News Release

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Notice of Investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice against Our Subsidiary

Olympus Corporation announces that our U.S. subsidiary has been under investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice, as stated below.

1. Outline of this matter

Since November 2011, Olympus Corporation of the Americas, which is our subsidiary, has been under investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice relating to potential issues concerning its medical business in the United States under the Anti-Kickback Statute and the False Claims Act in the United States. We are announcing this today since during the most recently ended quarter we have entered into discussions with the Department of Justice to resolve the matters under investigation, and depending on how the matter progresses and other factors our consolidated results of operation may be materially adversely affected.

2. Future outlook

While we cannot reasonably estimate the financial impact at this time, depending on how this investigation progresses and other factors, our consolidated results of operations may be materially adversely affected.

We will promptly disclose developments concerning this matter.

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