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Re: Partial Amendment of Sumitomo Corporation's Articles of Incorporation

Sumitomo Corporation (the "Company") hereby announces that at a meeting held today, the Board of Directors resolved to request approval for the "Partial Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation" at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on June 23, 2006 as follows.

1. Purpose of the Amendment

- (1) In accordance with the Company Law (Law No. 86 of 2005) that became effective as of May 1, 2006, the Company proposes to amend certain provisions of the Articles of Incorporation for the following reasons:
- (i) To provide for more expeditious development of new businesses in the future, the Company will add a comprehensive business purpose to Article 3 (PURPOSES).
 - (ii) To facilitate enhanced disclosure of information at General Meetings of Shareholders, the Company will add a new Article 16 (PROVISION OF REFERENCE DOCUMENTS FOR GENERAL MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS VIA THE INTERNET) concerning the disclosure and deemed provision of reference documents for General Meetings of Shareholders via the Internet.
 - (iii) The Company will institute the changes shown in proposed Article 18 (EXERCISE OF VOTING RIGHT BY PROXY) to clarify the number of representatives who may exercise proxy voting rights at the General Meeting of Shareholders.
 - (iv) To enable the Board of Directors to operate in a more expeditious manner, the Company will add a new Paragraph 3 to the proposed Article 22 (MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS) allowing the Board of Directors to adopt

resolutions either in writing or by electromagnetic recording as necessary.

- (v) To facilitate the retention of highly qualified individuals as Outside Corporate Auditors and the performance of their expected roles, the Company will add a new Paragraph 2 to the proposed Article 31 (EXEMPTION OF CORPORATE AUDITORS FROM LIABILITY) allowing the Company to enter into an agreement with Outside Corporate Auditors to limit the Corporate Auditor's liability.
 - (vi) In addition to the aforementioned, the Company will make certain other necessary changes, including the addition, deletion, revision or relocation of provisions, in keeping with the provisions of the Company Law.
- (2) The Company will institute the changes shown in proposed Article 5 (METHOD OF PUBLIC NOTICE), which is to modify its method of issuing public notices from publication in the "Nihon Keizai Shimbun" to posting electronically on the Company's website on the Internet, in order to provide more convenient access to public notices and reduce the cost of making public notices. Proposed Article 5 will also be amended to set forth an alternative method when electronic publication is not possible due to events beyond the control of the Company.

2. Details of the Amendment

The table showing the details of the amendment is attached hereto. The table shows a comparison between the current Articles of Incorporation and the proposed amendments, and the corresponding reasons for such proposed amendments.

[Note: In the original Japanese text, changes to the Articles of Incorporation are underlined. However, the underline has been omitted in this English translation, because the English translation corresponding to the underlined Japanese text will not accurately indicate the actual changes made to the English translation of the Articles of Incorporation.]

3. Schedule

General Meeting of Shareholders for the approval of the amendment	June 23, 2006
The effective date of the amendment	June 23, 2006

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendment	Reasons for the Amendments
CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS	CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS	
ARTICLE 1. CORPORATE NAME (Omitted)	ARTICLE 1. CORPORATE NAME (Unchanged)	
ARTICLE 2. LOCATION OF HEAD OFFICE (Omitted)	ARTICLE 2. LOCATION OF HEAD OFFICE (Unchanged)	
ARTICLE 3. PURPOSES The purposes of the Corporation shall be to engage in the following businesses: 1. through 28. (omitted) (New Item) (New Section)	ARTICLE 3. PURPOSES The purposes of the Corporation shall be to engage in the following businesses: 1. through 28. (omitted) 29. Businesses other than those set forth in the preceding items.	Addition of a comprehensive business purpose to provide for more expeditious development of new businesses in the future.
ARTICLE 4. METHOD OF PUBLIC NOTICE Public notices by the Corporation shall be made in the “Nihon Keizai Shimbun.”	ARTICLE 4. INSTITUTIONS In addition to the general meeting of shareholders and the Directors, the Corporation shall have the following: 1. Board of Directors; 2. Corporate Auditors; 3. Board of Corporate Auditors; and 4. Accounting Auditors.	Addition of a general provision regarding corporate institutions of the Company in line with the Company Law taking effect.
ARTICLE 5. METHOD OF PUBLIC NOTICE Public notices by the Corporation shall be made in the “Nihon Keizai Shimbun.”	ARTICLE 5. METHOD OF PUBLIC NOTICE Public notices of the Corporation shall be given electronically. If, due to accident or some other unavoidable reason, electronic publication is not possible, then public notice will be made in the “Nihon Keizai Shimbun.”	Modification of the method of issuing public notices from publication in the “Nihon Keizai Shimbun” to posting electronically on the Company’s website on the Internet, in order to provide more convenient access to public notices and to reduce the cost of publishing. An alternative method when electronic publication is not possible due to events beyond the control of the Company is added as well.
CHAPTER II. SHARES	CHAPTER II. SHARES	
ARTICLE 5. TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES The total number of shares authorized to be issued by the Corporation shall be two billion (2,000,000,000) shares.	ARTICLE 6. TOTAL NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED SHARES The total number of shares authorized to be issued by the Corporation shall be two billion (2,000,000,000) shares.	Revision to be made in keeping the terminology consistent with the provisions of the Company Law. <i>(Note: The terminology of the original Japanese text is amended, but since such</i>

