

ENGLISH TRANSLATION FOR REFERENCE PURPOSE ONLY

This notice is an English translation of the original Japanese text of the timely disclosure statement dated March 18, 2026 issued by Daio Paper Corporation, and is for reference purposes only. In the event of any discrepancy between the original Japanese text and this English translation, the Japanese text shall prevail.

March 18, 2026

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**Notice Concerning Acquisition of Own Shares and
Repurchase Through Off-Auction Own Share Repurchase Trading (ToSTNeT-3)**

(Acquisition of own shares based on the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation pursuant to Article 165, Paragraph 2 of the Companies Act, and repurchase through Off-Auction Own Share Repurchase Trading (ToSTNeT-3))

Daio Paper Corporation (hereinafter the “Company”) hereby announces that, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on March 18, 2026, it resolved to acquire its own shares (hereinafter the “Share Repurchase”) pursuant to Article 156 of the Companies Act, as applied pursuant to Article 165, Paragraph 3 of the same Act, and also resolved on the specific method of such acquisition.

1. Reasons for the Share Repurchase

The Company will acquire its own shares in order to enhance shareholder returns and improve capital efficiency, and as part of its capital strategies aimed at establishing an equal capital relationship with Hokuetsu Corporation (hereinafter “Hokuetsu”), as described in the “(Progress of Disclosure) Notice Concerning the Deepening of the Strategic Business Alliance between Daio Paper Corporation and Hokuetsu Corporation” dated today.

2. Method of the Repurchase

The Company will place a purchase order through the Tokyo Stock Exchange’s Off-Auction Own Share Repurchase Trading (ToSTNeT-3) at 8:45 a.m. on March 19, 2026 (JST), at the closing price of 1,121 yen on March 18, 2026 (today); no changes will be made to other trading types or trading hours. Such purchase order will be valid only for the relevant trading session.

3. Details of the Repurchase

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| (1) Class of stock to be repurchased | Common stock of the Company |
| (2) Total number of shares to be repurchased | Up to 13,000,000 shares
(7.75% of the total number of issued shares excluding treasury stock) |
| (3) Total repurchase cost | Up to 18,239,000,000 yen |
| (4) Announcement of repurchase results | The results of the repurchase will be announced after the completion of the trading at 8:45 a.m. on March 19, 2026 (JST). |

Note 1: No change will be made to the number of shares specified above. Depending on market conditions and other factors, however, part or all of the repurchase may not be executed.

Note 2: The repurchase will be executed against sell orders corresponding to the planned number of shares to be repurchased.

Note 3: In connection with the Share Repurchase, the Company has confirmed the intention of Hokuetsu, a major shareholder of the Company and an Other Affiliated Company, to place a sell order for 11,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock it holds. After the completion of the Share Repurchase, Hokuetsu may cease to qualify as an Other Affiliated Company of the Company. If such change occurs, the Company will promptly disclose it.

Reference: Status of treasury stock as of September 30, 2025

Total number of issued shares excluding treasury stock: 167,628,326 shares

Number of shares of treasury stock: 1,384,600 shares

Note: Number of treasury stock listed above does not include 841,086 shares of the Company held by the share-based compensation trust for officers and the share-based compensation trust for employees.

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