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News Release

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Notice Concerning Losses on Write-Down of Investment Securities

Japan Pure Chemical Co., Ltd. (the Company) announces that due to the significant decline in the market value of the Company held investment securities during the third quarter for the fiscal year ending March 2009, it was required to post an extraordinary loss resulting from the write-down of those investment securities.

The investment securities held by the Company are valued every quarter based on the mark-to-market method. Accordingly the accounted value may change dependent on the market value as at March 31, 2009.

1. Total amount of losses on write-down of investment securities for the end of the 3rd quarter ended Dec. 31, 2008.

(A) Total amount of losses on write-down of investment securities for the end of the 3 rd quarter ended Dec. 31, 2008	¥386 million
(B) Equity at March 31, 2008 (A / B x 100)	¥6,603 million (5.8%)
(C) Ordinary income for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008 (A / C x 100)	¥2,170 million (17.8%)
(D) Net income for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008 (A / D x 100)	¥1,288 million (30.0%)

Note: In the event that the decline in value is 50% or greater than the Company's book value, asset depletion accounting is applied.

2. Forecast for the current term

For the company's financial forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, please refer to the "Notice Concerning Revision to Financial Forecasts" released today.