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Notice concerning retained earnings dividend payments

Japan Tobacco Inc. (JT) (TSE: 2914) has announced the Board of Directors' resolution today concerning dividend payments of retained earnings as set forth below. The record date thereof is March 31, 2014.

1. Dividends

	Amount	Most recent forecast Announced on April 25, 2013	FY2012 Actual
Record date	March 31, 2014	March 31, 2014	March 31, 2013
Dividend per share	¥50	¥46	¥38
Total dividend amount	¥90,877 million	-	¥69,065 million
Effective date	June 25, 2014	-	June 24, 2013
Source of dividends	Retained earnings	-	Retained earnings

2. Reason

As regards allocation of management resources in the mid- to long-term, the Company prioritizes business investments for sustainable profit growth in the mid- to long-term, while at the same time pursuing competitive shareholders return comparable to global FMCG players.

Taking into consideration the results of fiscal year 2013, the Board of Directors of the Company has made a resolution to recommend a year-end dividend of ¥50 per share, an increase from ¥46 per share the Company had announced on April 25, 2013. Accordingly, the annualized sum will be ¥96 per share which includes ¥46 of the retained earnings dividend payments made at the end of the half year. This amounts to a forecast dividend payout ratio of 40.8% for this fiscal year.

The resolution will be submitted at the 29th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company scheduled for June 24, 2014.

Note: FMCG stands for Fast-Moving Consumer Goods

(Reference) Breakdown of annual dividends

Record date	Half year-end	Year-end	Annualized
FY2012 Actual	¥30	¥38	¥68
FY2013 Actual	¥46	¥50	¥96
FY2014 Forecast	¥50	¥50	¥100

*Subject to approval of an amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporations at the 29th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders and approval by the Minister of Finance, the Company will change its accounting period, with the closing date moving from March 31 to December 31. Following this change, FY2014 will cover nine months from April 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

Japan Tobacco Inc. is a leading international tobacco product company. Its products are sold in over 120 countries and its internationally recognized cigarette brands include Winston, Camel, Mevius and Benson & Hedges. With diversified operations, JT is also actively present in pharmaceuticals, beverages and processed foods. The company's revenue was ¥2.399 trillion (US$23,318 million(*)) in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014.

**Translated at the rate of ¥102.92 per $1, as of March 31, 2014*

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