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Notice Concerning the Status of the Acquisition of the Company's Own Shares

(Acquisition of the Company's own shares pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation based on the provision of paragraph 2 of Article 165 of the Companies Act)

Japan Tobacco Inc. (JT) (TSE: 2914) announced the status of the Company's own share acquisition as stated below. The acquisition was implemented pursuant to the provision of Article 156 of the Companies Act, as applied under the Act's provision of paragraph 3 of Article 165.

1. Type of shares:	Common stock
2. Total number of shares:	13,910,800 shares
3. Total amount:	Yen 50,972,029,050
4. Period:	From February 9, 2015 to February 28, 2015 (contract basis)
5. Method:	Acquisition through market trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange via trust bank

(Reference)

1. Outline of the Board of Directors' resolution as of February 5, 2015
   - (1) Type of shares: Common stock
   - (2) Total number of shares: Up to 36,000,000 shares (1.98% of the total shares issued and outstanding excluding the Company's own shares)
   - (3) Total amount: Up to Yen 100,000,000,000
   - (4) Period: From February 9, 2015 to June 9, 2015
   - (5) Method: Acquisition through market trading via trust bank

2. Accumulated Company's own shares acquired through February 28, 2015, pursuant to the above board resolution
   - (1) Total number of shares acquired: 13,910,800 shares
   - (2) Total amount of share acquisition: Yen 50,972,029,050

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Japan Tobacco Inc. is a leading international tobacco company. Its products are sold in over 120 countries and its internationally recognized brands include Winston, Camel, Mevius and LD. With diversified operations, JT is also actively present in pharmaceuticals and processed foods. The company's revenue was ¥2.154 trillion (US$17,867 million(*)) in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014(**).

**Translated at the rate of ¥120.55 per $1, as of December 31, 2014*
***Due to a change in the accounting period from March 31 to December 31, the fiscal year 2014 covered nine months for Japanese domestic businesses and 12 months for the consolidated subsidiaries which operate the Group's international tobacco business. On a comparable full calendar year basis, revenue was ¥2.433 trillion (US$20,186 million(*)).*

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