

Kyowa Hakko Kirin announces decision to repurchase own shares

Repurchase of company shares pursuant to the provisions of
Article 165-2, the Companies Act

Tokyo, August 25, 2011 – At a Board of Directors' meeting held today, Kyowa Hakko Kirin resolved to repurchase its own shares in accordance with an interpretation of paragraph 156 of the Japan's Companies Act and based on Article 165-3 of the Companies Act. Details are as follows:

1. Reasons for repurchase of shares:

To improve our capital efficiency by executing flexible capital policies in response to changes in the operating environment.

2. Details of repurchase:

(1) Class of shares to be repurchased:	Common stock
(2) Number of shares to be repurchased:	Up to 25,000,000 shares (represents 4.39% of shares issued, excluding treasury shares)
(3) Total amount for acquisition of shares:	Up to ¥20,000 million
(4) Period for share repurchase:	August 26, 2011 to February 29, 2012

Reference:

Treasury shares held as of June 30, 2011	
Number of shares outstanding (excluding treasury shares):	569,819,323 shares
Number of treasury shares:	6,664,232 shares

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