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## **NBF** News Release

# NIPPON BUILDING FUND INC. ANNOUNCES 16th PERIOD (FIRST-HALF 2009) RESULTS

Tokyo, Japan August 14, 2009 Koichi Nishiyama, Executive Director of NBF, President & CEO of NBFM

Nippon Building Fund Inc. (hereinafter "NBF", also referred to in Japan as "Nihon Building Fund toshi-hojin", TSE ticker code: 8951) today announced its financial results for the First-half 2009 (the 16th fiscal period, commencing January 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2009).

NBF reported operating revenues of \(\pm\)30,761 million, income before income taxes of \(\pm\)11,803 million, net income of \(\pm\)11,802 million, and total cash distribution per share and distribution of accumulated earnings per share of \(\pm\)21,775.

As of June 30, 2009, NBF's total asset balance was \pm 783,793 million and total shareholder's equity was \pm 397,908 million, or \pm 734,276 per common share. The total book value (net of accumulated depreciation) of NBF's investment properties was \pm 740,125 million, compared to \pm 723,369 million at December 31, 2008.

## First- half 2009 Highlights

## Cash Dividends:

In accordance with the distribution policy prescribed in its Articles of Incorporation, NBF is scheduled to distribute almost 100% of retained earnings for the current period (¥21,775 per common share) to our shareholders. By distributing over 90% of taxable income for the period to our shareholders and complying with other organizational and operational requirements, NBF intends to be able to deduct its cash dividends of profit from its taxable income under Japanese tax regulations (Special Taxation Measures Law Article 67-15).

#### NBF Portfolio Profile:

As of June 30, 2009, NBF owned or had beneficiary interests in 61 office properties containing approximately 770,270 rentable square meters of office space. As of June 30,

2009, NBF leased office space to 926 tenants engaged in a variety of businesses, compared to 946 tenants at the close of the preceding fiscal period. The average occupancy rate for office properties, meaning the ratio of leased area to rentable area, was approximately 95.4%, compared to 96.8% at the close of the preceding fiscal period.

#### Performance Results:

NBF continued to manage its assets in accordance with its basic policy of investing in excellent office buildings which are highly competitive in terms of their location, size, facilities and infrastructure and are expected to have stable cash flow from rents. In line with the abovesaid policy, NBF, after careful study, entered into a sale and purchase agreement in March 2008 for the acquisition of the "NBF Ochanomizu Bldg." (fee simple ownership; the acquisition price being ¥20,840 million), delivery of which occurred in April 2009.

NBF also endeavored to secure stable revenues from its rental business with respect to its existing portfolio through measures such as the systematic implementation of operations and management, renovation work and new construction and so forth thereby striving to improve the level of tenant satisfaction as well as correctly capturing market trends and setting rent amounts, increasing rents upon renewal of contracts with existing tenants and so forth.

## Debt Financing:

Regarding funding through interest-bearing obligations such as loans etc., NBF took care to act in a financially prudent manner by utilizing highly flexible, unsecured, non-guaranteed corporate financing. With respect to such funding, on the one hand NBF utilized long-term, fixed interest loans in order to reduce risks of rising interest rates in the future with a view toward the long-term management of its assets while simultaneously utilizing short-term loans to provide agility in funding etc. for property acquisitions. It has also established long-term commitment lines of credit in the maximum amount of \mathbb{x}50 billion in order to provide stable sources of funding thereby reducing risks of refinancing etc. Furthermore, in order to diversify financing measures, NBF filed in January 2009 a shelf registration creating the possibility of issuing up to a maximum of \mathbb{x}200 billion in NBF bonds through public offerings, with the unissued balance being \mathbb{x}200 billion as of June 30, 2009. Further, deposits entrusted by tenants are efficiently managed, and the total amount of such deposits under management as of June 30, 2009 (being the amount of deposits not held as ordinary savings deposits) had reached \mathbb{x}30 billion.

As the result of these activities, as of the end of the current period NBF's loan to value ratio (the ratio of the total amount of interest-bearing debt and lease deposits under management by NBF to total assets, hereinafter the same) was 47.0% and its long-term and fixed-rate interest-bearing debt ratio (the ratio of long-term and fixed-rate interest

bearing debt to total interest-bearing debt, hereinafter the same) was 73.5%.

