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Dividend Policy and Dividend Forecast Revisions (1st Dividend Payment)

First Brothers Co., Ltd. announced that it approved revisions to its dividend policy and its per-share dividend payout forecast (first dividend payment) at a Board of Directors meeting held on November 2, 2016.

1. Summary and reasons for our dividend policy revisions

The distribution of profits to our shareholders is an important management issue for First Brothers.

Thus far it was our basic dividend policy to payout a year-end annual dividend based on earnings performance while securing a sufficient level of internal reserve for future business development and reinforcement of our management infrastructure. Despite this, we previously believed the group was still in the growth phase so we elected to forego dividend payments to make full use of our internal reserve.

However, we believe we are now making progress with our growth strategies. In light of this, we have revised our dividend policy to place heavier emphasis on shareholder returns.

Our revised basic policy is to consistently and continuously payout a year-end annual dividend regardless of short-term earnings performance. In principle, we aim to attain a dividend on equity ratio (DOE) of 2.0%. We plan to continue to use our internal reserve to investment in group growth. We are already using our internal reserve as capital for our proprietary trading account, which is a core business, as it is our goal to expand profit distribution to our shareholders.

2. Dividend forecast revision

In accordance with the aforementioned dividend policy revision, we are revising our year-end annual dividend forecast for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2016 to ¥25.00 per share.

In addition, on October 21, 2016, we transferred our listing to the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, from TSE Mothers. We express our gratitude to our shareholders for their constant support and plan to pay a commemorative dividend to mark our change to the First Section. In addition to the ordinary dividend, we also plan to pay a commemorative dividend of ¥25.00 per share in the fiscal year ending

November 30, 2016.

Accordingly, in the fiscal year ending November 30, 2016, we plan to pay a total dividend of ¥50.00 per share.

3. Revision details

	Annual dividend		
Base date	Interim	Year-end	Total
Prior forecast (released October 7, 2016)		¥0.00	¥0.00
Revised forecast		¥50.00 (Ordinary: ¥25.00) (Commemorative: ¥25.00)	¥50.00 (Ordinary: ¥25.00) (Commemorative: ¥25.00)
Dividend paid	¥0.00		
Prior dividend payout (FY-ended November 30, 2015)	¥0.00	¥0.00	¥0.00