

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Notice Concerning Change of Certified Public Accountant, etc.

**Tokyo, Japan, February 21, 2018** - Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co., Ltd. (“Kyowa Hakko Kirin”) hereby announces that the Audit & Supervisory Board held on February 19, 2018 resolved the specifics of the proposal concerning the change of certified public accountant, etc. responsible for audit certification in accordance with Article 193-2, Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act to be submitted to the General Meeting of Shareholders, and that at the Board of Directors’ meeting held today it was resolved that Kyowa Hakko Kirin shall submit this proposal as “Election of Accounting Auditor” to the 95th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on March 23, 2018, as described below.

1. Scheduled date of the change

March 23, 2018 (scheduled date of the 95th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders)

2. Overview of incoming and outgoing certified public accountants, etc.

(1) Overview of incoming certified public accountant, etc.

(i) Name	KPMG AZSA LLC
(ii) Location	1-2, Tsukudo-cho, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo
(iii) Name of engagement partners	Masakazu Hattori Nobuyuki Ishii
(iv) Registration status under the registration system for listed company audit firms of The Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants	Registered

(2) Overview of outgoing certified public accountant, etc.

(i) Name	Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC
(ii) Location	2-2-3, Uchisaiwai-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
(iii) Name of engagement partners	Hironao Yazaki Kenichi Ishida

3. Reason for nominating the persons stated in 2. (1) as the candidate for certified public accountant, etc.

The Audit & Supervisory Board has selected KPMG AZSA LLC as the candidate for certified public accountant, etc. as it concluded that KPMG AZSA LLC is qualified for the role based on comprehensive reviews on the auditing system, including the planning to conduct auditing on the consolidated financial statements on a global basis, the auditing policy including its policy on adoption of IFRS audit, the assessment system in preparation for IFRS opinions, and the quality control system including assurance of independence.

4. Most recent date of appointment of the outgoing certified public accountant, etc.

March 23, 2017

5. Opinions, etc. in the audit reports and other documents prepared by the outgoing certified public accountant, etc. in the past three years

Not applicable

6. Reason for and background to decision or conclusion of the change

At the conclusion of the 95th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on March 23, 2018, the term of office of Kyowa Hakko Kirin's Accounting Auditor, Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC, will expire. Accordingly, the Audit & Supervisory Board resolved the specifics of the proposal to elect KPMG AZSA LLC as a new Accounting Auditor for the reason stated above in 3.

7. Opinions of the outgoing certified public accountant, etc. concerning the statements in audit reports and other documents regarding the reasons and background described above in 6.

Kyowa Hakko Kirin received a reply stating that there is no particular opinion.