## Credit Ratings:

NBF was awarded the following issuer credit ratings as a J-REIT, which we believe facilitate its efforts to diversify sources of debt financing.

Rating Agency	Rating Summary
Standard & Poor's	Long-term: A+, Short-term: A-1, Outlook: stable
Moody's	Issuer Rating: A 1, Outlook: negative
R&I	Issuer Rating: AA, Outlook: stable

### NBF's Management Policy and Issues to be Dealt with for the Future:

NBF conducts proper management with the aim of achieving sustainable growth in portfolio value and stable profits on a mid-term and long-term basis in accordance with the following management policies:

#### (a) Management Policies for Existing Properties

NBF intends to maintain the level of rental revenues by keeping a close watch on trends in the office rental market and responding flexibly to the market environment. For existing tenants, it continues to maintain good relations with them through its basic policy of improving the level of tenant satisfaction whereby it intends to maintain the level of current rents and avoid contract cancellations. For new tenants, NBF intends to shorten the periods of vacancies between leases and maintain the occupancy rate by establishing a level of contract rents accurately reflecting trends in the market.

With respect to reinvestment in and management of buildings, NBF intends to consider strategic renovations and to increase the competitiveness of its properties thereby enhancing the quality of its portfolio and pursuing increased profitability.

#### (b) Investment Policies for Newly Acquired Properties

Due to the facts that it has potent channels of information including Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd., that it has accumulated know-how concerning innovative acquisition methods such as acquiring properties under development, and that it has the largest combined assets among all listed investment corporations, NBF will maximize such advantage, properly manage risks, and invest in excellent properties based on vigorous screening which can contribute to the enhancement of the quality of the entire portfolio in the medium and long terms.

Furthermore, NBF will continue to make prudent investment decisions taking into full consideration the status of its financial management as well as keeping an eye on changes in financial and economic circumstances and trends in the real estate markets.

### (c) Financial Strategies etc.

With respect to fund procurement through borrowing, NBF will continue to focus on traditional long-term, fixed-interest financing for the purpose of borrowing with a view toward long-term asset management and the stability of fund procurement. At the same time, it plans to continue to issue NBF bonds with a view toward strengthening its financial base while keeping an eye on the market environment.

For the following period, NBF's financial management will be conducted with the targeted loan to value ratio being between 40% and 50%, with 60% at the maximum, and the targeted long-term and fixed-rate interest-bearing debt ratio being between 80% and 90%. Furthermore, in addition to timely disclosure at the Tokyo Stock Exchange, NBF intends to actively provide information deemed useful to those making investment decisions with respect to NBF such as various disclosure materials as well as information concerning properties, management situations and distributions etc. through enrichment of its on-line website.

#### (d) Compliance and Risk Management

In addition to compliance with all relevant laws and regulations including the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, NBF will, in response to its ever increasing assets as well as changes in social demands or external environments, further enhance its systems for compliance and risk management in order to ensure sound and proper business management.

## Outline of Forecasts for the 17th and the 18th periods

As required by the timely-disclosure requirements of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, NBF announced its forecast for the 17th fiscal period commencing July 1,2009 and ending December 31, 2009 and for the 18th fiscal period commencing January 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2010 as a part of "Kessan-Tanshin". With regard to the conditions of the forecasts, please refer to the original "Kessan-Tanshin" released on August 14, 2009. An outline of the forecasts for the 17th and the 18th periods is as follows:

## Performance Forecasts:

The forecast for the 17th period is as follows:

Operating revenues: \$\$29,722\$ millionNet income: \$\$10,027\$ million

Cash distribution per share: ¥18,500

The forecast for the 18th period is as follows:

Operating revenues:  $$\pm 28,125$$  million Net income:  $$\pm 8,726$$  million

Cash distribution per share: ¥16,100

The above figures given for forecasted performance results are premised upon, for the 18th periods, sixty-two (62) properties comprised of sixty-one (61) properties owned by NBF as of June 30, 2009 plus the "(tentative name) Higashi-Ueno 4-chome Bldg." to be acquired in April 2010.

## **About NBF**

NBF is one of the leading Japanese real estate investment corporations which was formed on March 16, 2001 as a real estate investment corporation under the Investment Trust Law of Japan. NBF is an externally managed real estate investment company. Registration of NBF with the Kanto Local Finance Bureau of the Ministry of Finance was completed on May 10, 2001 and acquisition of office properties commenced on May 23, 2001.

