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ICJ Initiative to Launch New “PDS Plus” Service

TOKYO, JAPAN, August 7, 2026 –ICJ, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "ICJ") today announced that it has commenced preparations to introduce its new service, "PDS Plus". This initiative is designed to further advance Straight-Through Processing (STP) within the electronic proxy voting process for shareholder meetings.

Over the years, ICJ has provided an electronic proxy voting platform. This platform uses its systems and networks to connect domestic and international stakeholders involved in proxy voting by institutional investors. Through these efforts, ICJ has driven the advancement of STP within the electronic voting process.

Recently, the market environment has undergone significant shifts. Specifically, Global Custodians (hereinafter referred to as "GCs") are increasingly diversifying their choices of proxy vendors.

Due to this change, in some cases, the standard electronic voting route could no longer be used directly. Therefore, ICJ has utilized the "Proxy Delivery Service" (hereinafter referred to as "PDS") introduced in November 2024 and has successfully enabled electronic voting through the platform even in these cases.

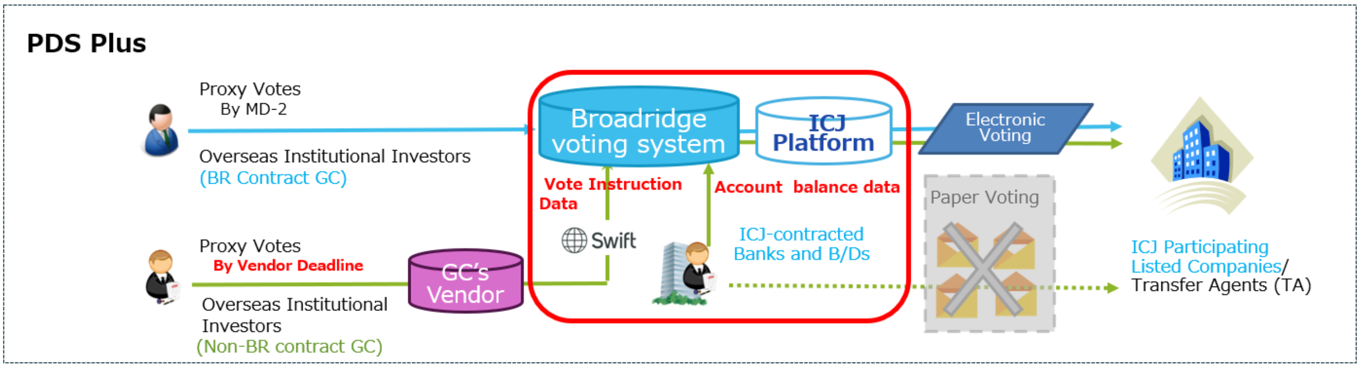
ICJ has commenced preparations to deliver this new service in order to restore true STP within the electronic voting process, which has not been achieved at the conventional PDS. By doing so, ICJ aims to maintain and further enhance both "voting transparency" and "constructive dialogue" for issuers and institutional investors alike.

To respond flexibly to changes in the proxy voting environment and provide a more comprehensive and secure infrastructure, ICJ will position this service as an integral part of its standard platform features. This will ensure seamless adaptability to any future proxy vendor choices made by GCs. ICJ aims to expedite the launch of this service.

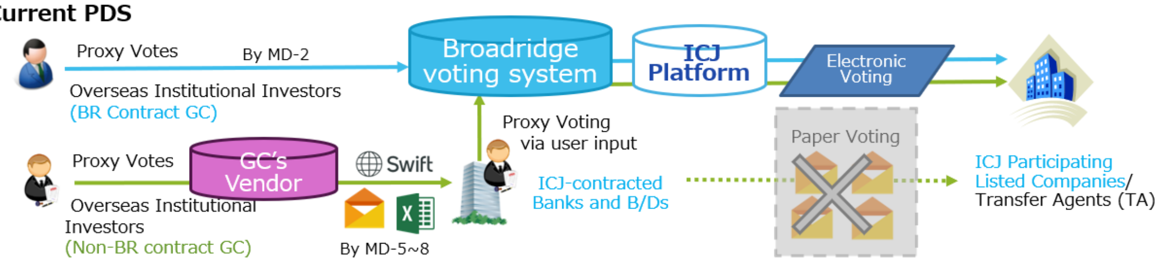
1. Overview of "PDS Plus"

By expanding the functionalities of the current PDS and establishing electronic data integration with GC vendors via SWIFT/MX, this service will eliminate data entry tasks. This will simultaneously improve the efficiency of the proxy voting process and reduce operational risks, thereby realizing seamless electronic voting.

The current PDS will continue to be provided.



(Ref.) Current PDS



2. Future Outlook

Going forward, with the valuable cooperation of all stakeholders, ICJ will proceed with defining the detailed specifications for "PDS Plus" and aim to launch the service in December 2026

As a provider playing a vital role in the national infrastructure for capital markets, ICJ believes that its core mission is to agilely adapt to environmental changes, maintain stable services, and continuously enhance its capabilities. With this commitment in mind, ICJ will accelerate the STP of electronic proxy voting by exploring the adoption of this service, thereby contributing to the sustainable growth of capital markets.

About ICJ

ICJ, Inc. (Investor Communications Japan) was established in July 2004, with its primary business being the operation of an electronic proxy voting platform. It is a 50-50 joint venture between Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. and U.S.-based Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. For more information about ICJ and participating issuers, please visit www.icj-co.jp.

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