(New Section)

ARTICLE 6. REPURCHASE OF TREASURY STOCK

Pursuant to the provisions in Article 211-3 Paragraph 1, item 2 of the Commercial Code, the Corporation may buy back treasury stock, by resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 7. NUMBER OF SHARES IN VOTING UNIT AND NON-ISSUE OF SHARES CONSTITUTING LESS THAN A FULL VOTING UNIT

- (1) The number of shares in one voting unit shall be one thousand (1,000) shares.
- (2) The Corporation shall not issue share certificates for a number of shares less than one voting unit (hereinafter "fractional voting unit shares"). However, this does not apply when specified in the share handling rules.

ARTICLE 8. SALE AND DELIVERY OF SHARES TO A FULL VOTING UNIT

Shareholders of the Corporation holding shares constituting less than a full voting unit (as used herein, this term includes actual shareholders), in accordance with the provisions of the share handling rules, may request the sale and delivery of shares needed to constitute a full voting unit when combined with the number of shares held thereby which do not constitute a full voting unit.

ARTICLE 7. ISSUANCE OF SHARE CERTIFICATES

The Corporation shall issue share certificates representing the corresponding shares.

ARTICLE 8. REPURCHASE OF TREASURY STOCK

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 165, Paragraph 2 of the Company Law, the Corporation may, by resolution of the Board of Directors, repurchase its shares through market transactions.

ARTICLE 9. NUMBER OF SHARES IN A VOTING UNIT AND NON-ISSUANCE OF SHARE CERTIFICATES REPRESENTING LESS THAN A FULL VOTING UNIT

- (1) The number of shares in one voting unit shall be one thousand (1,000) shares.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7, the Corporation shall not issue share certificates representing less than a full voting unit, unless otherwise provided by the Share Handling Rules.

ARTICLE 10. SALE AND DELIVERY OF SHARES TO A FULL VOTING UNIT

Shareholders of the Corporation (as used herein, this term includes actual shareholders) may, in accordance with the provisions of the Share Handling Rules, request the sale and delivery of shares needed to constitute a full voting unit when combined with the number of shares which do not constitute a full voting unit already held by such shareholder; provided, however, that the

amendment is a matter of form and not of substance, the corresponding English text is not amended.)

Addition of a provision that the company will issue share certificates in line with the Company Law taking effect.

Revision to be made in keeping the terminology consistent with the provisions of the Company Law.

Revision to be made in keeping the terminology consistent with the provisions of the Company Law. (At the meeting held on April 28, 2006, the Board of Directors resolved to change the number of shares in one voting unit of the Company to one hundred (100) shares from September 1, 2006.)

Revision to be made in keeping the terminology consistent with the provisions of the Company Law.