As of September 10, 2001, NBF had raised approximately ¥50 billion through an initial public offering of its common shares, which are listed on the J-REIT section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Nippon Building Fund Management Ltd. (hereinafter "NBFM"), NBF's asset management company, is engaged in acquiring, owning, managing, leasing, and renovating office properties on behalf of NBF. Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd. currently owns 43% of NBFM, Sumitomo Life Insurance Company holds a 35% stake and 22% is owned by others. As of June 30, 2009, NBFM was solely engaged in asset management for NBF.

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The financial statements of Nippon Building Fund Inc. have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Japan (Japanese GAAP) which may materially differ in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles in other jurisdictions.

Many provisions of this document contain forward-looking statements and information. We base these statements on our beliefs as well as our assumptions based solely on certain limited information currently available to us. Because these statements reflect our current views concerning future events, these statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These forward-looking statements are not a guarantee of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, and there are certain important factors that could cause actual results to differ, possibly materially, from expectations or estimates reflected in such forward-looking statements, including without limitation: the general economy, market conditions, financial markets including the performance of the office space market, interest rate fluctuations, competition with our office properties, and the impact of changing regulations or taxation. NBF does not intend, and is under no obligation to, update any particular forward-looking statement included in this document. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release speak only as of the date of release, **August 14, 2009** and NBF does not undertake to revise those forward-looking statements to reflect events occurring after the date of this release.

## 16th Period (First-half 2009) Financial Highlights

The following table sets forth selected financial and operating information on a historical basis for Nippon Building Fund Inc.

#### NIPPON BUILDING FUND INC. SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS(Note1) (Yen in millions, except for per share data)

·	16th Period 2009		15th Period 2008		14th Period 2008		13th Period 2007		12th Period 2007	
		1st half		2nd half		1st half		2007 2nd half		1st half
Operating Data:		TSCTIGIT		Ziid iidii		13t Hall	_	Ziid iidii		13t Hall
Revenues:										
Rental	¥	27.903	¥	28.069	¥	26.708	¥	25.056	¥	23.992
Others		2,858		3,149		2,512		2,758		2,649
Gain on sales of investment properties		_,		-		868		_,		_,
		30,761	-	31,218		30,088		27,814		26,641
Operating Expenses:		30,13.		01,210		00,000		2.,0		20,0
Property operating, taxes and others		9,756		9,872		8,902		8,909		8,199
Depreciation and amortization		5,355		5,356		5,276		5,169		5,125
Asset management fees and other expenses		1,354		1,399		1,381		1,279		1,205
Total operating expenses		16,465		16,627	_	15,559		15,357		14,529
Interest income and others		26		56		40		36		14,323
Interest expense and Amortization of bond issue costs		(2,554)		(2,475)		(2,231)		(2,225)		(2,007)
Other expenses		(35)		(110)		(115)		(41)		(59)
Extraordinary income		(55)		(110)		(113)		(41)		(59)
Adjustment of depreciation for prior periods		70								
Income before income taxes	_	11.803	_	12.062	_	12.223	_	10.227	_	10.064
Current and deferred income taxes		(1)		,				(1)		(1)
Net income	¥	11,802	¥	12,061	¥	(1) 12,222	¥	10,226	¥	10,063
Net income	<u> </u>	11,002	_	12,001	<u> </u>	12,222		10,220	<u> </u>	10,003
Distribution of accumulated earnings per share	¥	21,775	¥	22,252	¥	22,549	¥	20,129	¥	19,809
Weighted average number of common shares	+	21,775	+	22,252	+	22,549	+	20,129	+	19,609
outstanding		542,000		542,000		535,298		508,000		508,000
Total cash distribution per share(Yen)	¥	21,775	¥	22.252	¥	22,549	¥	20.129	¥	19.809
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Balance Sheets Data:										
Assets	.,		.,		.,		.,		.,	
Current assets	¥	39,267	¥	38,547	¥	32,898	¥	28,131	¥	32,441
Investment properties, net of accumulated depreciation		740,092		723,336		688,357		639,814		643,643
Other assets		4,435	¥	4,366		4,372		4,250	¥	4,182
Total assets	¥	783,793	¥	766,249	<u>*</u>	725,627	¥	672,195	<u>*</u>	680,266
Liabilities										
Short-term loans		89,750		76,500		46,500		57,500		69,500
Other current liabilities		7,996		9,730		7,788		8,117		7,688
Long-term debts		248,750		242,000		234,000		215,000		212,000
Tenant security deposits		39,249		39,719		38,882		34,848		34,515
Other liabilities		69		63		59_		58		53
Total liabilities		385,815		368,012		327,229		315,523		323,756
Shareholders' Equity										
Common shares		386,176		386,176		386,176		346,447		346,447
Retained earnings		11,802		12,061		12,222		10,225		10,063
Total Shareholders' Equity		397,978	_	398,237		398,398		356,672		356,510
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		783,793	_	766,249	_	725,627	_	672,195	_	680,266
Cash Flow Data:										
Cash flow provided by operating activities	¥	15,751	¥	20,046	¥	20,564	¥	16,381	¥	14,556
Cash flow used for investing activities		(23,150)		(39,576)	_	(54,046)	_	(1,323)		(52,380)
Cash flow provided by financial activities		7,944	_	25,781	_	37,426	_	(19,060)	_	35,075
Cash and cash equivalents		38,121		37,576		31,324		27,381	_	31,383
Other Supplement Data:										
Number of investment properties		61		60		58		56		56
Number of tenants		926		946		931		897		910
Total rentable square meters of office properties		770,270		763,658		750,701		692,286		692,222
Occupancy rate of office properties		95.4 %		96.8 %		97.4 %		98.6 %		99.0
NOI from property leasing activities (Note3)	¥	21,005	¥	21,346	¥	20,318	¥	18,905	¥	18,442
FFO per share (Note3)	¥	31,655	¥	32,134	¥	31,066	¥	30,304	¥	29,897

