights begins, regardless of (10)—above, the rights holder's heir may exercise any rights the original rights holder was able to exercise at the time of death and such exercising must take place before 1 year has passed from the rights holder's death or the end of the exercise period of the subscription rights whichever is first. However, if the heir of the rights holder is deceased, a further inheritance of the rights will not be allowed.

Subscription rights shall not be transferred, pawned, or otherwise disposed of.

Subscription rights cannot be exercised if they number less than 1 right.

Other conditions in connection with the exercise of subscription rights shall be subject to the agreement for the allotment of subscription rights to be entered into between the Company and the person entitled to the subscription rights.

#### (11) Acquisition of subscription rights

With the approval of a general shareholders' meeting (if the approval of the general shareholders' meeting is not required, then with approval of the Board of Directors) of a merger agreement with another company in which the Company is absorbed, or of an agreement on a share exchange or share transfer which makes the Company a wholly owned subsidiary of another company, the Company may acquire existing subscription rights at a later specified date decided by the Board of Directors without compensating subscription right holders.

If the holder of the subscription rights becomes unable to exercise them due to the conditions stated in (10), the Company may acquire the subscription rights at a later specified date decided by the Board of Directors without compensating the holder.

However, in all the above cases, the Company may wait until the end of the exercise period to acquire the subscription rights in a lump sum transaction.

#### (12) Limitation on the transfer of subscription rights

Any transfer of subscription rights must be approved by the Board of Directors.

# (13) Handling of subscription rights in the event of a corporate reorganization

In the event of a merger (limited to the cases where the Company ceases to exist after the merger), an absorption-type company split, an Incorporation-type company split, a share exchange or share transfer (hereinafter referred to in general as "corporate reorganization"), when there are holders of subscription rights after the end of their validity period due to corporate reorganization (hereinafter referred to as "Remaining Subscription Rights"), the Company shall exchange those remaining subscription rights with the subscription rights of the reorganized companies as stipulated by the Corporation Law of Japan, Article 236, Paragraph 1, items 8, No. 1 to 5

(hereinafter referred to as "Reorganization Companies") on a case by case basis according to the agreement for such reorganization or according to conditions given in the reorganization plan. In such cases, the Remaining Subscription Rights will then be cancelled and the Reorganized Companies will grant new subscription rights to the persons previously holding Remaining Subscription Rights instead.

Number of stock acquisition rights of the Reorganized Company to be delivered

The same number of subscription rights that the rights holder owns will be issued.

Class of shares of the Reorganized Company to be delivered

The common stock of the Reorganized Company.

Number of shares of the Reorganized Company to be delivered

This will be decided based on (2) above taking into account the conditions of the Reorganization.

The value of assets to be contributed upon exercise of stock subscription rights

Upon the exercising of stock subscription rights, the contribution shall be made in cash and the value of assets to be invested will be based on the conditions of reorganization etc. and the exercise price listed in (5) above will be adjusted and will be multiplied by the number of options as decided by (13) above for the reorganized company.

Regarding any capital increase in relation to stock offered due to exercising of stock options, or capital reserves

To be decided based on (8) above

Exercise period of stock subscription rights

From the first day of the exercise period of stock subscription rights listed above in (9) or the effective date of the Reorganization (whichever comes first) until the last day of the exercise period of stock subscription rights listed above in (9).

Limit of stock subscription rights by transfer

Regarding acquisition of stock acquisition rights by transfer, any such transfer shall require approval by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Reorganized Company.

Other terms regarding exercising of stock subscription rights

To be decided based on (10) above

Events and conditions for acquisition of the stock subscription rights

To be decided based on (11) above

Other terms and conditions are to be determined in accordance with the terms of the Reorganized Company.

(14) Payment for exchange deadline

Apr 30, 2013

(15) Application deadline

Feb 12, 2013