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Notice of Revised Consolidated Earnings Forecast for FY2008

In view of recent earnings trends, we have revised our consolidated earnings forecasts for the fiscal 2008 ending March 31, 2009, replacing the previous forecast announced on February 2, 2009.

1. Revisions to Consolidated Earnings Forecasts for Fiscal 2008 (April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009)

	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income and loss
	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen	Millions of yen
Original forecast (A)	1,180,000	24,000	23,000	5,000
Revised forecast (B)	1,180,000	19,000	17,000	-24,000
Increase/decrease (B - A)	—	-5,000	-6,000	-29,000
Percentage increase/decrease (%)	—	-20.8	-26.1	—
Results for fiscal 2007	1,211,682	32,834	32,800	5,661

2. Reasons for Revisions

In an effort to adjust the balance between supply and demand, we have conducted a greater production cuts than originally anticipated at the time of February 2, 2009 and hence we expect both of our operating income and ordinary income remain below those presented in the previous forecast.

In addition, our net income is also expected to be lower than the previous forecast due to the significant extraordinary losses, as separately announced today, incurred from expenses associated with the reconstruction of the production structure.

3. Dividends

Although the Company revised consolidated earnings forecast for fiscal 2008 as described above, it will leave the forecast year-end dividend payments of 40 yen unchanged. It our basic policy to maintain steady dividend payments to the extent permitted by the situation by taking into account the business trends of the Group and the sufficiency of retained earnings.

4. Future measures

To eliminate the supply/demand gap, the Group has sought to restructure its operations by closing three mills during the term under review. Furthermore, it significantly curtailed production to respond to a sharp drop in demand starting in the fall of 2008. However, because it appeared likely, despite these initiatives, to take some more time before demand starts to pick up, we judged that it was imperative to adopt a comprehensive capacity adjustment measure. Consequently, on March 25, 2009, the Group announced another plan for capacity cuts of approximately 800,000 tons. We will strive in the future to steadily improve earnings by capturing the benefits of production consolidation mentioned above as soon as possible and by additionally implementing emergency measures, including a reduction in directors' remuneration, to cut fixed costs.

Expected improvement in terms of reduced fixed cost for fiscal 2009 is summarized as follows:

- (1) Cost-saving from mill closures: 2 billion yen
- (2) Machine shuts and production consolidation: 1.5 billion yen (On a full-year basis: More than 6 billion yen)
- (3) Effect of emergency measures: 15 billion yen

(Note) The earnings forecasts presented above are produced on the basis of information available as of the date when this release was issued. Actual earnings performance in the future may differ from projections due to a variety of factors.