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## Notice of our U.S. subsidiary launching Venture Capital Fund

SAKATA INX CORPORATION's subsidiary in the United States, INX INTERNATIONAL INK CO. (hereinunder referred to as INX US), established "INX Venture Capital" within the company on May 9 to invest in new technology and materials science startup companies with strategic relevance to the printing inks and functional coating materials value chain. The fund is jointly run with Touchdown Ventures, the leading provider of corporate venture capital managed services.

"INX Venture Capital" is an investment program and will focus on categories like sustainability of the global environment, reduction in  $CO_2$  emissions, digital printing solutions, digital transformation and manufacturing automation, and services for brand owners. The venture capital is stage agnostic, with an emphasis on early stage startups that have demonstrated "product market-fit" and have begun to generate revenue. We will support their growth. It will have an emphasis on opportunities in its core markets of Americas and Europe in concert with SAKATA INX Group's worldwide innovation efforts.

Through the investment program, "INX Venture Capital," INX US will combine the technology of our group and promising venture companies. By developing new technologies and creating new business models, we seek to lead the industry in the fields of printing inks and functional coating materials to increase customer satisfaction and provide sustainable solutions.

## (About Touchdown Ventures)

Touchdown Ventures partners with corporations to manage their venture capital programs. Touchdown works closely with each corporation to help achieve the financial and strategic benefits from venture capital investments. The firm maintains offices in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and San Francisco. More information on Touchdown can be found at <u>www.touchdownvc.com</u>.

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