

(Ticker Code 9962)

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## **Announcement of Dividend Distribution**

Today, the MISUMI Group Inc. Board of Directors approved a dividend distribution plan with a date of record of March 31, 2012.

The plan will be proposed to the 50<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of Shareholders to be held June 18, 2012.

## 1. Description of the Dividend Distribution

	Amount	Most Recent Dividend Forecast (announced Nov 9, 2011)	Last Year's Actual Distribution (FY2010)
Date of Record	March 31, 2012	March 31, 2012	March 31, 2011
Dividend Per Share	¥13	¥12.3	¥10.5
Total Amount of Distribution	¥1,160 million		¥939 million
Effective Payout Date	June 19, 2012		June 20, 2011
Source of Funds for Distribution	Retained earnings		Retained earnings

## 2. Reason for the Dividend Distribution

Effective beginning the second half of FY2011, we have increased our dividend payout ratio to 25% from 20%. This change to our shareholder return policy was announced November 9, 2011. The decision to increase shareholder returns resulted from a comprehensive review that took into account the business environment and performance trends and forecasts, as well as the levels of balance-sheet strength, capital efficiency and retained earnings required to establish a stable financial standing over the long-term, among other factors.

Sales and operating income in FY2011 renewed record highs respectively for the first time in four years.

As a result, we increase our year-end dividend to ¥13 per share (up ¥2.5 compared to the same period the previous year). This represents an increase compared to our previous forecast for a year-end dividend of ¥12.3 per share and is due to the fact that net income beat our revised forecast. With this change, MISUMI plans to pay out annual dividends per share of ¥23.2 (up ¥3), including the interim dividend of ¥10.2 per share paid out already.

	Annualized dividend						
	End of Q2		Year-end		Annual total		
	Yen	Payout ratio	Yen	Payout ratio	Yen	Payout ratio	
Previous forecast (announced Nov 9, 2011)	1	ı	12.30	ı	22.50	_	
Actual this year (FY2011)	10.20	19.2%	13.00	25.0%	23.20	22.1%	
Actual last year (FY2010)	9.70	17.5%	10.50	23.0%	20.20	20.0%	