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Nihon Kohden announces Dividends of Surplus

Nihon Kohden today announced its Board of Directors passed a resolution to distribute dividends of surplus with record date of March 31, 2012. This will be proposed at the 61th general shareholders' meeting to be held on June 27, 2012.

1. Details of Dividends

	Dividends for FY 2011, ended March 31, 2012	Most recent dividend forecast (announced on February 7, 2012)	Dividends for FY 2010, ended March 31, 2011
Record Date	March 31, 2012	March 31, 2012	March 31, 2011
Dividends per share	¥23	¥21	¥25
Total amount of dividends	¥1,010 million	—	¥1,098 million
Effective date	June 28, 2012	—	June 29, 2011
Source of dividends	Retained earnings	—	Retained earnings

2. Reason

The Company considers the return of earnings to shareholders as one of the most important management issues. The Company's basic dividend policy is to continue a stable dividend for a long term as well as increase retained earnings for the enhancement of business structure and future business expansion.

The rough guideline of payout ratio is 30% on consolidated basis. The Company will continue to enhance shareholder return.

As the Company recorded robust results of FY 2011, it decided to pay a dividend of 23 yen per share which increased by 2 yen per share compared to the recent dividend forecast. As a result, the full-year dividend will be 44 yen per share with the interim dividend of 21 yen per share.

[Reference: Details of Dividends Through the Fiscal Year]

Record Date	Dividends per share		
	Interim	Year-end	Full-year
Dividends for FY 2011	¥21	¥23	¥44
Dividends for FY 2010	¥19	¥25 (Ordinary dividend ¥19) (Commemorative dividend ¥6)	¥44 (Ordinary dividend ¥38) (Commemorative dividend ¥6)