

February 24, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

Notification regarding the acquisition of our own shares of stock through ToSTNeT-2

Our Company at a meeting of the board of directors today passed a resolution on a practical method to acquire shares of our own company stock in accordance with the stipulations Article 210 of the Commercial Code and the following notification is made.

1. Method of acquisition

At the same price as the closing price of ¥275 for ordinary shares of stock of our company traded on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange today (February 24, 2003), we shall delegate the purchase of shares of stock on the ToSTNeT-2 (transactions at closing) of the Tokyo Stock Exchange at 0845 a.m. of February 25, 2003 (with no other change in transaction methods or trading hours). Our subject order shall be valid only for the subject trading time.

2. Content of acquisition

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| (1) Kind of shares of stock to be acquired | Ordinary shares of the subject company |
| (2) Total number of shares to be acquired | 1,500,000 shares |

(n.b. 1) The quantity of shares to be acquired shall not change. Notwithstanding depending upon market conditions, part or all of the order outstanding may not be executed.

(n.b. 2) The scheduled number of shares to be acquired shall be purchased according to the equivalent selling orders made.

3. Announcement of acquisition

The results of acquisition shall be announced after closing on February 25, 2003.

(Reference)

Contents of resolution passed by Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on June 27, 2002

Type of shares to be acquired:	Regular shares
Total number of shares to be acquired:	3 million shares (upper limit)
Total value of shares to be acquired:	¥ 1 billion (upper limit)

Progress made from June 27 to February 24, 2003:

Total number of shares acquired:	182,000 shares
Total value of acquired shares:	¥ 48,562,000

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