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News Release

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Company Response to Media Reports Regarding the Company

Certain sections of the media have reported on January 7, 2012 and January 8, 2012 about lawsuits for damages against certain management members of Olympus Corporation (the “Company”) and their resignation, which is not announced by the Company.

The Company received the report issued by the Director Liability Investigation Committee (Chairman: Kazuo Tezuka, attorney-at-law) (the “Report”) on January 7, 2012 and is still deliberating about the lawsuits against current and former directors of the Company. The Company will disclose on January 10, 2012 the full text of the Report, outline of the lawsuits, and measures to be taken by the Company in response to the Report.

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