<sup>(1)</sup> Selected financial data has been derived from the historical financial statements of Nippon Building Fund Inc. based on generally accepted accounting principles in Japan (Japanese GAAP) audited by KPMG AZSA & Co., independent auditors.

<sup>(2) &</sup>quot;Share" is based on the number of common shares issued and outstanding at the end of the period.

<sup>(3)</sup> NOI (Net Operating Income) from property leasing activities:

<sup>(</sup>Revenue from property leasing—Rental expenses) + Depreciation and Amortization, excluding Gain on sales of investment properties FFO (Funds From Operation) per share: (Net income + Depreciation and Amortization), excluding Gain on sales of investment properties /Weighted average number of common shares issued and outstanding during the period.

## Office Properties Selected Data

The following table sets forth selected information as of June 30, 2009 relating to the office properties in which NBF has invested.

		Book value			
		(Yen in	Net rentable	Number of	Occupancy
Name of Building	Location	millions)	square meters	tenants	rate
NBF Hibiya Bldg.	Tokyo	64,420	27,640	61	87.3
Nishi-Shinjuku Mitsui Bldg.	Tokyo	36,083	32,968	1	100.0
Shiba NBF Tower	Tokyo	30,410	24,728	26	99.1
NBF Platinum Tower	Tokyo	30,145	33,503	5	100.0
NBF Minami-Aoyama Bldg.	Tokyo	31,817	9,618	8	94.6
Gate City Ohsaki	Tokyo	24,414	20,713	1	100.0
Toranomon Kotohira Tower	Tokyo	20,846	16,848	1	100.0
NBF Nihonbashi Muromachi Center Bldg.	Tokyo	24,155	16,306	14	94.5
Nakameguro GT Tower	Tokyo	21,476	21,423	1	100.0
NBF Ochanomizu Bldg.	Tokyo	21,624	6,627	0	0.0
NBF Ginza Street Bldg.	Tokyo	17,610	3,440	1	100.0
Shinjuku Mitsui Bldg. No.2	Tokyo	15,889	14,921	37	84.6
GSK Bldg.	Tokyo	13,827	20,426	1	100.0
NBF Toranomon Bldg.	Tokyo	13,566	10,123	11	92.1
Kowa Nishi- Shinbashi Bldg. B	Tokyo	11,969	10,088	2	99.7
Nippon Steel Bldg. No.2	Tokyo	11,479	17,338	2	100.0
NBF Alliance	Tokyo	9,492	4,043	9	100.0
Yotsuya Medical Bldg.	Tokyo	8,468	7,450	1	100.0
Shibuya Garden Front	Tokyo	8,222	8,258	1	100.0
NBF Shibuya East	Tokyo	8,235	4,993	4	100.0
NBF Shibakouen Bldg.	Tokyo	6,689	7,087	7	100.0
NBF Takanawa Bldg.	Tokyo	6,251	10,458	4	100.0
NBF Akasaka Sanno Square	Tokyo	6,250	5,258	6	91.2