<p>Provided, however, that the foregoing provision shall not apply when the Corporation does not hold treasury stock in the number of shares to be sold and delivered.</p>	<p>foregoing provision shall not apply when the Corporation does not hold the number of shares of treasury stock requested.</p>	
<p>ARTICLE 9. DENOMINATIONS OF SHARE CERTIFICATES The denominations of share certificates to be issued by the Corporation shall be determined by the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>(Deleted)</p>	<p>To better organize the provisions of the Articles, current Article 9 will be deleted and its provisions will be incorporated in Article 12.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 10. RECORD DATE (1) The Corporation shall specify that those shareholders possessing voting rights who are registered or recorded in the register of shareholders (as used herein, this term includes the register of beneficial shareholders) as of the close of each fiscal year shall be, ipso facto, the shareholders entitled to exercise rights at the ordinary general meeting of shareholders in respect of the relevant fiscal period. (2) In addition to the cases expressly provided for in the preceding paragraph and elsewhere in these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation may, whenever necessary, upon giving prior public notice, fix an ad hoc record date.</p>	<p>(Deleted)</p>	<p>To better organize the provisions of the Articles, current Article 10 will be deleted and provisions incorporated in Article 14.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 11. TRANSFER AND OTHER PROCEDURES Registration of the transfer of shares, purchase of shares not constituting a full voting unit, sale and delivery of shares to a full voting unit and other matters relating to the handling of shares shall be determined by the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>(Deleted)</p>	<p>To better organize the provisions of the Articles, current Article 11 will be deleted and its provisions incorporated in Article 12.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 12. TRANSFER AGENT (1) The Corporation shall have a transfer agent for the shares of the Corporation.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 11. REGISTRAR OF SHAREHOLDERS (1) The Corporation shall have a Registrar of Shareholders.</p>	<p>Revision to be made in keeping the terminology consistent with the provisions of the Company Law, and to better organize the provisions of the</p>

(2) The transfer agent and its business office shall be appointed by resolution of the Board of Directors, and the appointment shall be publicly noticed.

(New Section)

ARTICLE 13. REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS AND REGISTER OF LOST SHARE CERTIFICATES

The register of shareholders of the Corporation and the register of lost share certificates shall be kept at the business office of the transfer agent, and registration of the transfer of shares, purchase of shares not constituting a full voting unit, sale and delivery of shares to a full voting unit and other matters relating to the shares of the Corporation shall be handled by the transfer agent and not by the Corporation.

(New Section)

CHAPTER III. GENERAL MEETING

(2) The Registrar of Shareholders and its place of business shall be decided by resolution of the Board of Directors, and shall be publicly noticed.

(3) The Registrar of Shareholders shall be entrusted with the preparation and maintenance of the Company's register of shareholders (as used herein, references to the register of shareholders include the list of actual shareholders), the register of stock acquisition rights and the register of lost share certificates, as well as other duties relating to the register of shareholders, the register of stock acquisition rights and the register of lost share certificates. The Company shall not handle such matters at its place of business.

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ARTICLE 12. HANDLING OF SHARES

The Corporation's shares and related fees shall be handled in compliance with applicable law and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation as well as the Share Handling Rules established by the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER III. GENERAL MEETING

Articles, Paragraph 3 is added.

To better organize the provisions of the Articles, current Article 13 will be deleted and its provisions incorporated in Article 11 Paragraph 3.

Provision added in connection with better organizing the provisions of the Articles.

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<p>ARTICLE 14. TIME OF CONVOCATION (Omitted)</p>	<p>ARTICLE 13. TIME OF CONVOCATION (Unchanged)</p>	
<p>(New Section)</p>	<p>ARTICLE 14. DATE OF RECORD FOR ORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS The date of record for the right to vote at the Corporation's ordinary general meeting of shareholders shall be March 31 of each year.</p>	<p>Provision added in connection with better organizing the provisions of the Articles.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 15. CHAIRMAN (Omitted)</p>	<p>ARTICLE 15. CHAIRMAN (Unchanged)</p>	
<p>(New Section)</p>	<p>ARTICLE 16. PROVISION OF REFERENCE DOCUMENTS FOR GENERAL MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS VIA THE INTERNET The Company may, in accordance with the rules established by the Ministry of Justice, use the Internet to furnish shareholders with reference documents for general meetings of shareholders, business reports, non-consolidated and consolidated financial statements, or other information that should be displayed or described therein, and such information may be deemed to have been furnished to shareholders.</p>	<p>Addition of a new Article 16 concerning the disclosure and deemed provision of reference documents for general meetings of shareholders via the Internet to facilitate enhanced disclosure of information at general meetings of shareholders.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 16. RESOLUTIONS (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, regulation or these Articles of Incorporation, resolutions of a general meeting of shareholders shall be adopted by a majority of the votes represented by the shareholders present. (2) A special resolution as prescribed under Article 343 of the Commercial Code shall be adopted by a vote of at least two-thirds of the</p>	<p>ARTICLE 17. RESOLUTIONS (1) Unless otherwise provided for in applicable laws and regulations or the Articles of Incorporation, a resolution at a general meeting of shareholders shall be adopted by a majority vote of the attending shareholders eligible to exercise their voting rights. (2) Any resolution set forth in Article 309, Paragraph 2 of the Company Law shall be adopted by a two-third</p>	<p>Revision to be made in keeping the terminology consistent with the provisions of the Company Law.</p>

