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# NBF News Release

## NIPPON BUILDING FUND INC. ANNOUNCES 7 th PERIOD (SECOND - HALF 2004) RESULTS

Tokyo, Japan February 10, 2005 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 Second - half 2004 (the 7th fiscal period, commencing July 1, 2004 and ending December 31, 2004).

NBF reported total revenues of \$16,116 million, income before income taxes of \$6,307 million, net income of \$6,306 million, and total cash distribution per share and distribution of accumulated earnings per share of \$17,291.

As of December 31, 2004, NBF's total asset balance was \$430,378 million and total shareholder's equity was \$216,985 million, or \$594,969 per common share. The total book value (net of accumulated depreciation) of NBF's investment properties was \$389,586 million, compared to \$331,861 million at June 30, 2004.

## Second-half 2004 Highlights

### Additional Acquired Properties and Sale of 4 Properties:

NBF acquired 6 office properties during the 7th fiscal period:

**Alliance** (location: Minato-ku, Tokyo; acquisition price: \$9,126 million; investment type: beneficiary interest; type of ownership: fee simple (100%): total net rentable area of the building: 4,043 square meters.)

**Aqua Dojima Daiwa Dojima Bldg.** (location: Osaka; acquisition price: ¥17,810 million; investment type: beneficiary interest; type of ownership: fee simple (100%): total net rentable area of the building: 21,935 square meters.)

**S-ino Omiya North Wing** (location: Saitama; acquisition price: \$16,816 million (the total amount of two sale and purchase transactions); investment type: real estate; type of ownership: fee simple (100%) (100% owned by NBF as the result of additional purchase of

condominium interests in two sale and purchase transactions; total net rentable area of the building: 20,709 square meters.)

**Toranomon Kotohira Tower** (location: Minato-ku, Tokyo; acquisition price: \$6,043 million; investment type: real estate and superficies; type of ownership: approximately 79% of quasi co-ownership interest in superficies and approximately 29% of co-ownership interest in condominium interests in the 4th through 25th above ground floors: total net rentable area of the building owned by NBF: 4,926 square meters.)

Additional acquisition of Sapporo L Plaza (location: Sapporo, Hokkaido; acquisition price: ¥239 million(the total amount of two sale and purchase transactions); investment type: real estate; type of ownership: condominium interests in the part of 6th and 9th above ground floors; net rentable area of the building owned totally by NBF: 9,058 square meters)

Additional acquisition of Nihonbashi Muro-machi Center Bldg. (location: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; acquisition price: ¥14,000 million; investment type: beneficiary interest; type of ownership: condominium interests (100% owned by NBF as the result of additional purchase of condominium interests): final total net rentable area of the building owned by NBF: 16,306 square meters.)

In addition to the above, NBF sold, for the purpose of further enhancement of its mid and long term portfolio, the Shinjuku Yocho-machi Bldg. (sales price (same hereinafter) ¥2,700 million), Inage Kaigan Bldg. (¥2,100 million), Hamamatsu City Bldg. (¥1,400 million) and Kyomachibori Center Bldg. (¥900 million) in July 2004.

### NBF Portfolio Profile:

As of December 31, 2004, NBF owned or had beneficiary interests in 43 office properties containing approximately 460,901 rentable square meters of office space. As of December 31, 2004, NBF leased office space to 667 tenants engaged in a variety of businesses, compared to 629 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 97.5%, compared to 97.7% at the close of the preceding fiscal period.

#### Properties Expected to be Acquired:

In accordance with appropriate principles of risk management, the following two properties are expected to be acquired after their completion, as they are rare, of high quality and newly constructed:

First, NBF decided in August 2004 to acquire NBF Higashi-Ginza Square ("Higashi-Ginza Square" (tentative name) (beneficiary interests in trust: ¥4,800 million (the price may change in accordance with the provisions of the contract)), for which tenant attraction activities are already under way, and the acquisition will be completed

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Second, NBF decided in September 2003 to acquire "NBF Platinum Tower (Shirokane 1-chome East Area Redevelopment Project, office building)" (beneficiary interests in trust: \$27,600 million(the price may change in accordance with the provisions of the contract)), the acquisition of which is scheduled to occur in March 2006 as expected, and A main tenant has been already decided and then tenant attraction activities are already under way.

