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**ITOCHU ENEX Participates in Import/Wholesale Business
of Petroleum Products in the Pacific**

Tokyo, Japan, January 5, 2012 — ITOCHU ENEX Co., Ltd. (represented by Akira Kodera, President and CEO; hereinafter “ENEX”) hereby announces that it has agreed with IP&E Palau, Inc. (hereinafter “IP&E Palau”) to acquire 25% of shares of IP&E Palau, through a private placement of new shares, to jointly manage it from January 1, 2012 and, by doing so, it will participate in the import/wholesale business of petroleum products in the Pacific. Before this decision, ENEX established the Project & Investment Department under its Global Trade Division in April last year, and it has been pursuing overseas investments.

IP&E Palau has been engaged in the import and wholesale business of petroleum products in the Republic of Palau. Current business activities include distribution of transportation fuel to Shell-brand gasoline stations and wholesale of industrial fuel mainly to the power company. IP&E Palau’s annual sales volume is approximately 30 thousand kilolitres and its domestic sales share is approximately 50%.

IP&E Palau, currently 100% owned by the Delgado Family (the Philippines), is a sister company of IP&E Holdings, LLC. (Guam/Saipan), in which Itochu Corporation, through its wholly owned subsidiary, has held a stake since November 2010.

ENEX intends to further expand its overseas business, utilizing its accumulated business expertise to date in the petroleum downstream industry, and working in collaboration with partners such as Delgado Family and Itochu Group companies.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTIONS FOR REFERENCE

1. IP&E PALAU, INC.

- (1) Head office: P.O. Box 7089, Koror, Palau 96949
- (2) CEO: Jose Ricardo P.R. Delgado
- (3) Foundation: November 24, 2009
- (4) Business: Import/wholesale of petroleum products

2. REPUBLIC OF PALAU

- (1) Area: 488 square kilometers
- (2) Population: 20,397
- (3) Major language: English
- (4) Capital: Melekeok
- (5) GDP: US\$164 million