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Notice Regarding the Abolition of Countermeasures to the Large-Scale Acquisition of the Company's Shares (Takeover Defense Measures)

The "Countermeasures to the Large-Scale Acquisition of the Company's Shares (Takeover Defense Measures)" were approved by shareholders at the 59th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company held on June 28, 2007, and were introduced. Subsequently, these Takeover Defense Measures were renewed following a resolution at the 68th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company held on June 28, 2016 (the Takeover Defense Measures after this renewal shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Plan"). The effective period of the Plan was set to expire upon the conclusion of the Company's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019; however, a resolution was made at the meeting of the Board of Directors held today to abolish these Takeover Defense Measures. Thus, the Company announces the following.

From the viewpoint of ensuring and enhancing the Company's corporate value and thus the common interests of shareholders, the Company established its "Basic Policy on Control of the Company" (hereinafter referred to as the "Basic Policy") and, according to the Basic Policy, renewed the Takeover Defense Measures as a part of efforts to prevent inappropriate persons from controlling the Company.

After the introduction of the Takeover Defense Measures, the Company worked proactively to increase corporate value, to enhance shareholder returns, which included stock buybacks and increased dividends, and to strengthen corporate governance. All of which resulted from the formulation of the Medium-Term Business Plan and its steady implementation. Furthermore, with a focus on the changes to the management environment surrounding the Company following the introduction of the Takeover Defense Measures in 2007, and recent trends regarding takeover defense measures, the Management Advisory Committee, Board of Directors, and Management Committee discussed at great length about the Plan. As a result, from the viewpoint of ensuring and enhancing the Company's corporate value and thus the common interests of shareholders, it was determined that the Company's need of the Plan had declined relatively, and the Company resolved to abolish the Plan at the meeting of the Board of Directors held today.

After the abolition of the Plan, the Company will continue to work to ensure and enhance the Company's corporate value and thus the common interests of shareholders. In addition, the Company will take appropriate measures in accordance with the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, the Companies Act, and other related laws and regulations such as requesting persons that attempt to make a large-scale acquisition of the Company's shares to provide necessary and adequate information for shareholders to make appropriate decisions regarding the pros and cons of the large-scale acquisition, disclosing information including the opinions of the Board of Directors, and working to secure time for shareholders to consider.