

For Immediate Release

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NIPPON SHOKUBAI Announces Execution and Completion of
Acquisition of the Company's Own Shares
*under the provision of Articles of Incorporation pursuant to
Article 165(2) of the Corporation Law of Japan*

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD. [Tokyo Stock Exchange - TOKSE:4114.T] ("NIPPON SHOKUBAI") hereby announces that NIPPON SHOKUBAI executed the acquisition of its own shares in the market based on Article 156 of the Corporation Law of Japan as modified by the provision of 165(3) of the same law. The details are as follows: NIPPON SHOKUBAI also announces that it completed acquisition of its own shares in the market, which was resolved by its Board of Directors on November 6, 2008.

- (1) Period of acquisition: From December 5, 2008 through December 17, 2008.
- (2) Total number of shares acquired: 410,000 shares
- (3) Total amount of acquisition cost: 253,729,000 Japanese Yen
- (4) Method of acquisition: Acquisition through the Tokyo Stock Exchange Market

*Reference

Resolution at the Board of Directors Meeting on November 6, 2009

- 1) Class of shares to be acquired: Shares of Common Stock
- 2) Number of shares to be acquired: Up to 1 million [1,000,000] shares
- 3) Total acquisition cost:
No greater than 700 million [700,000,000] Japanese Yen
- 4) Schedule of Acquisition:
From November 11, 2008 through February 27, 2009.

Total number of its own shares acquired based on the above resolution

- 1) Total number of shares acquired: 1,000,000 shares.
- 2) Total amount of acquisition cost: 550,386,000 Japanese Yen.

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