

NIPPON SHOKUBAI Announces Increase of Dividend Forecast  
for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2009.

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO.,LTD. [Tokyo Stock Exchange - TOKSE:4114.T] ("NIPPON SHOKUBAI") hereby announces that NIPPON SHOKUBAI decided to increase the planned annual dividends per share for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 at the Board of Directors Meeting held on May 8, 2008.

#### 1. Reasons

In order to ensure sustainable growth in corporate value and shareholder value, NIPPON SHOKUBAI will continue to take two measures, "Dividends" and "Acquisition of Treasury Stock", with the aim of further promoting the overall return to shareholders.

The cancellation of treasury stock, NIPPON SHOKUBAI announced today, aims to improve the capital efficiency, and further to raise the level of return to shareholders, as well as the improvement of financial indices such as ROE and EPS; to clarify the purpose of acquisition of treasury stock, and to increase the shareholders' profit with decreasing the number of outstanding shares.

NIPPON SHOKUBAI plans to increase annual dividends for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 by 1.00 yen from 16.00 yen to 17.00 yen per share.

#### 2. Details of Dividend Forecast

| Record Dates                                       | Dividend per share |             |              |
|--|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
|  | Interim            | Year-end    | Annual       |
| Forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 | Yen<br>8.50        | Yen<br>8.50 | Yen<br>17.00 |
| Result for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008    | Yen<br>8.00        | Yen<br>8.00 | Yen<br>16.00 |

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