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May 29, 2006

### **Notice on the 43rd Annual General Meeting of Shareholders**

Dear Shareholder:

This is to inform you that the 43rd Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the time and place described in the attached sheet and to cordially request your presence.

If you are unable to be present, you are entitled to exercise your voting rights in writing. In such a case, you are kindly requested to read the reference documents attached hereto, and return the enclosed "Voting Right Exercise Form" after indicating your approval or disapproval of each agenda item and affixing your signature and/or seal thereon.

If you attend the meeting, please submit the enclosed "Voting Right Exercise Form" at the reception desk upon arrival.

Sincerely yours,

Mitsuharu Terayama  
Chairman & CEO

## **Details of the Meeting**

1. **Date and time:** 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 16, 2006

2. **Venue: Kobe Bay Sheraton Hotel & Towers**

2-13 Koyochi-naka, Higashinada-ku •Kobe, Hyogo •

“Rokko-no-ma” on the third floor

Phone (81)(78) 857 7000 •

3. **Meeting Agenda**

**Matters to be reported:**

**Item 1:** Presentation of the business report, the consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated income statement, non-consolidated balance sheet and non-consolidated income statement for the 43rd fiscal term (April 1, 2005, through March 31, 2006)

**Item 2:** Presentation of the audit reports on the financial statements as prepared by independent auditors and by the board of corporate auditors for the 43rd fiscal term (April 1, 2005, through March 31, 2006)

**Item 3:** Presentation of a report on the purchase of the Company’s own stock shares pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors as authorized under the Articles of Incorporation

**Matters to be resolved:**

**Item No. 1:** Approval of the proposed appropriation of the retained earnings for the 43 rd fiscal period

**Item No. 2:** Payment of bonuses to the members of the Board of Directors

**Item No. 3:** Partial amendment of the Articles of Incorporations, as described on Pages 25 through 33 of the attached “Reference Documents Related to the Exercise of the Voting Rights”

**Item No. 4:** Election of one Director

**Item No. 5:** Payment of retirement allowances to the incumbent Directors