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For immediate release

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Notice on Change of the Accounting Auditor

Ahresty Corporation (“the Company”) resolved at the meeting of its Audit and Supervisory Committee held on June 1, 2022 to change its accounting auditor who performs audit certification set forth in Article 193-2, paragraphs (1) and (2) of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, and it also resolved at its Board of Directors’ meeting held on the same day to submit the matter as a proposal on election of the accounting auditor at the 101st annual shareholders’ meeting scheduled to be held on June 28, 2022. Details of the change are as follows.

1. Scheduled date of the change

June 28, 2022 (planned date for the 101st annual shareholders’ meeting)

2. Outline of new and outgoing accounting auditors

(1) Outline of new accounting auditor

(i) Name	Grant Thornton Taiyo LLC
(ii) Location	Akasaka K-Tower 1-2-7 Motoakasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo
(iii) Names of engagement partners	Takefumi Sato Katsuhiko Kaneko
(iv) Status of registration in the Registration System for Listed Company Audit Firms of the Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants	Registered

(2) Outline of outgoing accounting auditor

(i) Name	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC
(ii) Location	Marunouchi Nijubashi Building 3-2-3 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
(iii) Names of engagement partners	Hiroyuki Motegi Yasuhiro Kawaguchi

3. Reason for designating the accountant described in 2.(1) as the candidate for the accounting auditor

The Company’s Audit and Supervisory Committee designated Grant Thornton Taiyo LLC as the candidate for its accounting auditor because by appointing the said audit firm, the Company can expect audits from new perspectives suitable for the business condition of the Company. In addition to this, as a result of comprehensive consideration of its quality management system, independence, professional expertise, audit system, and level of audit compensation, etc., the firm was judged appropriate as the accounting auditor

of the Company.

4. The outgoing accounting auditor took office on:

July 5, 2007

5. Opinions, etc. in audit reports, etc. prepared by the outgoing accounting auditor over the recent three years

Not applicable.

6. Reason and circumstances that led to the decision of the change

The term of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC, the current accounting auditor of the Company, will expire at the closing of the 101st annual shareholders' meeting scheduled to be held on June 28, 2022. In addition to the fact that the audit duration of the current accounting auditor has reached 15 years, which is quite long, the audit compensation has been on an increasing trend due to the recent increase in audit man-hours. In view of such circumstances and as a result of comparing and examining several audit firms, the Company decided to appoint Grant Thornton Taiyo LLC as its new accounting auditor for the reason presented in paragraph 3 above.

7. Opinions on the reason and circumstances provided in above 6.

(1) Opinion of outgoing accounting auditor

The Company received a response that it has no specific opinion.

(2) Opinion of the Audit and Supervisory Committee

They are deemed adequate.