

Kyowa Hakko Kirin: Upward Revision of Sales and Profit Forecasts

Tokyo, October 22, 2009 – In consideration of recent performance trends, Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co, Ltd. (Kyowa Hakko Kirin) has revised its results forecasts that were previously announced on July 29, 2009, as follows:

Revised forecasts for the interim period (April 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009)

Consolidated	<i>Millions of yen</i>				
	Net sales	Operating income	Recurring income	Net income	Net income per share (¥)
Previous forecasts	190,000	17,500	19,000	8,000	¥13.99
Revised forecasts	194,300	20,700	22,200	10,800	¥18.91
Change in forecasts	4,300	3,200	3,200	2,800	--
Percentage change	2.3%	18.3%	16.8%	35.0%	--
Reference: Results for interim period ended September 2008	247,769	29,164	30,357	8,285	¥14.43

Revised forecasts for the nine-month period to December 2009 (April 1, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009)

Consolidated	<i>Millions of yen</i>				
	Net sales	Operating income	Recurring income	Net income	Net income per share (¥)
Previous forecasts	305,000	30,000	31,500	14,000	¥24.51
Revised forecasts	310,000	35,000	36,000	15,000	¥26.27
Change in forecasts	5,000	5,000	4,500	1,000	--
Percentage change	1.6%	16.7%	14.3%	7.1%	--
Reference: Results for the 12-month fiscal year ended March 2009	460,183	45,387	46,412	11,726	¥20.43

Reasons for the forecast revision

During the interim period, in the core Pharmaceuticals business, anemia treatments Nesp and Espo, and others performed well and were higher than planned, although results from the Chemicals business were lower than expected. Additionally, due to an anticipated budget surplus and reductions in payments for R&D expenses and other sales, general and administrative expenses, the consolidated results forecasts for the interim and full-year period have been revised upwards.

Note 1: Kyowa Hakko Kirin has changed its fiscal year-end from March 31 to December 31 and as a result the forecast figures for the full year are for the 9-month period from April 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. Results for the previous fiscal year are for the 12-month period from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

Note 2: The above forecasts are based on information available and assumptions made at the time of release of this document about a number of uncertain factors that can affect results in the future. It is possible that actual results are materially different for a wide variety of reasons.

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