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News Release

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Regarding Criminal Investigation against the Company

Olympus Corporation (the “Company”) hereby announces that the Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office, Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department and the Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission have commenced their criminal investigation (search and seizure) against the Company.

The Company takes the commencement of criminal investigation by the Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office, Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department and the Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission with utmost seriousness and will continue to cooperate with these authorities for the purposes of revealing the related facts.

The Company would like to take this opportunity again to offer sincerely its deepest apologies to shareholders, investors, business partners and other relevant parties for all inconvenience caused.

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