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Press Release

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Notice of Revision of Dividend Forecast (Dividend Increase)

Kanematsu Corporation (the “Company”) hereby announces that a meeting of its Board of Directors held on May 10, 2019 resolved to revise its forecast of the dividend (increase) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019, from the forecast previously announced on May 9, 2018, as detailed below.

The Company will officially determine the year-end dividend at a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held in late May 2019.

1. Reason for the revision of the dividend forecast

The Company regards the distribution of profits to shareholders as a critical management issue. It adopts a basic policy of distributing profits in a manner that reflects the Company’s operating results, taking into account the balance with appropriate internal reserves for investments in growth in the future. Under *future 135*, the Company’s medium-term vision, the Company has set a goal of stable and continuous dividend payments with a total return ratio of 25-30% as a rough indication.

The Company has decided to revise the year-end dividend by increasing it by 10 yen from the previous forecast announced at the beginning of the fiscal year to 35 yen per share with the aim of improving shareholder returns, since the Company’s profit for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 announced today exceeded the initial forecast and operating profit also increased 16% from the previous fiscal year, which confirmed the underlying strength of its earnings structure.

Accordingly, the annual dividend is expected to be 60 yen per share with the addition of the interim dividend of 25 yen per share. Also, the payout ratio will be 30.3%, which is near the upper limit of *future 135*, approximately 30%.

2. Outline of the revision

	Annual dividend		
	Interim	Year-end	Total
Previous forecast (May 9, 2018)	/	¥25.00	¥50.00
<b>Revised forecast (May 10, 2019)</b>	/	<b>¥35.00</b>	<b>¥60.00</b>
Actual dividends for fiscal year ended March 31, 2019	¥25.00	/	/
Actual dividends for fiscal year ended March 31, 2018	¥3.50	¥30.50	—

(Note) As of October 1, 2017, the Company implemented a consolidation of its common shares on a one-for-five basis. The interim dividend per share for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 is the amount before factoring in the impact of the consolidation of shares, and the total annual dividend is indicated as “-”. The interim dividend per share for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 factoring in the impact of the consolidation of shares is 17.50 yen, and the annual dividend per share is 48.00 yen.

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