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### **Nippon Paper Industries Announces Handling of PCB Waste**

Nippon Paper Industries Co., Ltd. (President: Fumio Manoshiro; hereinafter, “the Company”) has announced that it found that PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) waste is stored in the warehouse of its Nakoso Mill (1 Kubota-jujo, Nakoso-machi, Iwaki-shi, Fukushima Prefecture, hereinafter, “the Nakoso Mill”) and in its warehouse in Yokohama. And the Company notified the municipalities of Iwaki-shi and Yokohama-shi, where the PCB waste is stored, in December 2018 under Article 8, paragraph (1), Law Concerning Special Measures for Promotion of Proper Treatment of PCB Waste (the PCB Special Measures Law).

The Company will seek to consult with the authorities and will properly treat the waste without creating an impact on the surrounding environment.

The details of the PCB waste that the Company reported this time is indicated below. The countermeasures committee that the Company set up in-house will investigate the details including the presence or absence of PCB, concentration, volume, and the handling going forward.

#### 1. PCB waste reported by the Company

##### (1) Pressure sensitive copying paper

The Company will investigate the details including concentration and volume, but the situation that has been determined at the moment is as follows:

- 1) In Nakoso Mill’s warehouse: Volume about 518 tons
- 2) In the warehouse in Yokohama: Volume about 56 tons (\*)

(\*) The PCB waste is deposited from customers, but there is a possibility that the Company’s pressure-sensitive copying paper containing PCB may be included. The details will be investigated going forward.

##### (2) Mud

The details including the concentration, volume, and the background of the waste generation are unknown and are currently being investigated. The Company has stored the waste while taking an antiscattering measure, etc. to prevent contamination and avoid any impact on the living environment. When the Company notified the municipality of Iwaki, we checked for any impact on the environment at the boundary with outside the premises of the Nakoso Mill. No PCB was detected in the underground water at any of the checked points. Therefore, the Company believes that no PCB has drained outside the Nakoso Mill.

#### 2. Outlook

The Company is currently examining closely the impact of the above handling of PCB waste, which it reported to the municipalities of Iwaki and Yokohama, on its consolidated performance. If it becomes necessary to revise the consolidated earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 2019, the Company will immediately disclose the information.