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News Release

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Company Response to Today's Media Reports

Certain sections of the media have reported today that Terumo Corporation had proposed a business merger with Olympus Corporation (the "Company").

The Company has received proposals for a capital tie-up from several companies, including Terumo Corporation. However, nothing specific has so far been determined as this issue remains under careful consideration. The company will promptly disclose any information that should be disclosed as it arises.

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