### Cash Dividends:

In accordance with the distribution policy prescribed in our Articles of Incorporation, NBF is scheduled to distribute almost 100% of retained earnings for the current period (¥17,291 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).

### Debt Financing and Public Offering

NBF obtained funding through interest-bearing debt utilizing mainly unsecured and non-guaranteed bank loans. NBF refinanced short-term loans to long-term and fixed-rate debt in order to hedge against risks related to interest rate hikes and to fix interest rates at current low levels. During July and August 2004, for the purpose of stabilizing our financial base through repayment of short-term debt etc. and enhancement of capital in connection with the acquisition of new properties, NBF completed receipt of payment for supplemental issues of shares through the first public offering following NBF becoming a listed company, which was the largest scale of offering in the J-REIT market, as well as through a third party allocation of shares. As a result, the total number of issued shares as of the close of the current period was 364,700 shares (an increase of 84,000 shares compared to the preceding period) and total capital was ¥210,679 million (an increase of ¥61,780 million compared to the preceding period). As the result of the application of funds obtained through the issue of new shares to repayment of debt, the ratio of interest bearing debt to the total assets as of the end of the current period was 41.7% (being 50.8% as of the end of the preceding period).

Moreover, with a view toward reducing the risk of future increases in interest rates, NBF has vigorously pursued long-term fixed-rate loans, and with the objective of diversification of funding methods, undertook the following private placements of investment trust bonds (to qualified institutional investors) during the current period. In addition, NBF established a maximum ¥30 billion commitment line for the purpose of ensuring a stable funding base with a view toward reduction of refinancing risks etc.

Name of Bond	No.4 Unsecured Investment Trust	No. 5 Unsecured Investment Trust
	Bond	Bond
Issued Date	September 22, 2004	September 22, 2004
Issued Amount	¥10 billion	¥10 billion
Issued to	qualified institutional investors only	qualified institutional investors only
Period	5 years	7 years
Interest	1.04%	1.60%
Security/Guarantee	Unsecured, non-guaranteed	Unsecured, non-guaranteed

As a result, as of the end of the current period the total of long and short-term debt was \$139.5 billion (of which \$109 billion debt was long-term debt) and the total of issued unsecured investment trust bonds was \$40 billion. Accordingly, the ratio of long-term capital to interest-bearing debt was 83.0% as of the end of the current quarter.

### Credit Ratings:

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

Rating Agency	<b>Rating Date</b>	Rating Summary
Standard & Poor's	May 1, 2002	Long-term: A, Short-term: A-1, Outlook: stable
Moody's	May 30, 2002	Rating: A2, Outlook: stable
R&I	Oct 21 2004	Senior Long-term Credit Rating: AA-

(Note1) On November 11, 2004, Moody's upgraded NBF's Rating to A2 from A3; Outlook Stable.

(Note2) On October 21, 2004, Rating and Investment Information, Inc.( R&I ) newly assigned NBF's Rating.

#### Outline of Forecast for the 8th period

As required by the timely-disclosure requirements of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, we announced a forecast for first-half 2005 (the 8<sup>th</sup> fiscal period, commencing January 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2005) as a part of "Kessan-Tanshin". With regard to the conditions of the forecast, please refer to the original "Kessan-Tanshin" released on February 10, 2005. An outline of the forecast for first-half 2005 is as follows:

#### Performance Forecast:

For first-half 2005, based on operating activities of 44 office properties including **NBF Higashi** - **Ginza Square** which is expected to be acquired during the 8th period , NBF forecasts total revenues of \$16,168 million, net income of \$5,506 million, and cash distribution of \$15,100 per share.

### About NBF

NBF is one of the leading Japanese real estate investment corporations which was formed on March 16, 2001 as the 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 December 31, 2004, NBFM was solely engaged in asset management for NBF.

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This news release contains translations of selected information described in the Financial Release ("*Kessan-Tanshin*") prepared under the timely-disclosure requirements of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and portions of the Financial Statements and the Performance Information Report for the period from July 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004, of Nippon Building Fund Inc. prepared pursuant to the Investment Trust Law of Japan.

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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, **February 10, 2005**, and NBF does not undertake to revise those forward-looking statements to reflect events occurring after the date of this release.

