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Nihon Kohden announces a basic agreement with St. Jude Medical, Inc. on distribution of CRM devices in Japan

Nihon Kohden Corporation announces that St. Jude Medical, Inc., in the USA, and Nihon Kohden have reached a basic agreement on domestic distribution in Japan for CRM (Cardiac Rhythm Management) devices.

1. Outline of the domestic distributor agreement

In 1987, Nihon Kohden agreed to a domestic distributor agreement with Daig Corporation, based in the USA, for cardiovascular products. After St. Jude Medical acquired Daig, we have continued introduction, sales, and sales-after services of their excellent products including the EnSite 3D Mapping System.

Recently, we agreed to expand the domestic distributor agreement to CRM devices including pacemakers, CRT-P (Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Pacemakers), ICD (Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators), CRT-D (Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Defibrillators) and other products. We will continue to contribute to healthcare in Japan by introducing the world's leading medical devices as well as our own high quality products.

2. Contract start date

March 1, 2012

3. Overview of St. Jude Medical

Company:	St. Jude Medical, Inc.
Main business:	Development, manufacture and distribution of medical devices
Founded:	1976
Headquarters:	St. Paul, Minnesota, USA
Chairman, President and CEO:	Daniel J. Starks

4. Financial outlook

The impact on our consolidated financial results for FY2011 will be minor.