

October 30, 2014 Kureha Corporation

Notice of Revised Half-Year Earnings Forecast

Kureha Corporation has revised up its earnings forecast for the first half of fiscal 2014 announced on May 15, 2014, on the basis of recent earnings trends. The details are as follows.

Revision to FY2014 1H Earnings Forecast (April 1- September 30, 2014)

| | Sales | Operating income | Recurring income | Net income | Net income per share |
|--|--------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| New Forecast (a) | 73,400 | 5,700 | 6,000 | 4,300 | 25.03 yen |
| Previous Forecast (b) *Announced in May 2014 | 73,000 | 5,000 | 4,500 | 2,500 | 14.55 yen |
| Difference (a-b) | 400 | 700 | 1,500 | 1,800 | |
| % Difference | 0.5% | 14.0% | 33.3% | 72.0% | |
| [Reference] FY2013 1H Results (April 1 - September 30, 2012) | 67,723 | 4,850 | 5,258 | 3,504 | 20.40 yen |

(Millions of yen, unless indicated otherwise)

Reasons for revision

Kureha expects 2014 1H operating income to surpass previous forecast on slightly raised sales, reflecting strong performance in high value-added products and construction businesses as well as a foreseeable decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses. Recurring income and net income are also projected to be higher than previous forecasts due largely to foreign exchange gains and reduced loss on retirement of fixed assets as a result of facility dismantlement delayed to the second half year.

Earnings forecast for the full year ending March 31, 2015 is still under scrutiny, and will be announced at the time of releasing the half-year results scheduled for November 13, 2014.

Note: The statement regarding the above-mentioned forecast is based on current information acquired by Kureha as of the date of this announcement. Actual results may differ from these forecasts due to various factors.

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