

Notice of Revision of Year-End Dividend Forecast (Dividend Increase)

KITZ Corporate hereby announces that the Board of Directors has resolved at a meeting held on February 13, 2023 to revise the year-end dividend forecast (dividend increase) with a record date of December 31, 2022, as follows.

The Board of Directors is scheduled to approve the dividend at a meeting to be held on February 22, 2023.

1. Revision of Year-End Dividend Forecast

(Yen)

Record Date	Dividend Per Share		
	Interim	Year-End	Total
Previously announced dividend forecast (Announced on August 4, 2022)	—	16.00	31.00
Revised Dividend forecast	—	18.00	33.00
Actual Dividend	15.00		
(Reference) Previous Term Results (FY2021)	9.00	11.00	20.00

2. Background

Returning profits to shareholders by cash dividend is one of the highest priorities of KITZ. The Company's stance is to place importance on the consistency and stability of the dividend while taking into account a number of factors. These factors include current results of operations and the need for funds for capital investment, development, M&A and other activities needed for growth. Another factor is the need to increase retained earnings to provide funds for repaying loans and redeeming bonds.

At present, based on the above-stated considerations KITZ believes that a dividend payout ratio of about 35% of net income attributable to owners of the parent is appropriate.

In consideration of the above policy and other factors, the Company has revised upward its year-end dividend forecast for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022 to 18 yen per share. As a result, the annual dividend, including the interim dividend (15 yen per share), is expected to be 33 yen per share, resulting in a consolidated dividend payout ratio of 34.6%.