<p>shareholders present at a general meeting of shareholders attended by shareholders holding at least one-third of the total number of voting rights.</p>	<p>vote of the shareholders present at a meeting attended by shareholders holding at least one-third of the voting rights of the shareholders eligible to exercise their voting rights.</p>	
<p>ARTICLE 17. EXERCISE OF VOTING RIGHT BY PROXY A shareholder may exercise his/her voting rights by proxy. The proxy must be a shareholder of the Corporation and the proxy or the shareholder must show the Corporation his/her power of attorney.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 18. EXERCISE OF VOTING RIGHT BY PROXY A shareholder may exercise his/her voting rights by one proxy. The proxy must be a shareholder of the Corporation and the proxy or the shareholder must show the Corporation his/her power of attorney.</p>	<p>Revision to be made to clarify the number of representatives who may exercise proxy voting rights at the general meeting of shareholders.</p>
<p>CHAPTER IV. DIRECTORS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS</p>	<p>CHAPTER IV. DIRECTORS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS</p>	
<p>ARTICLE 18. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (1) Directors shall be elected by a majority of the votes represented at a meeting attended by shareholders holding not less than one-third of the total number of shareholder voting rights. (2) (Omitted)</p>	<p>ARTICLE 19. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (1) The resolution for the election of Directors shall be adopted by a majority vote of the shareholders present at a general meeting of shareholders attended by shareholders representing at least one-third of the voting rights of the shareholders eligible to exercise their voting rights. (2) (Unchanged)</p>	<p>Revision to be made in keeping the terminology consistent with the provisions of the Company Law.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 19. TERM OF OFFICE OF DIRECTORS The term of office of Directors shall expire upon the conclusion of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders in respect of the last fiscal period ending within one (1) year after their assumption of office.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 20. TERM OF DIRECTORS The term of a Director shall end at the close of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders for the final fiscal year ending within the one (1) year following the election of such Director.</p>	<p>Revision to be made in keeping the terminology consistent with the provisions of the Company Law.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 20. REPRESENTATIVE DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (1) By resolution of the Board of</p>	<p>ARTICLE 21. REPRESENTATIVE DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (1) The Board of Directors shall elect</p>	<p>Revision to be made in keeping the terminology consistent with the provisions of the Company Law.</p>

