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**Announcement regarding resolution of a lawsuit through settlement**

We are pleased to announce that settlement has been reached on 17 November, 2014 regarding a lawsuit filed by our Australian subsidiary, Asahi Holdings (Australia) Pty Ltd (hereinafter “AHA”) and our New Zealand subsidiary, Independent Liquor (NZ) Limited (hereinafter “IL”), with the Federal Court of Australia.

1. History from the filing of the lawsuit to settlement

AHA and IL have issued proceedings at the Federal Court of Australia on 14 February 2013 in relation to the acquisition of Flavoured Beverages Group Holdings Limited (now IL) in 2011 against the seller side private equity funds, Pacific Equity Partners Pty Limited, Unitas Capital Pte. Ltd. etc., seeking damages for breach of the Australian Consumer Law, and have also added an insurance claim against the insurers on 5 May 2014. The matter has been heard until now; however, a settlement has been reached today.

2. Contents of settlement

AHA and IL will drop their claims by receiving a total of NZD 220 million (approximately JPY 20.1 billion) from the respondents to the lawsuit etc.

\* Conversion rate As of 14 November, 2014 NZD1=JPY 91.4

3. Future outlook

Following this settlement, we expect to record extraordinary income during this fiscal year.

On the other hand, we will not make any changes to the forecast announced on 6 August 2014 at this time, as we intend to consider and implement reduction/reassessment of our assets through implementing asset streamlining measures that we set out in our “Midterm Plan 2015” ahead of schedule and revisiting the future plans mainly of our overseas subsidiaries, while securing achievement of each business plan.

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