

To All Concerned Parties

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# NIPPON BUILDING FUND INC. ANNOUNCES 30th PERIOD (FIRST -HALF 2016) RESULTS

# 1. Financial Results for the Fiscal Period Ended June 30, 2016

#### (from January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016)

| (1) Operating Results |                     |       |                     | ages maie | ate a rate of incre           |       |                 | ous pen |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------|
|                       | Operating rev       | enues | Operating income    |           | Ordinary income               |       | Net income      |         |
| Period ended          | Yen in millions     | %     | Yen in millions     | %         | Yen in millions               | %     | Yen in millions | %       |
| June 30,2016          | 35,671              | 3.0   | 15,011              | 11.4      | 12,808                        | 16.7  | 12,808          | 16.7    |
| December 31,2015      | 34,640              | 0.1   | 13,475              | (0.7)     | 10,978                        | (0.2) | 10,977          | (0.2)   |
|                       | Net income per unit |       | Return c            | n         | Ratio of ordinary Ratio of or |       | Ratio of ord    | inary   |
|                       |                     |       | unitholders' equity |           | income to total               |       | income          |         |
|                       |                     |       |                     |           | assets                        |       | to operating re | venues  |
| Period ended          |                     | yen   |                     | %         |                               | %     |                 | %       |
| June 30,2016          | 9,070               |       | 2.4                 |           | 1.3                           |       | 35.9            |         |
| December 31, 2015     | 7,774               |       | 2.1                 |           | 1.1                           |       | 31.7            |         |

(Note) Net income per unit = Net income  $\div$  Weighted average number of units issued and outstanding during the period.



#### (2) Distributions

|                   | Distribution<br>per unit<br>(excluding<br>distributions in<br>excess of<br>earnings) | Total Amount<br>of<br>Distributions<br>(excluding<br>distributions in<br>excess of<br>earnings) | Distributions<br>in excess of<br>earnings per<br>unit | Total of<br>distributions<br>in excess of<br>earnings | Payout ratio | Ratio of<br>distributions<br>to net assets |
|-------------------|--|---|---|---|--------------|--|
| Period ended      | Yen  | Yen in millions   | Yen   | Yen in millions                                       | %            | %  |
| June 30,2016      | 8,397  | 11,856  | 0   | 0   | 92.5         | 2.2  |
| December 31, 2015 | 8,036  | 11,346  | 0   | 0   | 103.3        | 2.1  |

(Note1) The payout ratio is calculated by using the following formula. Value after one (1) decimal place is rounded down.

Payout ratio = Total amount of distributions  $\div$  Net income x 100

(Note2) Distribution per unit for the fiscal period ended December 31, 2015 is calculated by adding ¥370 million of reversal of reserve for advanced depreciation to undistributed earnings and then dividing it by the total number of investment units issued and outstanding.

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#### (3) Financial Position

|                   | Total assets    | Net assets      | Ratio of unitholders' equity to total assets | Net assets per unit |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| Period ended      | Yen in millions | Yen in millions | %  | Yen                 |
| June 30,2016      | 1,029,045       | 535,749         | 52.1   | 379,425             |
| December 31, 2015 | 1,012,708       | 534,287         | 52.8   | 378,390             |

(4) Cash Flow

|                   | Cash flow from<br>operating activities | Cash flow from<br>investing activities | Cash flow from<br>financing activities | Cash and cash<br>equivalents at the end<br>of period |
|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Period ended      | Yen in millions                        | Yen in millions                        | Yen in millions                        | Yen in millions                                      |
| June 30,2016      | 24,003                                 | (22,643)                               | 3,240                                  | 18,606   |
| December 31, 2015 | 18,296                                 | (2,421)                                | (21,368)                               | 14,005   |



### 2. Forecasts for the 31st Fiscal Period (from July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016)

(Percentages indicates rate of increase/decrease from the previous period)

|                   | Operating<br>revenues | Operating<br>income | Ordinary<br>income | Net income        | Distributions<br>per unit<br>(excluding<br>distribution in<br>excess of<br>earnings) | Distributions<br>in excess of<br>earnings |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| Period ending     | Yen in millions %     | Yen in millions %   | Yen in millions %  | Yen in millions % | Yen  | Yen                                       |
| December 31, 2016 | 35,669 (0.0)          | 14,301 (4.7)        | 12,199 (4.7)       | 12,199 (4.7)      | 8,640  | 0   |

