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To: Each Party Concerned

March 25, 2002

**NOTICE REGARDING THE FINAL 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

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| 1. Purchase period:                  | From February 26, 2002 to March 22, 2002 |
| 2. Number of shares purchased:       | 5,000,000 shares                         |
| 3. Aggregate amount of the purchase: | ¥18,084,674,000                          |
| 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 March 22, 2002

- Total number of shares purchased: 20,000,000 shares
- Aggregate amount of purchase cost: ¥69,490,184,640

(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): 20,000,000 shares

You are also notified that the Company finalized to implement the acquisition of its own shares through the final series of purchases in the market on March 22, 2002, pursuant to the authorization resolved upon at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company held on November 8, 2001.

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