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Announcement of Interim Dividend Distribution and Revision to Year-end Dividend Forecast

Today, the MISUMI Group Inc. Board of Directors approved the distribution of dividends from retained earnings (date of record: September 30, 2012) and revised the year-end dividend forecast. See below for details.

	Amount (FY2012 Interim)	Most Recent Dividend Forecast (announced May 17, 2012)	Last Year's Actual Distribution (FY2011 Interim)
Date of Record	September 30, 2012		September 30, 2011
Dividend Per Share	¥11.25	¥13.16	¥10.20
Total Amount of Distribution	¥1,007 million		¥917 million
Effective Payout Date	December 10, 2012		December 12, 2011
Source of Funds for Distribution	Retained earnings		Retained earnings

1. Description of the Dividend Distribution

2. Revision to year-end dividend forecast

	Annualized Dividend		
	Interim (End of 2Q)	Year-end	Annual Total
Previous Forecast	¥13.16	¥14.44	¥27.60
Payout Ratio	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%
New Forecast	-	¥13.05	¥24.30
Payout Ratio	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%
FY2012 Results	¥11.25	_	-
Payout Ratio	25.0%	_	_
FY2011 Results	¥10.20	¥13.00	¥23.20
Payout Ratio	19.2%	25.0%	22.1%

3. Reason for the distribution and forecast revision

Dividend payouts change with fluctuations in profits because MISUMI uses a dividend payout ratio as a benchmark for setting dividend amounts. For this half-year period we maintain a 25% dividend payout ratio, up from the 20% level used in FY2011.

Cumulative 2Q net income missed the previously forecast level due to an extraordinary loss resulting from the withdrawal of three subsidiaries from enrollment in an employees' pension fund. The extraordinary loss had not been factored into forecasts made at the beginning of the fiscal year. Therefore, applying a dividend payout ratio of 25%, the interim dividend-per-share will be ¥11.25, an amount that is ¥1.91 lower than previously forecast, but ¥1.05 higher than last year's interim dividend-per-share.

Although we reiterate our 25% payout ratio for year-end dividends, we have revised our full-year consolidated business performance forecasts. As a result, we revise our year-end dividend-per-share to ¥13.05, an amount that is ¥1.39 lower than previously forecast but ¥0.05 higher than last year's year-end dividend.