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January 31, 2020

To whom it may concern

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Notice on the Revision of Financial Forecast and Revision of Dividend Forecast (Dividend Increase)

This is to notify that the Company has revised its consolidated financial forecast for the year ending March 2020 (April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020), which was announced on October 29, 2019 and the year-end dividend forecast, announced on May 8, 2019, in view of the recent trends in its business performance, as shown in the section below.

Details

1. Revision of Financial Forecast

(1) Revision of consolidated financial forecast for the year ended March 2020 (April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020)

(Unit: millions of yen, %)

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				Profit	
	Revenue	Operating	Profit before	attributable	Basic earnings
		income	tax	to owners of	per share
				parent	
					Yen Sen
Previous forecast (A) (Announced on October 29, 2019)	135,000	19,000	16,800	10,200	259 22
Revised forecast (B)	135,000	19,000	16,700	9,400	238 89
Change (B-A)	_	_	△100	△800	_
Change (%)	_	_	△0.6	△7.8	_
(Ref.) Results for the previous FY (FY ended March 31, 2019)	128,669	14,478	13,405	9,000	228 14

(2) Reasons for the revision of financial forecast

As described in the "Notice on the Impairment Loss Recorded on Fixed Assets at Consolidated Subsidiary," which was announced separately today, an impairment loss of 1 billion yen has been recorded on facilities related to gold and silver refining business in North America. As a result, profit before tax and profit attributable to owners of parent are expected to be lower than those in the previous forecast. However, as the performance of the precious metals recycling business and environmental preservation business remains solid, exceeding the levels in the previous forecast, operating income remains unchanged from the previous forecast.

2. Revision of Dividend Forecast

(1) Revision of dividend forecast for the year ended March 2020

	Annual Dividend					
	End of second quarter	End of FY	Total			
Previous forecast (Announced on May 8, 2019)	60 yen	60 yen	120 yen			
Revised forecast		70 yen	130 yen			
Results for the current FY	60 yen					
Results for the previous FY (FY ended March 31, 2019)	60 yen	60 yen	120 yen			

(2) Reasons for the revision of dividend forecast

The Company's basic policy is to improve corporate value by maintaining profitability and delivering sustainable growth, and to meet the expectations of shareholders by providing sustainable, stable dividends. The Company's guideline on dividend payments based on this basic policy is to target a consolidated payout ratio of 50% or more by considering such factors as the business results of each fiscal year, the need for enhancing the financial position, and the management strategy of the Group.

Even after the revision of its financial forecast, the Company expects to register record-high results for operating income and profit before tax. Based on this judgment, the Company plans to increase its dividend payment at the end of fiscal year by 10 yen from 60 yen in the previous forecast, and the total annual dividend of the year is planned to be 130 yen.