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News Release

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Notice Concerning Partial Settlement of Lawsuit for Damages against Former Auditors of the Company

As the Company indicated in the *Notice Concerning Decision and Commencement of Lawsuits for Damages against Current and Past Corporate Auditors of the Company* dated January 17, 2012, the Company filed a lawsuit for damages against former auditors of the Company. As of today, a settlement arbitrated by the court was reached with some of the defendants, the details of which are as follows.

Details

1. Process from Commencement of Lawsuit to Settlement

In connection with the issue of past activities regarding deferral in posting of losses, as described in the *Notice Concerning Past Activities Regarding Deferral in Posting of Losses* dated November 8, 2011, the Company received a Non-Director Management Liability Investigation Committee Report dated January 16, 2012. Upon receipt of this report, and after considering whether or not to file a lawsuit against the then-current and former auditors, the Company decided to file a lawsuit for damages based on the contents of the report. The Company filed a lawsuit for damages against five then-current and former auditors on January 17, 2012. All of the persons who were auditors of the Company at that time have already resigned from such positions.

The Company has pursued liability of the five former auditors of the Company in this lawsuit, and on receiving a settlement recommendation from the court, has decided on a settlement arbitrated by the court with the four former auditors named in Item 2 below (as to the former auditor Mr. Yasuo Nakamura, who is deceased, his two heirs), an outline of which is presented in Item 3 below.

2. Counterparties of Settlement

Four former auditors (as to the former auditor Mr. Yasuo Nakamura, who is deceased, his two heirs)

Mr. Tadao Imai, Mr. Katsuo Komatsu, Mr. Makoto Shimada and the two heirs of Mr. Yasuo Nakamura.

3. Outline of Settlement

The counterparties (excluding the two heirs) shall express their sincere apologies to the Company and its stakeholders, including shareholders; and the counterparties (including the two heirs) shall pay to the Company settlement monies for this case in the total amount of ¥12,866,400. The Company shall waive remaining claims against the counterparties.

4. Future Prospects

The settlement monies for this case will be recorded as extraordinary profit for the first quarter of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. No revisions will be made as a result to the projected consolidated business results for the first half of the fiscal year or for the full fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.

Regarding the lawsuit with the former auditor who is not a counterparty to this settlement (Mr. Minoru Ota), we will immediately disclose any further developments as required.

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