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# Notice of Change of Accounting Period (Closing Date) and Partial Amendment of the Company Charter

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Kagome Co., Ltd. held today, the Board resolved to change Kagome's accounting period. This change will require a partial amendment to Kagome's Company Charter, which must be approved at the 70<sup>th</sup> Regular General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for June 2014.

#### 1. Reasons for the Change

In line with the company's operating cycle, the closing date of Kagome's fiscal year will be changed from March 31 to December 31. The closing date of all Kagome Group companies will also be unified as December 31. This change is being implemented in order to achieve greater efficiency in various aspects of management and business operations, including budget preparation and performance management, etc. The change will also help to ensure compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), adoption of which is currently being considered, and which require that consolidated companies share a uniform accounting period.

#### 2. Details of the Change in the Accounting Period

Current closing date: March 31 of each year

New closing date: December 31 of each year

As the transitional period for the adoption of the new closing date, FY2014 (Kagome's 71<sup>st</sup> Fiscal Year) will span a 9-month period from April 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

The same change to the accounting period will be made at those domestic consolidated subsidiaries that currently have a closing date other than December 31.

## 3. Future Forecasts

Kagome will announce its FY2014 (Kagome's 71<sup>st</sup> Fiscal Year, ending December 31, 2014) forecast in the FY2013 (ending March 31, 2014) Consolidated Summary Report, which is scheduled to be disclosed in April 2014.

## 4. Content of the Partial Amendment to Kagome's Company Charter (amended content is <u>underlined</u>)

Current Provisions	Proposed Amendment
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(Convening of General Meeting of Shareholders)	(Convening of General Meeting of
Article 11	Shareholders)
The Regular General Meeting of Shareholders	Article 11
shall be convened in June each year; Extraordinary	The Regular General Meeting of Shareholders
Shareholders Meetings shall be convened as	shall be convened in March each year;
necessary.	Extraordinary Shareholders Meetings shall be
	convened as necessary.
(Date of Record for Regular General Meeting of	(Date of Record for Regular General Meeting
Shareholders)	of Shareholders)
Article 12	Article 12
The date of record with respect to voting rights at	The date of record with respect to voting rights
the Company's Regular General Meeting of	at the Company's Regular General Meeting of
Shareholders shall be March 31 each year.	Shareholders shall be <u>December</u> 31 each year.
(Fiscal Year)	(Fiscal Year)
Article 39	Article 39
The Company's fiscal year shall be the period of	The Company's fiscal year shall be the period
one year extending from April 1 of each calendar	of one year extending from January 1 of each
year to March 31 of the subsequent calendar year.	calendar year to December 31 of that same
	<u>year.</u>
(Date of Record for Distribution of Dividends	(Date of Record for Distribution of Dividends
from Earned Surplus)	from Earned Surplus)
Article 41	Article 41
The Company's date of record with respect to the	The Company's date of record with respect to
distribution of final dividend shall be March 31	the distribution of final dividend shall be
each year.	December 31 each year.
	Supplementary Provisions
	Item 1
	Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 39,
(New provision)	the Company's FY2014 fiscal year (the
( <b>F</b> 10)	Company's 71 <sup>st</sup> Fiscal Year) shall begin on
	April 1, 2014 and end on December 31, 2014.
	This Item 1 of the Supplementary Provisions
	shall remain in effect until December 31, 2014,
	after which date it shall cease to be effective.
	and which date it shall cease to be effective.

# 5. Timetable

Date of the  $70^{th}$  Regular General Meeting of Shareholders: June 2014 (provisional) Effective date of the partial amendment of the Company Charter: As above.