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Tsubakimoto Chain Announces Revision of Performance Forecast

In consideration of recent trends in its performance, Tsubakimoto Chain has revised its forecast for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005, which was originally announced on May 17, 2004. The details of the revision are as follows:

1. Revision of forecast for consolidated results in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005

Units: Millions of yen, %

| | Net sales | Ordinary income | Net income |
|---|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| Previous forecast (A) (announced May 17, 2004) | 125,000 | 7,000 | 3,500 |
| Revised forecast (B) | 128,000 | 8,600 | 4,300 |
| Amount of change (B - A) | 3,000 | 1,600 | 800 |
| % change | 2.4 | 22.9 | 22.9 |
| Results for previous period (fiscal year ended March 2004) | 119,141 | 6,215 | 3,384 |

2. Revision of forecast for non-consolidated results in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005

Units: Millions of yen, %

| | Net sales | Ordinary income | Net income |
|---|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| Previous forecast (A) (announced May 17, 2004) | 71,000 | 4,000 | 2,500 |

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| Revised forecast (B) | 72,000 | 5,200 | 3,200 |
| Amount of change (B - A) | 1,000 | 1,200 | 700 |
| % change | 1.4 | 30.0 | 28.0 |
| Results for previous period (fiscal year ended March 2004) | 66,701 | 3,490 | 2,430 |

3. Reason for the revision

The forecast for interim performance that was announced on October 26, 2004, exceeds the initial forecast.

Although the domestic economy is on track toward recovery, there is cause for concern, such as the future course of the U.S. economy and increases in crude oil and raw materials prices. Accordingly, it is difficult to make meaningful predictions about performance for the full fiscal year. However, in consideration of the increases expected in interim sales and profits, and with continued growth in sales and ongoing efforts to control selling, general and administrative expenses, the Company anticipates that it will be able to exceed initial forecasts for the full fiscal year, as indicated above.

The above forecasts are based on certain assumptions made in accordance with currently available information. Actual results may differ materially from these forecasts due to changes in circumstances.