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Notice Regarding Acquisition of Issuer Rating

Kyushu Railway Company announces that it has received the following issuer rating from Rating and Investment Information, Inc.

1. Overview of Issuer Rating Received

Rating institution	Type	Rating	Outlook
Rating and Investment Information, Inc.	Issuer Rating	AA-	Stable

Details regarding the reason for this rating and other factors can be found on the website of Rating and Investment Information, Inc. (<https://www.r-i.co.jp/eng/index.html>)

2. Reason for Acquisition of Rating

The primary goal of the acquisition of an issuer rating was to receive an evaluation of the Company from a third-party standpoint and thereby prove its credibility to customers, investors, and business partners while also gaining better access to capital markets.