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February 25, 2002

**NOTICE REGARDING PURCHASE
OF THE COMPANY'S OWN SHARES IN THE MARKET**

You are hereby notified that the Company has implemented the acquisition of its own shares through purchases in the market, in accordance with Section 4, Article 3 of the supplementary provision of the Law regarding the Partial Amendments to the Commercial Code, etc. of Japan (Law No. 79, 2001).

Particulars

1. Purchase period: From January 28, 2002 to February 21, 2002
2. Number of shares purchased: 5,000,000 shares
3. Aggregate amount of the purchase: ¥16,557,496,640
4. Method of the purchases: Purchases on the Tokyo Stock Exchange

(Reference 1) Authorization of the acquisition of the Company's shares at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 8, 2001

- Class of shares to be acquired: Common stock of the Company
- Total number of shares to be acquired: 20,000,000 shares
(Maximum)
- Aggregate amount of acquisition cost: ¥75,000,000,000
(Maximum)

(Reference 2) Aggregate number of the Company's shares purchased on or before February 21, 2002

- Total number of shares purchased: 15,000,000 shares
- Aggregate amount of purchase cost: ¥51,405,510,640

(Reference 3)

- Total number of shares to be purchased as prescribed in the Articles of Incorporation of the Company: 33,000,000 shares
- Total number of shares acquired on or after the date as prescribed in the Articles of Incorporation of the Company (June 26, 1998): 15,000,000 shares

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