

May 7, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice Concerning Purchase of Own Shares on the Open Market

Notice is hereby given that we have been purchasing our own shares on the open market as follows in accordance with Paragraph 4, Article 3 of the Supplementary Regulations of the "Law pertaining to partial amendment of the Commercial Code, etc."

Purchasing period: From April 16, 2002 to May 2, 2002
Number of shares: 54,000 shares
Purchased total value: ¥ 17,710,000
Method of purchase: Open market of the Tokyo Stock Exchange

(Reference)

The content of the resolution passed by the board of directors meeting on February 22, 2002 on the buy back of the company's own shares:

Type of shares to be bought back: Regular shares
Total quantity of shares to be bought: 200,000 shares (upper limit)
Total value of acquired shares: ¥ 70 million (upper limit)

Cumulative quantity of own company shares acquired from February 25 to May 2, 2002.

Acquired number of shares: 154,000 shares
Acquired total value of shares: ¥ 50,614,000

Total value of shares that can be bought back in accordance with stipulations of the Articles of Incorporation: 3,200,000 shares
Total number of shares acquired after the day specified (June 28, 2001) in the Articles of Incorporation: 1,975,000 shares

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