Shibakouen Takahashi Bldg.	Tokyo	6,305	3,431	7	100.0
Sumitomo Densetsu Bldg.	Tokyo	4,758	5,991	1	100.0
NBF Higashi-Ginza Square	Tokyo	4,953	4,871	8	100.0
NBF Ogawamachi Bldg.	Tokyo	4,944	4,805	1	100.0
NBF Ikebukuro Tower	Tokyo	4,560	5,652	13	100.0
NBF Ikebukuro City Bldg.	Tokyo	4,421	$5{,}127$	12	100.0
NBF Sudacho Verde Bldg.	Tokyo	3,368	2,971	3	96.1
NBF Ebisu-Minami Bldg.	Tokyo	1,011	1,595	3	100.0
Nakanosakaue Sunbright Twin	Tokyo	39,219	32,082	8	99.9
NBF Toyosu Canal Front	Tokyo	33,411	36,668	9	100.0
NBF Toyosu Garden Front	Tokyo	25,125	28,330	3	100.0
Shin- Kawasaki Mitsui Bldg.	Kanagawa	18,729	27,924	1	100.0
Yokohama ST Bldg.	Kanagawa	12,668	20,069	85	94.0
Parale Mitsui Bldg.	Kanagawa	3,254	12,545	1	100.0
NBF Atsugi Bldg.	Kanagawa	2,127	5,230	15	77.1

		Book value			
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Name of Building	Location	millions)	square meters	tenants	rate
Tsukuba Mitsui Bldg.	Ibaraki	7,326	16,755	63	88.5
NBF Utsunomiya Bldg.	Tochigi	2,506	6,197	32	87.4
S-ino Omiya North Wing	Saitama	15,575	20,698	35	100.0
NBF Urawa Bldg.	Saitama	1,916	3,455	14	100.0
Shin-Urayasu Center Bldg.	Chiba	15,844	22,789	36	91.8
NBF Matsudo Bldg.	Chiba	2,256	4,770	25	100.0
Sapporo L- Plaza	Hokkaido	4,003	11,396	12	100.0
NBF Sapporo Minami Nijo Bldg.	Hokkaido	1,713	5,351	4	100.0
NBF Sendai Honcho Bldg	Miyagi	3,644	7,539	9	97.9
NBF Unix Bldg.	Fukushima	3,198	13,390	51	92.0
NBF Niigata Telecom Bldg.	Niigata	3,676	10,214	34	78.4
NBF Nagoya Hirokoji Bldg.	Aichi	7,233	9,890	13	88.5
Aqua Dojima NBF Tower	Osaka	16,736	21,917	41	90.2
Shinanobashi Mitsui Bldg.	Osaka	11,663	25,237	1	100.0
Sun Mullion NBF Tower	Osaka	8,671	14,954	28	87.7
Sakaisuji-Honmachi Center Bldg.	Osaka	6,241	11,438	42	94.5
NBF Sakai- Higashi Bldg.	Osaka	1,982	5,308	21	97.8
Aqua Dojima East	Osaka	1,806	3,243	17	80.0
NBF Shijo Karasuma Bldg.	Kyoto	1,409	3,931	13	75.4
NBF Hiroshima Tatemachi Bldg.	Hiroshima	2,940	5,612	26	91.7
Hiroshima Fukuromachi Bldg.	Hiroshima	729	1,309	17	100.0
NBF Hakata Gion Bldg.	Fukuoka	2,290	5,416	8	100.0
NBF Kumamoto Bldg.	Kumamoto	4,573	7,913	10	77.2
Total		740,125	770,270	926	95.4

The name of one building was changed as follows:

New Name	Former Name	Effective Date
NBF Hibiya Bldg.	Yamato Seimei Bldg.	August 1, 2009