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Date: Sep 11<sup>th</sup> 2008  
From: Jun Koyama - Sony NEC Optiarc America Inc.  
Re: Agreement to Make Sony NEC Optiarc Inc. a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Sony Group

Dear Valued Customer,

First, let me express my sincere appreciation for your continued support in relation to our products.

Today I write to inform you that our parent companies, Sony Corporation (hereafter Sony) and NEC Corporation (hereafter NEC) have signed an agreement to transfer NEC's 45% stock in Sony NEC Optiarc Inc. to Sony, and make it a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sony group. This agreement is announced by Sony, NEC and Optiarc today, Sep 11<sup>th</sup> 2008.

As a result of this agreement, Sony will make Sony NEC Optiarc a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Sony group, and will seek to strengthen its interaction with Sony's product and device businesses to further streamline decision-making processes, enhance management responsiveness and further reinforce its next-generation optical disc drive business. NEC will continue to contribute to the field of LSI development and the advancement of optical disc drive products through its operations at NEC Electronics Corporation.

Below please find the company outline after the transfer;

Company Name (projected): Sony Optiarc Inc.

Date of Transfer: December, 2008

Head Office Location: 1-11-1 Osaki, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo

Representative: Shinichi Yamamura, Representative Director and President

Directors: Scheduled to be elected from within Sony Group

*\*Completion of the transfer remains subject to approval of any governmental or regulatory authorities required in Japan and other countries.*

Should you have any questions or concerns about the contents of this letter, please contact me or your counter part of Optiarc.

Yours sincerely

Jun Koyama

President

Sony NEC Optiarc America Inc.