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Follow-on Investment in Metro Weather Co., Ltd.

Osaka, Japan, July 29, 2025 - Yanmar Ventures Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka, Japan; Co-Founder/CEO, Managing Partner: Nobuyuki Oda) is pleased to announce its follow-on investment in Metro Weather Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Kyoto, Japan; Representative Director, President: Jun-ichi Furumoto; hereinafter referred to as *Metro Weather*) as part of the Pre-Series B funding round, via the Yanmar Ventures II Investment Limited Partnership.

Metro Weather, a Kyoto-based startup originating from Kyoto University, develops and manufactures a compact “Doppler LiDAR” called “*Wind Guardian*”, which enables real-time, high-precision visualization of atmospheric wind conditions using infrared lasers. Leveraging its extensive expertise in remote sensing and proprietary signal processing technologies accumulated over the years, Metro Weather has achieved wide-area wind observation capabilities.

Its innovative solutions are gaining traction across a broad range of industries, including meteorology, disaster prevention, logistics, construction, and aviation. Metro Weather also focuses on enhancing user-centric value by designing seamless UX/UI that supports end-to-end workflows—from wind data acquisition to utilization.

With this latest round of financing, Metro Weather aims to accelerate the full-scale commercialization of its business, including the establishment of a mass production system and the optimization of its supply chain.

Guided by our brand statement, “A Sustainable Future —New Value through Technology—”, the Yanmar Group is committed to creating a sustainable society. This includes “an energy-saving society” and “a society where people can enjoy safe and plentiful food”. Through this investment,

Yanmar Ventures looks forward to exploring future opportunities for collaboration with Metro Weather and delivering the outcomes of such initiatives back to society.

■ **About Metro Weather Co., Ltd. :**

Company Name: Metro Weather Co., Ltd.

Representative Director, President: Jun-ichi Frumoto

Head Office: Taniyama Okubo Bld. 1F, 18-1 Chayaura Hironocho, Uji City, Kyoto, Japan

Business Overview:

- Development, manufacturing and sales of atmospheric observation devices using remote sensing technology
- Marketing and the provision of solutions combining meteorological information and IoT
- Provision of meteorological observation and prediction data, and information supporting disaster-prevention operations

URL: <https://www.metroweather.jp/en/>

■ **About Yanmar Ventures II Investment Limited Partnership :**

On February 16, 2024, Yanmar Ventures Co., Ltd. established the Yanmar Ventures II Investment Limited Partnership (“Fund II”), with the aim of supporting the growth of startups with innovative technologies —both in Japan and internationally— while ensuring that the benefits of such innovations are returned to society. Fund II also seeks to foster collaboration with partners.

Fund II invests in startups that possess cutting-edge technologies aligned with the Yanmar Group’s mission, particularly in areas such as sustainable food production and energy conversion. By providing management support and facilitating strategic alliances with LP partners, Yanmar Ventures strives to promote co-creation through all our networks. Through these efforts, we aim to deliver lasting social impact and enrich lives for all our tomorrows.

For more information, visit us at : <https://www.yanmar.com/global/yvs>.

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