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## NIPPON SHOKUBAI Announces Financial Revisions and Revision of Year-end Dividend Forecast

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD [Tokyo Stock Exchange - TOKSE:4114.T] (“NIPPON SHOKUBAI”) is deeply saddened by the loss of life resulting from the explosion and fire at the Himeji Plant on September 29 and extends its sincere condolences to family members. In addition, NIPPON SHOKUBAI extends its sincere apologies to the individuals who were injured by this accident and to the enormous problems this incident caused for the neighborhood of the plant and to other people associated with this incident.

NIPPON SHOKUBAI hereby announces that it has resolved at the Board meeting held on November 6, 2012 to revise its financial forecast and dividend forecast for the full fiscal year ending March 31, 2013 undetermined at this time as follows:

### 1. Revised consolidated financial forecast for the full fiscal year ending March 31, 2013

	Sales	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Net Income	PER
	Million Yen	Million Yen	Million Yen	Million Yen	Yen
Previous Estimates(A)	330,000	25,000	28,000	19,500	96.06
Revised Estimates(B)	-	-	-	-	-
Variance in Amount(B-A)	-	-	-	-	
Variance in Percentage	-	-	-	-	
Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2012	320,704	31,100	33,114	21,257	104.71

### 2. Revised non-consolidated financial forecast for the full fiscal year ending March 31, 2013

	Sales	Operating Income	Ordinary Income	Net Income	PER
	Million Yen	Million Yen	Million Yen	Million Yen	Yen
Previous Estimates(A)	241,000	19,000	24,000	17,000	83.74
Revised Estimates(B)	-	-	-	-	-
Variance in Amount(B-A)	-	-	-	-	
Variance in Percentage	-	-	-	-	
Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2012	230,119	22,142	25,819	16,277	80.18

### 2. Revision of year-end dividend forecast for the year ending March 31, 2013

(Unit: yen)

	Dividend per share (yen)		
	Interim (September 30)	Year-end (March 31)	Total(Annual)
Previous forecast		11.00	22.00
Revised forecast		unfixed	unfixed
Results	11.00		
Results for the year ended March 31, 2012	11.00	11.00	22.00

**\*Reasons for the revision**

On September 29, 2012, an explosion and fire occurred at NIPPON SHOKUBAI's Himeji Plant. At this moment, the causes of the accident are under investigation by the authorities as well as the Accident Investigation Committee. On November 1, 2012, NIPPON SHOKUBAI received a lift of restrictions for a steam boiler, some combustion facilities for liquid waste, and some related facilities in the Plant from the authority, to maintain public safety at the plant site. On the other hand, operations at all the production facilities in the Plant are suspended.

Accordingly, it is very difficult to estimate the financial impact of the accident to this fiscal year. Therefore, the financial results forecasts and dividend forecasts are undetermined at this time.

NIPPON SHOKUBAI investigates causes of the accident and develops preventive measures against recurrences, and in addition, tries to determine financial impact and will immediately report if any major impact is anticipated.

**Notes**

This material contains forward-looking statements and statements of this nature based on reasonable judgments in accordance with information currently available. Readers should be aware that actual results and events might differ substantially from these projections.

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