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NIPPON SHOKUBAI Announces Changes of  
Legal Representative Directors of the Company

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD. [Tokyo Stock Exchange - TOKSE:4114.T] (“NIPPON SHOKUBAI”) hereby announces that change of Legal Representative Directors was resolved at the Board of Directors Meeting held February 27, 2009. This is officially resolved at the Board of Directors Meeting after Ordinary General Meeting of Shereholders scheduled late in June 2009.

\*Details of Changes

1. Changes of Legal Representative Directors

1) New Representative Directors

[New Position]		[Present Position]
Senior Managing Director and Representative Director	Yoshinobu Haruna	Senior Managing Director
Senior Managing Director and Representative Director	Masanori Ikeda	Managing Director

2) Retirement of a Legal Representative Director

[New Position]		[Present Position]
Adviser	Tsuneyuki Nakashima	Senior Managing Director and Representative Director

\*Biography

\*\* Senior Managing Director and Representative Director

Name : Yoshinobu Haruna  
Home town : Hyogo Prefecture  
Date of Birth : August 10, 1946  
Biography : March, 1969 Graduated from Kobe University  
Majored in Engineering  
April, 1969 Joined NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD.  
June, 2002 Board Director  
June, 2004 Managing Director

June, 2007 Senior Managing Director

\*\* Senior Managing Director and Representative Director

Name : Masanori Ikeda

Home town : Hyogo Prefecture

Date of Birth : January 22, 1953

Biography : March, 1975 Graduated from Tokyo University  
Majored in Engineering

April, 1976 Joined NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD.

June, 2003 Board Director

June, 2006 Managing Director

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