(Reference) Expected net income per unit (expected net income ÷ expected number of units at the end of the period) = ¥8,640

#### 3. Others

(1) Changes in Accounting Policies, Accounting Estimates or Restatements

- (i) Changes in Accounting Policies due to revisions to accounting standards and other regulations: None
- (ii) Changes in accounting policies due to reasons other than (i) above: None
- (iii) Changes in accounting estimates: None
- (iv) Restatements: None

#### (2) Number of Investment Units Issued and Outstanding

(i) Number of investment units issued and outstanding at the end of the fiscal period including treasury units:

As of June 30, 2016 1,412,000 units

As of December 31, 2015 1,412,000 units

(ii) Number of treasury units at end of period: As of June 30, 2016 None As of December 31, 2015 None

※ The Implementation Status of Statutory Audit

At the time of disclosure of this financial report, the audit procedures for the financial statements pursuant to the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act had yet to be completed.

Explanation of the Appropriate Use of the Forecast of Results and Other Matters of Special Consideration The forward-looking statements concerning performance results in these materials are based on information currently available to us and certain assumptions which we believe are reasonable. Actual operating performance may differ substantially due to various factors. Furthermore, these forecasts are not intended to guarantee the amount of cash distribution.



#### NBF Portfolio Profile:

As of June 30, 2016, NBF owned or had beneficiary interests in 73 office properties containing approximately 1,083,893 rentable square meters of office space. As of June 30, 2016, NBF leased office space to 1,583 tenants (after taking sub-leases into account) engaged in a variety of businesses, compared to 1,595 tenants at the close of the preceding fiscal period. The occupancy rate as of the end of the period was 98.2% (after taking sub-leases into account), compared to 96.8% at the close of the preceding fiscal period.

#### Performance Results:

NBF conducted its investment activities 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". During the 30th period, NBF acquired Kowa Nishi-Shinbashi Bldg. B (additional acquisition, beneficiary interests in trust assets, acquisition price: ¥48 million) in March 2016 and Ueno East Tower (co-ownership interest in real property, acquisition price: ¥21.6 billion) in June 2016. Furthermore, NBF disposed NBF Sendai Honcho Bldg. (beneficiary interests in trust assets, disposition price: ¥3.7 billion) and NBF Atsugi Bldg. (real property, disposition price: ¥2.75 billion) in June 2016.

NBF 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 further 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:

NBF has conducted its financial management in a conservative manner with the targeted interest-bearing debt to value ratio (ratio of interest-bearing debt to total value, hereinafter the same) being between 36% and 46%, with 56% at the maximum.

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 mainly utilized long-term, fixed interest loans in order to reduce the 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. In addition, NBF managed to avoid all such loans becoming due at one time by setting diversified repayment dates.

It has also established long-term commitment lines of credit in the maximum amount of ¥60 billion



in order to provide stable sources of funding thereby flexibly procuring necessary funds and reducing risks of refinancing etc.

NBF issued No.14 Unsecured Investment Corporation Bonds (amount of ¥5 billion, period of 30 years), the longest among J-REITs, in June 2016. The balance of investment corporation bonds is ¥45 billion as of the end of the fiscal period ended June 2016. NBF filed in January 2015 a shelf registration creating the possibility of issuing up to a maximum of ¥200 billion in NBF bonds through public offerings, and the unused balance as of the end of the fiscal period ended June 2016 stands at ¥195 billion.

As the result of these activities, as of the end of the current period NBF's interest-bearing debt to value ratio was 42.1% and its long-term fixed interest-bearing debt ratio (ratio of "long-term fixed interest-bearing debt" procured at fixed rates with over-one-year repayment/redemption periods as of the time of loan agreements/issuances of bonds each such time representing the actual procurement of funds to "total interest-bearing debt."; hereinafter the same) was 93.8%.