<p>Directors, the Corporation shall appoint Representative Directors to represent the Corporation.</p> <p>(2) By resolution of the Board of Directors, the Corporation may appoint a Chairman of the Board of Directors, one or more Vice-Chairmen of the Board of Directors and a President and CEO.</p>	<p>one or more Representative Directors by their resolution.</p> <p>(2) The Board of Directors may appoint the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, and a President and CEO by their resolution.</p>	
<p>ARTICLE 21. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p> <p>(1) through (2) (Omitted)</p> <p>(3) All resolutions of the Board of Directors shall be adopted by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting attended by a majority of the Directors.</p> <p>(New Section)</p>	<p>ARTICLE 22. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p> <p>(1) through (2) (Unchanged)</p> <p>(Deleted)</p> <p>(3) When the requirements of Article 370 of the Company Law have been met, the Corporation shall deem that a resolution by the Board of Directors has been adopted.</p>	<p>Provision deleted to better organize the provisions of the Articles.</p> <p>Provision added to allow resolutions to be made in writing so that the Board of Directors may operate in a more expeditious manner.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 22. REMUNERATION FOR DIRECTORS</p> <p>The amount of remuneration and retirement allowance to be paid to Directors shall be determined by the general meeting of shareholders.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 23. REMUNERATION FOR DIRECTORS</p> <p>Directors' compensation, bonuses, and other financial benefits received from the Corporation in consideration of the performances of duties rendered to the Corporation (hereinafter collectively referred to as "remuneration") shall be determined by resolution of the general meeting of shareholders.</p>	<p>Revision to be made in keeping the terminology consistent with the provisions of the Company Law.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 23. EXEMPTION OF DIRECTORS FROM LIABILITY</p> <p>Pursuant to the provisions of Article 266 Paragraph 12 of the Commercial Code, the Corporation may release Directors (including former Directors) from liability relating to the activities specified in Paragraph 1, item 5 of the same article, to the extent permitted by law, with the approval of the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>ARTICLE 24 EXEMPTION OF DIRECTORS FROM LIABILITY</p> <p>To the extent provided for by applicable law and regulations, the Corporation may exempt the Directors from liability by resolution of the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Revision to be made in keeping the terminology consistent with the provisions of the Company Law.</p>

ARTICLE 24. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- (1) By resolution of the Board of Directors, the Corporation may appoint Executive Officers and assign the execution of a portion of its operations to them.
- (2) By resolution of the Board of Directors, the Corporation may appoint a President and CEO, Executive Vice Presidents, Senior Managing Executive Officers, Managing Executive Officers and other titled executive officers.

CHAPTER V. CORPORATE AUDITORS AND BOARD OF CORPORATE AUDITORS

ARTICLE 25. ELECTION OF CORPORATE AUDITORS

Corporate Auditors shall be elected by a majority of the votes represented at a meeting attended by shareholders holding not less than one-third of the total number of shareholder voting rights.

ARTICLE 26. TERM OF OFFICE OF CORPORATE AUDITORS

- (1) The term of office of Corporate Auditors shall expire upon the conclusion of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders in respect of the last fiscal period ending within four (4) years after their assumption of office.
- (2) The term of office of a Corporate Auditor who has assumed his/her office to fill a vacancy shall be the unexpired term of his/her predecessor.

ARTICLE 25. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- (1) The Board of Directors may appoint Executive Officers and assign the execution of a portion of the Corporation's operations to them by their resolution.
- (2) The Board of Directors may appoint a President and CEO, Executive Vice Presidents, Senior Managing Executive Officers, Managing Executive Officers and other titled Executive Officers.

CHAPTER V. CORPORATE AUDITORS AND BOARD OF CORPORATE AUDITORS

ARTICLE 26. ELECTION OF CORPORATE AUDITORS

The resolution for the election of Corporate Auditors shall be adopted by a majority vote of the shareholders present at a general meeting of shareholders attended by shareholders representing at least one-third of the voting rights of the shareholders eligible to exercise their voting rights.

ARTICLE 27. TERM OF OFFICE OF CORPORATE AUDITORS

- (1) The term of a Corporate Auditor shall end at the close of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders for the final fiscal year ending within four (4) years after the election of such Corporate Auditor.
- (2) The term of a Corporate Auditor who has been selected as a replacement for a Corporate Auditor who retired prior to the completion of his/her term shall continue for the remaining term of such retired Corporate Auditor.

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ARTICLE 27. FULL-TIME CORPORATE AUDITORS AND STANDING CORPORATE AUDITORS

- (1) Corporate Auditors shall elect from among themselves one or more Full-Time Corporate Auditors.
- (2) The Corporate Auditors may elect from among themselves one or more Standing Corporate Auditors.

ARTICLE 28. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATE AUDITORS

- (1) through (3) (Omitted)
- (4) All resolutions of the Board of Corporate Auditors shall, except as otherwise provided by law or regulation, be adopted by a majority of the Corporate Auditors.

ARTICLE 29. REMUNERATION FOR CORPORATE AUDITORS

The amount of remuneration and retirement allowance to be paid to Corporate Auditors shall be determined by the general meeting of shareholders.

