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Approval of the Company to take Measures on the Basis of Policy on Large-Scale Purchasing of its Shares (Anti-Takeover Measures) and Appointment of Members of the Independent Committee

At the meeting of its Board of Directors held on April 26, 2013, Kobe Steel, Ltd. decided to adopt its policy on the large-scale purchasing of its shares (hereinafter referred to as "Large-Scale Purchase" or "Large-Scale Purchasing").

Kobe Steel announced on June 26, 2013 that shareholders gave their approval to Item 2 "Approval of the Company to take Measures on the Basis of Policy on Large-Scale Purchasing of its Shares (Anti-Takeover Measures) " at the 160th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

Further, Kobe Steel announced today that the Meeting of its Board of Directors resolved to appoint five members again as members of the Independent Committee.

Members of the Independent Committee

Takaharu Dohi (remaining in office)

- Former Prosecutor-General, Supreme Public Prosecutor's Office
- Attorney registration

Tadao Kagono (remaining in office)

- Former Professor & Head and Professor Emeritus (current position), Graduate School of Business Administration, Kobe University

Masamichi Takemoto (remaining in office)

- Former President and Advisor (current position), Nitto Denko Corporation

Takao Kitabata (remaining in office)

- Former Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry
- Outside Director of Marubeni Corporation (current position)
- Outside Director of Kobe Steel, Ltd. (current position)

Takuo Yamauchi (remaining in office)

- Former Executive Vice President and Director, Chubu Electric Power Co., Inc
- Outside Director of Kobe Steel, Ltd. (current position)

In exercising the shareholders' rights, Kobe Steel endeavors to protect and enhance its corporate value and, ultimately, the common interests of its shareholders.

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