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Kobe Steel subsidiary Nippon Koshuha Steel revises earnings forecast

TOKYO, October 26, 2010 – Nippon Koshuha Steel Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of Kobe Steel, Ltd., announced today a revision in its forecast for first-half fiscal 2010 (April 1, 2010-September 30, 2010) made on April 28, 2010. Details are given in the tables below.

Consolidated forecast for first-half fiscal 2010 (April 1 – September 30, 2010)

(Millions of yen)

| | Net Sales | Operating | Ordinary | Net Income | Net income (loss) |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|
| | | Income (Loss) | Income (Loss) | (Loss) | per share (in yen) |
| Previous forecast (A) | 19,100 | 190 | 120 | 60 | 0.41 |
| New forecast (B) | 19,700 | 280 | 250 | 210 | 1.43 |
| Change (B-A) | 600 | 90 | 130 | 150 | |
| % change | 3.1 | 47.4 | 108.3 | 250.0 | |
| FY2009 results for same period | 12,946 | (1,409) | (1,537) | (1,593) | (10.86) |

Non-consolidated forecast for first-half fiscal 2010 (April 1 – September 30, 2010)

(Millions of ven)

| (Millions of year) | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| | Net Sales | Operating | Ordinary | Net Income | Net income (loss) | | | |
| | | Income (Loss) | Income (Loss) | (Loss) | per share (in yen) | | | |
| Previous forecast (A) | 14,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | | | |
| New forecast (B) | 14,200 | 80 | 140 | 190 | 1.30 | | | |
| Change (B-A) | 200 | 80 | 140 | 190 | | | | |
| % change | 1.4 | | | | | | | |
| FY2009 results for | 9,669 | (867) | (908) | (961) | (6.55) | | | |
| same period | | | | | | | | |

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