## Mizuho Bank Nederland N.V. Opens a New Branch in Vienna

Mizuho Bank Nederland N.V. (Head Office: Amsterdam), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mizuho Bank, Ltd. (Nobuhide Hayashi, President and CEO), today opened a branch in Vienna in the Republic of Austria.

Vienna is the capital city of the Republic of Austria, which is situated on the easternmost edge of Western Europe. It is also a financial and economic center for Central and Eastern Europe in which many multinational corporations locate their regional headquarters for the central and eastern regions of Europe such as Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Hungary.

Central and Eastern Europe is a major economic zone with a total regional population of 130 million and GDP of approximately USD2.4 trillion. Economic growth is continuing in the central and eastern areas of Europe, driven by direct investment from mainly Western European nations. There is a particularly strong concentration of investment from motor vehicle manufacturers from around the world, and progress is being made in strengthening production capacity for not only Central and Eastern European markets but also as a manufacturer and export base for global markets. We are projecting further economic growth there going forward in mainly manufacturing industries.

By opening the Vienna Branch, Mizuho will provide even stronger support than we have to date for the market entrance and business development of our customers, from a geographically close location, amid ongoing economic growth in Austria and the central and eastern regions of Europe.

## <Overview of the Vienna Branch>

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