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Announcement Regarding the Capital Policy for FYE 03/21

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Nippon Gas Co., Ltd. ("NICIGAS") hereby announces that its Board of Directors Meeting held today made a resolution for (1) the increase of the full-year dividend per share for FYE 03/21 (forecast) to 125 yen (increased by 55 yen from FYE 03/20), (2) the Repurchase of Treasury stocks of up to 3.5 billion yen, and (3) the Cancellation of 1,576,300 Treasury Stocks that NICIGAS currently holds, respectively.
NICIGAS considers that "enhancing return to shareholders, while driving sustainable growth of enterprise value" is one of the most important management missions, based on its policy of "not holding unnecessary asset". Under the policy, its solid business performance has contributed to the sufficient shareholders equity, and its financial base is capable of strengthening the return to shareholders besides maintaining the funding capacity. Moreover, its business stage has been progressing from investment stage to re-growth stage, with the further growth of LP gas business and the start of commercialization from platform business.

At the previous announcement on April 30th, 2020, NICIGAS announced the full-year dividend increase by 30 yen to 100 yen per share, based on the idea to put priority on the stability of financial base under COVID-19 urgent situation. However, after taking into consideration of the updated impact from COVID-19, its sufficient financial base, and the revised FYE 03/21 full-year financial forecast, NICIGAS decided to further enhance its return to shareholders.
All members of the management and employees of NICIGAS are committed to sustainable growth of Enterprise Value as well as the efforts for enhancement of return to shareholders.

For further details, please see separate Press Release "Notice Regarding the Revision of Dividend of Surplus (Interim Dividend) and Year-end Dividend Forecast" and "Notice Regarding Repurchase and Cancellation of Treasury Stocks", released today.

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