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Cancellation of Designation of Olympus Share Status "Under Supervision (Confirmation)"

The Company's shares were designated on November 10, 2011 as being "under supervision (confirmation)". However, we hereby inform you that the Company, having today submitted its March 2012 Second Quarterly Report to the Kanto Local Finance Bureau, has been informed by the Tokyo Stock Exchange that the "under supervision (confirmation)" designation will be cancelled as of December 15, 2011.

The December 6, 2011 designation of the Company's shares as "under supervision (examination)" will remain.

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