#### 7th Period (Second-half 2004) Financial Highlights

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

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	7th Period 2004		6th Period 2004		5	th Period	4	th Period	31	rd Period
					2003		2003		2002	
		2nd-Half		1st-Half		2nd-Half		1st-Half		2nd-Half
erating Data:										
Revenues:										
Rental	¥	13,610	¥	11,265	¥	10,476	¥	11,111	¥	10,366
Others		1,568		1,193		1,977		1,128		1,480
Gain on sales of investment properties		938		96 12,554		12,453		12,239		11,846
Operating Expenses:		10,110		12,554		12,455		12,239		11,040
Property operating, taxes and others		4,940		4,148		4,489		4,182		3,959
Depreciation and amortization		2,891		2,628		2,403		2,366		2,072
Asset management fees and other expenses		756		616		572		647		625
Total operating expenses		8,587		7,392		7,464		7,195		6,656
Interest income and others		17		14		1		0		0,000
Interest expense		(1,050)		(892)		(809)		(706)		(59
Other expenses		(189)		(21)		(87)		(24)		(33
Income before income taxes		6.307		4,263		4.094		4.314		4.56
Current and deferred income taxes		(1)		0		(1)		(1)		(
Netincome	¥	6,306	¥	4,263	¥	4,093	¥	4,313	¥	4,562
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Distribution of accumulated earnings per share										
(Yen)(Note2):	¥	17,291	¥	15,185	¥	14,582	¥	15,367	¥	16,25
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding		358,157		280,700		280,700		280,700		280,70
Total cash distribution per share(Yen)	¥	17,291	¥	15,185	¥	14,582	¥	15,367	¥	16,25
ance Sheets Data: Assets										
Current assets	¥	39,440	¥	33,102	¥	30,753	¥	33,890	¥	32,164
Investment properties, net of accumulated depreciation		389,545		331,815		282,333		272,541		257,42
Other assets		1,393		1,283		1,276		1,257		1,13
Total assets	¥	430,378	¥	366,200	¥	314,362	¥	307,688	¥	290,72
Liabilities										
Short-term loans		30,500		64,050		41,150		34,950		38,45
Other current liabilities		7.667		5.074		6,458		4,127		3.93
Long-term debts		149.000		122,000		95.000		94.000		72.00
Tenant security deposits		26,185		21,878		18,730		21,369		22,85
Other liabilities		41		36		32		29		2
Total liabilities		213,393		213,038		161,370		154,475		137,26
Shareholders' Equity										
Common shares		210,679		148,899		148,899		148,899		148,89
Retained earnings		6,306		4,263		4,093		4,314		4,56
Total Shareholders' Equity		216,985		153,162		152,992		153,213		153,46
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		430,378		366,200		314,362		307,688		290,72
sh Row Data:										
Cash flow provided by operating activities	¥	15,336	¥	5,182	¥	9,018	¥	6,766	¥	7,29
Cash flow used for investing activities		(59,875)	_	(49,250)	_	(14,936)	_	(18,986)		(13,838
Cash flow provided by financial activities		50,868		45,811		2,888		13,814		5,512
Cash and cash equivalents		38,489		32,160		30,418		33,448		31,854
ner Supplement Data:										
Number of investment properties		43		43		33		29		2
Number of tenants		667		629		511		446		44
Total rentable square meters of office properties		460,901		419,657		358,940		340,497		322,34
Occupancy rate of office properties		97.5 %		97.7 %	,	92.3 %	5	94.8 %		95.
NOI from property leasing activities (Note3)	¥	10,238	¥	8,311	¥	7,964	¥	8,057	¥	7,88
FFO per share (Note3)	¥	23,061	¥	24,203	¥	23,141	¥	23,794	¥	23,63

(1) The 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) and audited by Azsa & Co., independent auditors.

(2) "Share" is based on the number of common shares issued and outstanding at the end of the period.

(3) NOI (Net Operating Income) from property leasing activities:

(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.

The following table sets forth selected information as of December 31, 2004 relating to the office properties in which we have invested.

