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Notice of Differences between Forecast and Actual Consolidated Earnings for the First Six Months and Revised Consolidated Earnings Forecast for Fiscal Year 2015

Nippon Paper Industries Co., Ltd. (“the Company”) announces that there were differences between the consolidated earnings forecast for the first six months ended September 2015 (April 1, 2015 – September 30, 2015) that was released on May 15, 2015 and the actual result that is released today.

The Company revised its consolidated earnings forecast for fiscal 2015 (April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016) as shown in the tables below:

1. Differences between Forecast and Actual Consolidated Earnings for First Half of Fiscal 2015 (April 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015)

	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Profit attributable to owners of parent	Net income per share
	Million yen	Million yen	Million yen	Million yen	Yen
Previous forecast (A)	520,000	12,000	13,000	5,000	43.19
Actual results (B)	499,765	8,421	16,196	14,284	123.40
Increase/decrease (B - A)	-20,234	-3,578	3,196	9,284	—
Percentage increase/decrease (%)	-3.9	-29.8	24.6	185.7	—
(Reference) Results for first half of fiscal 2014	515,983	12,534	12,739	21,154	182.73

2. Revisions to Consolidated Earnings Forecasts for Fiscal 2015 (April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016)

	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Profit attributable to owners of parent	Net income per share
	Million yen	Million yen	Million yen	Million yen	Yen
Previous forecast (A)	1,060,000	32,000	30,000	15,000	129.58
Revised forecast (B)	1,030,000	25,000	30,000	15,000	129.58
Increase/decrease (B - A)	-30,000	-7,000	—	—	—
Percentage increase/decrease (%)	-2.8	-21.9	—	—	—
(Reference) Results for fiscal 2014	1,052,491	23,656	23,204	23,183	200.27

3. Reasons for Differences and Revisions

(1) First Half Earnings Forecasts and Actual Results of Fiscal 2015

Sales volume for paper and paperboard was lower than though we implemented cost reductions and the price increase of products. As a result, net sales and operating income went down below the previous forecast. However, profit attributable to owners of parent exceeded the previous forecast as the result of the share sale of Lee & Man Manufacturing Limited aiming to improve the efficiency of assets as the Company announced in the Medium-Term Business Plan.

(2) Earnings Forecasts of Full Fiscal 2015

The Company revised net sales and operating income of the previous consolidated earnings forecast for fiscal 2015 based on the result of the first half of fiscal 2015.

(Note) The earnings forecasts presented above are based on the 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.