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Notice Regarding Today's Reports in the Media

It has been reported today (local time, July 12, 2026) by Bloomberg that Nippon Paint Holdings Co., Ltd. (the "Company") has submitted a proposal to acquire the decorative paints business of Akzo Nobel N.V. ("AkzoNobel"), headquartered in the Netherlands.

It is true that the Company has proposed the acquisition of AkzoNobel's decorative paints business for EUR 7.5 billion; however, no specific matters regarding such acquisition have been decided at this time.

The Company will promptly disclose any material fact that becomes subject to disclosure in the future.

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