#### Credit Ratings:

NBF was awarded the following issuer credit ratings as a J-REIT (opinions of the respective credit rating agencies on NBF's creditability).

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

#### **Overview of Performance and Distribution:**

As the result of above-explained operations, NBF's performance results during the reported period consisted of operating revenues of ¥35,671 million (a increase of ¥1,030 million, or 3.0%, compared to the previous period), operating income from leasing activities of ¥15,564 million (a increase of ¥659 million, or 4.4%, compared to the previous period), operating income after asset management, custody and agent fees etc. of ¥15,011 million (a increase of ¥1,535 million, or 11.4% compared to the previous period), ordinary income of ¥12,808 million (a increase of ¥1,830 million, or 16.7%, compared to the previous period), and net income of ¥12,808 million (a increase of ¥1,830 million, or 16.7%, compared to the previous period).

In accordance with the distribution policy prescribed in its Articles of Incorporation, NBF is to make cash distributions so that the preferential tax measures to investment corporations (Article 67-15 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Taxation) will be applied.Furthermore, in order to realize stable operation and distribution in the future, NBF decided to apply the preferential tax



measures in case of replacing specified assets (Article 65-7 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Taxation) and to internally retain the gain on sales of two properties disposed in June 2016 as reserve for advance depreciation during the fiscal period ended June 2016. Accordingly, NBF has decided to distribute the entire amount arrived by subtracting the amount of reserve for advanced depreciation (¥951 million) from undistributed earnings, excluding fractions of the distribution per unit that are less than ¥1.As a result, the distribution per unit was ¥8,397.

## 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 increase 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 and improve the level of current rents, as well as to avoid contract cancellations.

As for capital investments in existing buildings, NBF will undertake appropriate and effective engineering work such as renovating facilities, improving their environmental compatibility (including compliance with environmental restrictions related to cutting CO2 emissions) or constructing new improvements, all of which will contribute to the maintenance and enhancement of their competitiveness as rental buildings.

#### (b) Investment Policies for Acquisition

Due to the facts that it has potent channels of information including Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd., that it has accumulated know-how through its experience with diversified acquisition methods, and that it has the largest combined assets among all listed investment corporations, NBF will maximize such advantages, 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.

NBF will also 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.

Furthermore, reviewing the structure of its entire portfolio based on the growth potential, stability, scale and location etc. of each property, NBF will implement replacement of assets from time to time.



## (c) Financial Strategies etc.

With respect to fund procurement through debt financing, NBF will continue to focus on traditional long-term, fixed-interest financing 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, the targeted interest-bearing debt-to-dvalue ratio, being between 36% and 46%, will be maintained for the time being, with 56% at the maximum. NBF will continue to conduct its financial management with the targeted long-term interest-bearing debt ratio for the time being of over 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.

#### Significant Subsequent Events:

Not applicable



## Outline of Forecasts for the 31st and the 32nd Periods

As required by the timely-disclosure requirements of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, NBF announced its forecasts for the 31st fiscal period commencing July 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 and for the 32nd fiscal period commencing January 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2017 as a part of "Kessan-Tanshin". With regard to the conditions of the forecasts, please refer to the original "Kessan-Tanshin" released on August 15, 2016. An outline of the forecasts for the 31st and the 32nd periods is as follows:

#### Performance Forecasts:

| The forecast for the 31st period is as follows: |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Operating revenues:                             | ¥35,669 million |
| Net income:                                     | ¥12,199 million |
| Cash distribution per unit:                     | ¥8,640          |

| The forecast for the 32nd period is as follows: |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Operating revenues:                             | ¥35,614 million |
| Net income:                                     | ¥12,214 million |
| Cash distribution per unit:                     | ¥8,650          |

(Note) The above-forecasted figures are calculated based on certain conditions as of the date of such calculation, and the actual amount of net income or cash distribution may change subject to changes of circumstances. Furthermore, these forecasts are not intended to guarantee the amount of cash distribution.

#### **Disclaimer**

This news release contains translations of selected information described in the Japanese original document ("Kessan-Tanshin") . "Kessan-Tanshin" has been prepared in accordance with Japanese accounting standards and Japanese laws.

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