

News Release

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Company name: Kobe Steel, Ltd.
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Code number: 5406
Stock exchanges where shares are listed: Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya, Japan

Announcement on dividends for second-half of fiscal 2008, ending March 2009

TOKYO, February 3, 2009 – Kobe Steel, Ltd. announces that on the basis of its earnings forecast, it has decided on a policy to forego dividend payments for the second half of fiscal 2008, ending March 31, 2009. This decision was reached at the Board of Directors' meeting held today.

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