

**Notice of revision of consolidated performance forecast**

The consolidated performance forecast for fiscal 2009 (April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010) announced on November 2, 2009, has been revised based on recent performance trends.

1. Revision of consolidated forecast

|                        | Net sales<br>(¥ million) | Operating<br>income<br>(¥ million) | Ordinary<br>income<br>(¥ million) | Net income<br>(¥ million) | Net income<br>per share<br>(¥) |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Previous<br>forecast   | 1,437,000                | 50,000                             | 47,000                            | 16,000                    | 11.44                          |
| Revised<br>forecast    | 1,432,000                | 53,000                             | 51,500                            | 23,000                    | 16.45                          |
| Increase<br>(decrease) | (5,000)                  | 3,000                              | 4,500                             | 7,000                     | —                              |
| Percent<br>change      | -0.3%                    | +6.0%                              | +9.6%                             | +43.8%                    | —                              |
| cf. fiscal 2008        | 1,553,108                | 34,959                             | 32,500                            | 4,745                     | 3.39                           |

2. Reason for revision

Performance in chemicals and homes operations are on track to exceed the previous forecast, and a ¥6,502 million gain on arbitration award was recorded in the third quarter as extraordinary income in connection with the final ruling in arbitration in health care operations with CoTherix, Inc. of the US.\* As such, net income is now expected to be greater than previously forecasted, and the consolidated performance forecast for fiscal 2009 announced on November 2, 2009, has thus been revised.

\* Please refer to the press release *Result of arbitration with CoTherix, Inc. of the US* dated December 24, 2009.

Note: This forecast is based on the best information available at this time, but actual outcomes may differ due to a variety of factors which cannot be foreseen.

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