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Nikko Cordial Securities Inc.

Change of Directors

Today, Nikko Cordial Securities Inc. announced the changes of Directors as follows.

[New Director] Effective from Feb. 23, 2006

Vice-chairman Hiroaki Sugioka (Director, Executive Deputy President of

Nikko Cordial Corporation)

[Change in Titles]Effective from Feb. 23, 2006

Executive Deputy President Mikio Kitabayashi (Senior Executive Managing Director)

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