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Notice Concerning Change of the Number of Shares to Constitute One Unit Share and Partial Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

At a meeting held on October 28, 2015, the Board of Directors of Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd. ("Kyowa Hakko Kirin") adopted a resolution to change the number of shares to constitute one unit share and to partially amend the Articles of Incorporation, in accordance with Article 195 (1) of the Companies Act. Details are as follows:

1. Change of the Number of Shares to Constitute One Unit Share

(1) Purpose of the Change

In keeping with the Action Plan for Consolidating Trading Units by securities exchanges throughout Japan, the Board decided to reduce the number of shares to constitute one unit share to further increase the liquidity of Kyowa Hakko Kirin shares and expand investment opportunities.

(2) Details of the Change

The number of shares to constitute one unit share will be changed from 1,000 shares to 100 shares.

(3) Date of Change

Friday, January 1, 2016

Reference Information

Trading units of Kyowa Hakko Kirin shares on the Tokyo Stock Exchanges will change from 1,000 shares to 100 shares effective Friday, January 1, 2016.

2. Partial Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

(1) Purpose of the Amendment

The Articles of Incorporation will be amended in conjunction with the change of unit shares described above.

(2) Details of the Amendment

The details of the amendment are as follows:

(Amended text is shown underlined)

Current Text	Amended Text
Article 8. The number of shares to constitute a unit share of the Company (Tangen-kabu) shall be <u>1,000</u> .	Article 8. The number of shares to constitute a unit share of the Company (Tangen-kabu) shall be <u>100</u> . <u>Supplementary Provision</u> <u>The amendment to Article 8 shall become effective as of January 1, 2016, and this supplementary provision shall be deleted on the same date.</u>

(3) Effective Date

Friday, January 1, 2016

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