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## Notice on the decision of the Fair Trade Commission of Japan ordering a surcharge for ductile iron pipe business

Kubota Corporation (hereinafter "the Company") received the decision ordering a surcharge of ¥7,072,080 thousand relating to share cartel of ductile iron pipe from the Fair Trade Commission of Japan.

The decision has been disputed whether the agreement among three companies including the Company in fixing the shares of ductile iron straight pipe orders in 1996 and 1997 in Japan met the fact defined in latter part of 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of Section 7-2 of the then Anti-Monopoly Law: 'Cartels that influence prices by curtailing the volume of supply'. The hearing procedure of this matter was decided to start in February 10, 2000 and the procedure had been continued for around ten years.

The Company has scrutinized the decision and considers it unacceptable because the fact of curtailing the volume of supply was not proven at all. Accordingly, the Company will resort to legal action to cancel the decision to Tokyo High Court.

However, the Company already recorded a loss for this surcharge in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009. The Company will make disclosure promptly if additional disclosure is needed for this matter.

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