

### **Nomura Research Institute acquires Australian firm ASG Group Limited**

**Tokyo / Perth, Australia, 26 December 2016** – Nomura Research Institute, Ltd., (NRI), a leading provider of consulting services and system solutions, is pleased to announce it has obtained 100% shares of Australian company, ASG Group Limited (ASX: ASZ, “ASG”) , a leader in cloud based delivery of IT business solutions in Australia.

ASG is a leading IT business solutions provider in Australia, offering IT management and consulting services, business intelligence & big data and analytics and thought leadership. Established in 1996, ASG’s goal is to provide innovative, high quality and cost-effective services to its clients in both the public and private sectors.

ASG shows a great presence in the Australian IT industry where cloud utilization is advanced, providing managed services<sup>\*1</sup> in a cloud environment as a core business. This results from changing the services from conventional system integration to cloud based managed service as early as possible, and having accumulated many practices since the dawn of cloud technology. Furthermore, ASG boasts consulting and supporting skills to migrate complex business processes and distinctive system environments to a reasonable and standardized cloud environment. Clients can cut down IT cost in a short period by making the best use of the comprehensive services of ASG.

By this acquisition, NRI has gained a base of prospective clients and business platform to roll out its business in Australia. NRI will offer services with highly added value to companies in Australia by utilizing the client base and the business platform obtained, and moreover, NRI will also create new services and improve quality in not only Australia but other countries with the ASG’s services.

ASG will accelerate its growth in Australia with NRI’s client base and NRI’s wide range of services, products, solutions and financial base. In mid-term perspective, ASG and NRI Group are willing to cooperate to expand their services assembled from package software and cloud technology, to other areas mainly in Asia.

\*1 : Managed service is a comprehensive service offering not only system integration but system maintenance which includes operational monitoring, disaster recovery, etc.

**About NRI**

Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. ("NRI", TYO: 4307) is a leading global provider of system solutions and consulting services, including management consulting, system integration, and IT management and solutions for financial, manufacturing and service industries. Clients partner with NRI to expand businesses, design corporate structures and create new business strategies. NRI Group has approximately 10,000 employees in 37 offices globally and reports annual sales 421.4 billion yen. For more information, visit <https://www.nri.com/global/>

**About ASG**

ASG Group Limited ("ASG", ASX: ASZ) is an award winning and Australian IT business solutions provider, offering IT management and consulting services, business intelligence and thought leadership. Established in 1996, the company's goal is to provide innovative, high-quality and cost-effective services to its clients. In 2002, ASG listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. For more information, visit [www.asggroup.com.au](http://www.asggroup.com.au)

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