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Change to the interim dividend for the interim period, and revision of the projected year-end dividend for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006

The Company hereby announces that the Board of Directors meeting held on October 19, 2005, adopted a resolution that the interim dividend per share and the year-end dividend per share for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, be increased for the following reason.

1. Reason for the increase in dividends

The Company considers positive efforts to ensure returns to shareholders as a management priority under its policy of shareholder-focused business administration.

Management decided upon this increase in dividends as a step towards the “further promotion of shareholders’ interests,” based on operating performance.

2. Content of the change/revision

	Interim dividend (per share)	Year-end dividend (per share)	Annual dividend (per share)
Previous forecast (April 20, 2005)	¥2,500.00	¥2,500.00	¥5,000.00
Interim dividend and revised year-end dividend forecast	¥3,000.00	¥3,000.00	¥6,000.00