		Book value			
		(Yen in	Net rentable	Number of	Occupancy
Name of Building	Location	millions)	square meters	tenants	rate
JFE Bldg.	Tokyo	72,091	65,280	1	100.0
Shiba NBF Tower	Tokyo	33,058	24,796	27	99.3
Nihonbashi Muromachi Center Bldg.	Tokyo	24,308	16,306	15	100.0
Shinjuku Mitsui Bldg. No.2	Tokyo	15,700	14,946	35	100.0
GSK Bldg.	Tokyo	14,691	22,702	1	100.0
Nakameguro GT Tower	Tokyo	13,747	13,924	1	100.0
Daiya Toranomon Bldg.	Tokyo	13,819	10,354	11	98.8
Kowa Nishi- Shinbashi Bldg. B	Tokyo	12,641	10,088	2	100.0
Nippon Steel Bldg. No2	Tokyo	12,509	17,338	2	100.0
Alliance	Tokyo	9,455	4,043	9	100.0
Shibuya Garden Front	Tokyo	8,726	8,258	1	100.0
Shiba A Bldg.	Tokyo	6,852	7,087	3	100.0
Takanawa 1-chome Bldg. (Note1)	Tokyo	6,357	10,473	5	100.0
Toranomon Kotohira Tower	Tokyo	6,260	4,926	1	100.0
Sumitomo Densetsu Bldg.	Tokyo	5,164	5,978	1	100.0
Daiya Ikebukuro Bldg.	Tokyo	4,806	5,794	10	95.3
Ikebukuro TG Homest Bldg.	Tokyo	4,490	5,127	10	97.4
Sudacho Verde Bldg. (Note1)	Tokyo	2,455	2,971	7	99.7
Nishi-Shinjuku Mitsui Bldg.	Tokyo	1,647	1,576	1	100.0
Ebisu CS Bldg.	Tokyo	1,050	1,595	5	100.0
Nakanosakaue Sunbright Twin	Tokyo	8,854	12,074	1	100.0
Yokohama ST Bldg.	Kanagawa	12,991	20,071	80	97.9
NBF Atsugi Bldg.	Kanagawa	2,316	5,242	18	92.1
Tsukuba Mitsui Bldg.	Ibaraki	8,219	16,851	59	89.1
S-ino Omiya North Wing	Saitama	16,939	20,709	29	92.7
Daido Life Omiya Bldg.	Saitama	2,273	3,574	13	92.3
Matsudo City Bldg. (Note1)	Chiba	2,472	4,772	25	98.2
Sapporo L · Plaza	Hokkaido	3,505	9,058	12	100.0
Sapporo Minami Nijo Bldg. (Note1)	Hokkaido	1,757	5,376	7	83.3
NBF Sendai Honcho Bldg	Miyagi	3,450	7,567	10	99.7
Unix Bldg. (Note1)	Fukushima	3,628	13,479	53	96.7
Niigata Telecom Bldg.(Note1)	Niigata	3,777	10,219	36	100.0
Hirokoji Toei Bldg.	Aichi	5,563	6,873	11	100.0
Aqua Dojima Daiwa Dojima Bldg.	Osaka	18,392	21,935	33	84.8
Sun Mullion NBF Tower	Osaka	9,954	14,112	26	96.7
Sakai- Higashi Center Bldg.(Note1)	Osaka	2,116	5,332	17	98.9
Tanimachi Kowa Bldg.	Osaka	2,005		2	95.4
Aqua Dojima East	Osaka	1,976		17	91.4
Otemae Center Bldg.	Osaka	1,731		6	97.0
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Name of Building	Location	Book value (Yen in millions)	Net rentable square meters		Occupancy rate
Shijo Karasuma Minami Bldg. (Note1)	Kyoto	1,478	3,929	15	97.5
NBF Hiroshima Tatemachi Bldg.	Hiroshima	3,049	9 5,690	26	97.1
Hiroshima Fukuromachi Bldg.	Hiroshima	828	3 1,310	16	99.0
Hakata Gion 21 Bldg. (Note1)	Fukuoka	2,487	5,416	7	100.0
Total		389,586	6 460,901	667	97.5

(1) Effective February 1, 2005, these names of these buildings changed to NBF Takanawa Bldg.: NBF Sudacho Verde Bldg.: NBF Matsudo Bldg.: NBF Sapporo Minami Nijo Bldg.: NBF Unix Bldg.: NBF Niigata Telecom Bldg.: NBF Sakai Higashi Bldg.: NBF Shijo Karasuma Bldg.: NBF Hakata Gion Bldg.