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## Announcement on Revision to Earnings Forecast and Dividend Forecast for Fiscal 2014, ending March 31, 2015

TOKYO, February 3, 2015 – Kobe Steel, Ltd. revised its nonconsolidated forecast for fiscal 2014 from the previous forecast announced on April 25, 2014, due to recent trends in its business performance. In addition, at the Board of Directors meeting held today, Kobe Steel reached a decision on a policy to pay a dividend for the second half of fiscal 2014, ending March 31, 2015.

### Revision to Earnings Forecast

#### Revision to fiscal 2014 nonconsolidated forecast (April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015)

	Net sales	Ordinary income	Net income	Net income per share
Previous forecast (A) (announced April 25, 2014)	1,040,000	30,000	25,000	6.87 yen
Current forecast (B)	1,040,000	40,000	40,000	10.99 yen
Change (B-A)	0	10,000	15,000	
% change	—	33.3%	60.0%	
FY2013 results	993,743	58,355	56,660	18.23 yen

Figures are in millions of yen unless otherwise indicated. Sums under 1 million yen have been omitted.

### Reason for the Revision

In comparison to the previous forecast announced on April 25, 2014, nonconsolidated ordinary income is anticipated to increase for the entire fiscal 2014, owing to a downward trend in steel raw material prices in the Iron & Steel Business, and in the Aluminum & Copper Business, the increase of sales volume of aluminum rolled products due to expanding sales of aluminum can stock for beverage containers. In addition, owing to anticipated improvement in tax expenses, net income for the fiscal 2014 is revised upward.

#### (For Reference)

#### Revision to fiscal 2014 consolidated forecast (April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015)

	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income	Net income per share
Previous forecast (A) (announced October 31, 2014)	1,910,000	110,000	85,000	60,000	16.51 yen
Current forecast (B)	1,910,000	115,000	90,000	70,000	19.26 yen
Change (B-A)	0	5,000	5,000	10,000	
% change	—	4.5%	5.9%	16.7%	
FY2013 results	1,824,698	114,548	85,044	70,191	22.62 yen

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For more information, please refer to “Kobe Steel’s Consolidated Financial Results for First Nine Months of Fiscal 2014 (dated February 3, 2015)”

## Revision to Dividend Forecast

Date of record	Dividend per share		
	End of second quarter	End of fiscal year (March 31, 2015)	Full fiscal year
Previous Forecast (announced October 31, 2014)	—	—	—
Current Forecast	—	2.00 yen	4.00 yen
FY2014 Results	2.00 yen		
FY2013 Results	0.00 yen	4.00 yen	4.00 yen

### Reason for the Revision

Based on a policy of maintaining continuous and stable dividends, Kobe Steel decided on a policy to pay a dividend of 2 yen per share for the second half of fiscal 2014 (a total of 4 yen for the entire fiscal 2014) after taking into account its financial condition, business performance, future capital needs and other factors.

**Note:**

This earnings forecast is based on currently available information as of today. Actual business results may differ considerably due to various changeable conditions in the future.

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