ARTICLE 30. EXEMPTION OF CORPORATE AUDITORS FROM LIABILITY

Pursuant to the provisions in Article 280 Paragraph 1 of the Commercial Code, the Corporation may release Corporate Auditors (including former Corporate Auditors) from liability, to the extent permitted by law, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

(New Section)

ARTICLE 28. FULL-TIME CORPORATE AUDITORS AND STANDING CORPORATE AUDITORS

- (1) The Board of Corporate Auditors shall elect one or more Full-Time Corporate Auditors by their resolution.
- (2) The Board of Corporate Auditors, the Corporation may elect one or more Standing Corporate Auditors.

ARTICLE 29. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATE AUDITORS

- (1) through (3) (Unchanged).
- (4) (Deleted)

ARTICLE 30. REMUNERATION FOR CORPORATE AUDITORS

Corporate Auditors' remuneration shall be determined by the resolution of the general meeting of shareholders.

ARTICLE 31. EXEMPTION OF CORPORATE AUDITORS FROM LIABILITY

- (1) To the extent provided for by applicable law and regulations, the Corporation may exempt the Corporate Auditors from liability by resolution of the Board of Directors.
- (2) To the extent provided for by applicable law and regulations, the Corporation may enter into an agreement with Outside Corporate Auditors to limit the liability of such Corporate Auditor.

Revision to be made in keeping the terminology consistent with the provisions of the Company Law.

Provision deleted to better organize the provisions of the Articles.

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Addition of Paragraph 2, allowing the Company to enter into an agreement with Outside Corporate Auditors to limit the auditor's liability, to facilitate the retention of highly qualified individuals as Outside Corporate Auditors and the

<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER VI. ACCOUNTING</p> <p>ARTICLE 31. FISCAL YEAR The fiscal year of the Corporation shall commence on April 1 of each year and end on March 31 of the following year.</p> <p>ARTICLE 32. ORDINARY DIVIDEND Any ordinary dividend shall be paid to the shareholders or pledgees registered or recorded in the register of shareholders as of the close of the relevant fiscal year.</p> <p>(New Section)</p> <p>ARTICLE 33. INTERIM DIVIDEND By resolution of the Board of Directors, the Corporation may distribute money as an interim dividend to the shareholders or pledgees registered or recorded in the register of shareholders as of the last day of September.</p> <p>ARTICLE 34. PRESCRIPTION PERIOD FOR DIVIDEND PAYMENTS The Corporation shall have no obligation to pay any ordinary or interim dividend that has remained unclaimed for a period of three (3) full years from the date of commencement of payment.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER VI. ACCOUNTING</p> <p>ARTICLE 32. FISCAL YEAR The fiscal year of the Corporation shall commence on April 1 of each year and end on March 31 of the following year.</p> <p>ARTICLE 33. DISTRIBUTION OF RETAINED EARNINGS (1) The Corporation may, by resolution of the general meeting of shareholders, pay year-end dividends to its shareholders or registered pledgees of shares who are listed or recorded on the register of shareholders as of March 31 of the applicable fiscal year. (2) In addition to the preceding Paragraph, the Corporation may, by resolution of the Board of Directors, pay interim dividends to its shareholders or registered pledgees of shares who are listed or recorded on the register of shareholders as of September 30 of the applicable fiscal year.</p> <p>(Deleted)</p> <p>ARTICLE 34. PRESCRIPTION PERIOD The Corporation shall have no obligation to pay any ordinary or interim dividend that has remained unclaimed for a period of three (3) full years from the date of commencement of payment.</p>	<p>performance of their expected roles.</p> <p><i>(Note: The terminology of the original Japanese text is amended, but since such amendment is a matter of form and not of substance, the corresponding English text is not amended.)</i></p> <p>Revision to be made in keeping the terminology consistent with the provisions of the Company Law.</p> <p>To better organize the provisions of the Articles, current Article 33 will be deleted and its provisions incorporated in Article 33 Paragraph 2.</p> <p>Revision to be made in keeping the terminology consistent with the provisions of the Company Law. <i>(Note: The terminology of the original Japanese text is amended, but since such amendment is a matter of form and not of substance, the corresponding English text is not amended.)</i></p>
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