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To Whom It May Concern:

ARUZE CORP.  
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## Announcement Regarding Judgment in Patent Case

After the notice of warning, Aruze Corp. (the "Company") had filed a patent infringement lawsuit against Sammy Corporation. Sammy Corporation made a request to determine invalidity of the patent no. 3069092 "mechanisms of and alert system for renderings utilized in Pachislot machines" owned by the Company at the Japan Patent Office. And it determined that the patent was invalid on September 20, 2007. Since the Japan Patent Office made the determination that the patent was invalid, the Company requested Intellectual Property High Court to revoke the determination of the patent being invalid. On March 21, 2008, Intellectual Property High Court revoked the patent invalidation determination handed down on September 20, 2007 and ruled that the case should be remanded to the Japan Patent Office. Please be advised that, regarding the determination of patent invalidity remanded, the Japan Patent Office recently decided that the patent was valid and that the patent of alert system of Pachislot is sustained.

1. Nature of decision on the invalidity on September 20, 2007 (Served on October 2) (Invalidity 2006-80116)

Nature of decision; Claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 14 of patent claims sustained.  
Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13 and 15-24 of patent claims deemed invalid.

2. Nature of second decision on the invalidity on November 19, 2008 (Served on December 1)

Nature of decision; Claims 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 18, 25, 26, 28 and 29 sustained.  
(Request for determination of invalidity is dismissed)  
The Company filed a correction claim including additional claims after the deletion of invalid claims to the Japan Patent Office on April 14, 2008. The Japan Patent Office agreed that the claim has novelty and progressivity and sustained the patent.

3. Effect on Patent Infringement Lawsuit and Future Outlook

The "Hokuto No Ken" which is subject to the patent infringement lawsuit filed by the Company now allegedly infringes the Company's patent as a result of the decision to sustain the patent. Therefore, the patent infringement lawsuit still continues.