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To those concerned

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Announcement on Stock Split and Amendment in the Articles of Incorporation

We hereby notify that the stock split and amendment of a part of the Articles of Incorporation resulting from the split were resolved by the board of directors held today. Details are as follows:

Descriptions

1. Stock Split

(1) Purpose of the stock split

The stock split is intended to increase the liquidity of shares and broaden our investor base by lowering the investment price of our stock.

(2) Outline of the stock split

a) Stock split procedures

The ordinary stocks held by the shareholders entered or recorded in the final shareholder register as of September 30, 2009 (Wednesday) will be split according to a 2-for-1 ratio.

b) Increased number of stocks resulting from the stock split (calculated based on the number of shares issued and outstanding as of August 20, 2009)

Total number of shares issued and outstanding before the stock split: 49,222 shares (Note)

Total number of shares increased by the current stock split: 49, 222 shares

Total number of shares issued and outstanding after the stock split: 98,444 shares (Note)

Total number of authorized shares after the stock split: 192,000 shares

(Note) The above total number of shares issued and outstanding may likely be increased by the exercise of stock acquisition rights.

(3) Time schedule

Date of electronic public announcement: September 15, 2009 (Tuesday) (scheduled)

Final date with rights: September 24, 2009 (Thursday)

Base date: September 30, 2009 (Wednesday)

Effective date of stock split: October 1, 2009 (Thursday)

2. Amendment of a part of the Articles of Incorporation

(1) Reason for amendment in the Articles of Incorporation

As a result of this stock split, the amendment in the total number of authorized shares defined in

Article 6 of the Articles of Incorporation was approved as of October 1, 2009 (Thursday) by the board of directors held today under the provisions of Article 184, paragraph 2 of the Companies Act.

(2) Content of amendment in the Articles of Incorporation

(The underlined represents the amended portion.)

Existing Articles of Incorporation	After amendment
(Total number of authorized shares) Article 6: The total number of authorized shares of the Company shall be <u>96,000</u> shares.	(Total number of authorized shares) Article 6: The total number of authorized shares of the Company shall be <u>192,000</u> shares.

<Reference>

1. Change in the amount of capital stock

There is no change in the amount of capital stock due to the stock split.

2. Restatement of dividend forecast resulting from the stock split

Regarding the dividend forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, there is no change in the expected dividend per share for fiscal year ending March 31, 2010 described in the “announcement of business results (non-consolidated) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009” that was disclosed as of May 14, 2009.

However, as a result of the stock split according to a 2-for-1 ratio as of the base date of September 30, 2009 (Wednesday), please restate the said expected dividend from ¥ 2,000 to 1/2 thereof, namely ¥ 1,000.

	Dividend per share	
	Year-end dividend	Annual
Previously announced forecast (May 14, 2009)	¥ 2,000	¥ 2,000
Currently announced forecast (Restatement resulting from the stock split)	¥ 1,000	¥ 1,000

3. Adjustment of execution price of stock acquisition right

As a result of the stock split, the execution price of the stock acquisition right per share will be adjusted as follows on or after October 1, 2009 (Thursday):

	Date of resolution of issue	Execution price before adjustment	Execution price after adjustment
1 st stock acquisition right	June 25, 2004	¥ 263,000	¥ 131,500
2 nd stock acquisition right	June 25, 2004	¥ 263,000	¥ 131,500
3 rd stock acquisition right	February 17, 2006	¥ 590,000	¥ 295,000
4 th stock acquisition right	June 29, 2006	¥ 590,000	¥ 295,000

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