



March 22, 2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Company Name: MARUKA FURUSATO Corporation
Representative: Ryohei Furusato
President and Representative Director
(Securities Code: 7128; TSE Prime
Market)
Contact: Taketsugu Fujii
Executive Officer, Head of Corporate
Administration Unit
(Tel:06-6946-1600)

**Notice of Business Alliance Agreement between
MARUKA FURUSATO Group Company and ARUM Inc.**

G-NET CORPORATION, a MARUKA FURUSATO Group company (headquarters: Osaka City, Japan; President and Representative Director: Ryohei Furusato; “G-NET”) hereby announces that it has concluded a business alliance agreement with ARUM Inc. (headquarters: Kanazawa City, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan; CEO: Takayuki Hirayama; “ARUM”) on March 17, 2023, which includes an exclusive distributorship agreement in Japan for ARUM’s new cloud-based subscription service that enables the use of the ARUMCODE series software and other applications.

1. Background

The MARUKA FURUSATO Group is engaged in the sale of industrial machinery, equipment and tools to the manufacturing industry in Japan and overseas markets in the machinery and tools business, which is mainly operated by Maruka Corporation and G-NET.

In recent years, the manufacturing industry has been increasingly focused on the challenges of automating factories, passing on skilled techniques, and improving production efficiency, in response to the need to cope with declining birthrates, aging populations, and intensifying price competition.

MARUKA FURUSATO Corporation has also positioned smart factory business as a priority area and has begun initiatives in this area.

ARUM’s basic philosophy is to “change the global manufacturing industry with manufacturing AI and automation,” and this has led to the release of “ARUMCODE 1,” the world’s first AI software that fully automates the NC programming process, in 2021.

G-NET and ARUM concluded a comprehensive distributorship agreement on December 24, 2021, with exclusive domestic sales rights for the ARUMCODE series, and have been promoting sales of the ARUMCODE series. The business alliance agreement concluded on March 17, 2023 includes a comprehensive distributorship agreement with exclusive sales in Japan for “ARUM Factory365”, a new



UNISOL

cloud-based subscription service that enables the use of ARUM's ARUMCODE series software and other applications.

Under the newly concluded business alliance agreement, G-NET will further enhance collaboration with ARUM and contribute to further productivity improvement and digital transformation in the machining industry through the widespread penetration of the ARUMCODE series, including ARUM Factory365, by utilizing the business foundation and know-how possessed by both companies.

2. Future Outlook

The Company is currently examining the impact of this agreement on the Group's financial results, and the Company will promptly disclose any matters requiring disclosure after scrutinizing progress of the plan in the future.

3. Outline of the Alliance Partner

(1) Name	ARUM Inc.
(2) Headquarters location	Tomizu, Kanazawa City, Ishikawa Prefecture
(3) Representative	Takayuki Hirayama, CEO
(4) Business description	R&D of manufacturing AI, design and manufacture of various automation equipment
(5) Share capital	48 million yen (including capital reserve)
(6) Established	August 2007