

May10, 2006

Notice on Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company held on May 10, 2006, it was resolved that a proposal be submitted to the 43rd general meeting of the shareholders scheduled for June 16, 2006, for partially amending the Articles of Incorporation.

1. Reasons for amendments

- (1) Article 5 (method of giving public notice) will be amended to shift the method of giving public notice to electronic means with a view to ensuring better publicity and greater efficiency. Only when a public notice cannot be given through an electronic means, it will be published in the Nihon Keizai Shimbun.
- (2) As the Company Law (Law No. 86 of 2005) and the Law Related to Preparation of Laws Related to Enforcement of the Company Law (Law No. 87 of 2005, hereinafter referred to as "Preparation Law") have come into force on May 1, 2006, the Articles of Incorporation of this Company will be amended as follows, pursuant to the Company Law and the Preparation Law.
 - (1) New provisions in Article 4 (organization) will be instituted in order to establish organizations within this Company.
 - (2) New provisions in Article 7 (issuance of stock certificates) will be instituted to set forth the terms for issuing stock certificates.
 - (3) New provisions in Article 9 (right of shares smaller in number than the trading unit) will be instituted to restrict reasonably the right attached to shares smaller in number than the trading unit.
 - (4) New provisions in Article 26 (forgoing a resolution by the Board of Directors) will be instituted to enable the Board of Directors to adopt a resolution expeditiously in writing or through electronic means when the need arises.
 - (5) New provisions in Article 37 (distribution of surpluses) will be instituted to make policies related to capital and dividend more flexible and to make it possible to determine distribution of surpluses through a

resolution by the Board of Directors. In connection therewith, Article 20 (tenures of directors) will be amended to make the tenure of each director one year. The incumbent directors who were elected at the general meeting of shareholders held on June 16, 2005, and those who were added to the Board of Directors under the Agenda Item 4 at the same meeting will remain in office until the end of the regular general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2007.

- (6) Certain provisions of the Company Law quoted in the Articles of Incorporation will be changed to fall in line with the language in the law.
- (7) Changes will be made to certain terms from the old Commercial Code to fall in line with those used in the Company Law. At the same time, changes will be made to certain expressions and phrases.
- (8) Additions, changes and improvements will also be made to those matters which are deemed to have been stipulated for the Articles of Incorporation by the Company Law as a result of the enforcement of the Preparation Law.
- (9) In line with the above-mentioned amendments, the numerical indications of some articles will be amended.

2. Contents of the amendments

The contents of the amendments are shown in the Attachment hereto.

3. Schedule

A general meeting of shareholders will be held on Friday, June 16, 2006, to amend the Articles of Incorporation.

The amendments to the Articles of Incorporation will come into effect on Friday, June 16, 2006.