

27 May 2004

Information Concerning Counterfeit Share Certificates

Further to reports in the press on 27 May 2004, we would like to make the following announcement concerning counterfeits of this company's share certificates.

1. Discovery

On 25 May 2004, counterfeit share certificates were discovered among share certificates for which an ownership re-registration request had been made by Japan Securities Depository Center, Inc. (JASDEC) to UFJ Trust Bank Limited, our company's transfer agent.

Furthermore, upon examining share certificates in JASDEC's custody for which transfer procedures had yet to be conducted, additional counterfeits of the same type were discovered.

2. Number and type of counterfeit share certificates

1,135 certificates, each for 100 shares

3. Response

As soon as the discovery was made, we contacted the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. and JASDEC, and also informed the media via the Kabuto-cho Press Club. We are also planning to consult the Metropolitan Police Department and file a report with Joto Police Station.

4. Characteristics of the counterfeit share certificates

- (1) On genuine certificates, the name of the printing firm, “凸版印刷株式会社”, which is printed at the bottom on the face of the certificates, appears as a logotype, while on the counterfeits it is rendered in a typeface similar to the *seikaisho* typeface, which is a slightly cursive typeface. The characters “株式”, in particular, are clearly different. (As can be seen from the scan of a genuine certificate below, the typeface used in the logotype for the company name is not a commonly used typeface.)
- (2) The numerals in the endorsement table on the reverse of genuine certificates are rendered in an OCR typeface (the lines in the numerals are of equal width), whereas on the counterfeit certificates they are in a typeface similar to the *seikaisho* typeface. The number “4”, in particular, is clearly different. (As can be seen in the scans below, the “4” on the genuine certificate includes a space, whereas on the counterfeit it is rendered in a single stroke.)
- (3) The background pattern on the face is poorly rendered.
- (4) The watermark on the counterfeit certificate reads “NCK”. (It should read “NOK”).

5. Other

Shareholders who are concerned about the authenticity of their share certificates can have them verified by UFJ Trust Bank Limited, our company's transfer agent. Contact details are:

Securities Transfer Services Division (Shoken-daiko-bu)

UFJ Trust Bank Limited

7-10-11 Higashisuna, Koto-ku, Tokyo

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6. Enquiries

Enquiries regarding this matter may be made to either Motozato or Sakurada of our General Affairs Division (Tel: 03-3434-1725).