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JT Announces New Organizational Structure for the Group's Tobacco Business

Japan Tobacco Inc. (JT) (TSE: 2914) today announced the Company's new organizational structure for the Group's Tobacco Business effective as of January 1, 2017.

1. Global Tobacco Strategic Committee

The Company establishes a new "*Global Tobacco Strategic Committee*" as of January 1, 2017, which is an advisory committee for the *President of the Tobacco Business* and has as its principal objective to facilitate further growth of the Group's Tobacco Business. The Committee will discuss the mid- to long-term growth strategies for the overall tobacco business including resource allocations related to business investments.

■ **Members of the Committee***

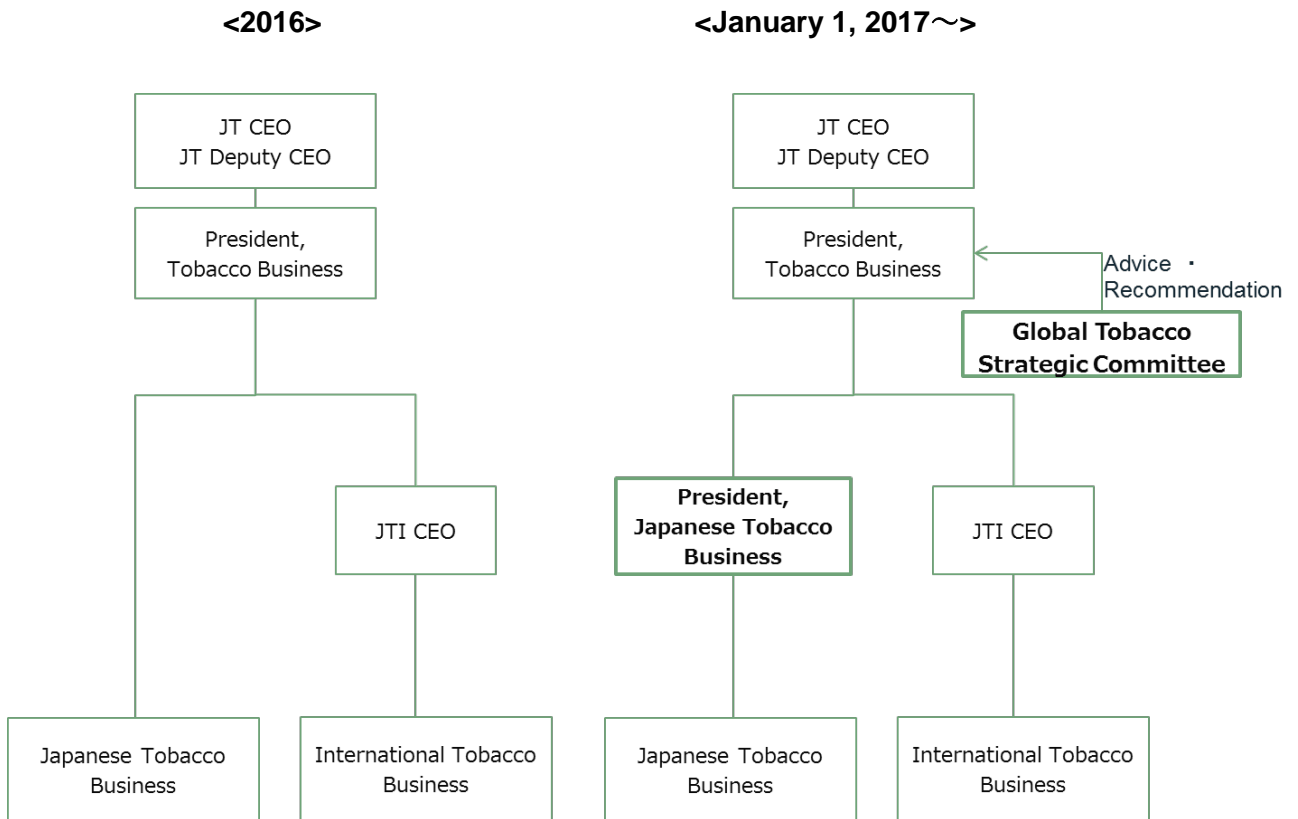
- JT : *President, Tobacco Business (Chairman)*
President, Japanese Tobacco Business
Senior Vice President, Head of Tobacco Business Planning Division
- JTI : *Chief Executive Officer*
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Executive Vice President, Business Development

* *President, Tobacco Business, appoints members*

2. President, Japanese Tobacco Business

The Company will appoint a "*President, Japanese Tobacco Business*" as of January 1, 2017, who will be in charge of the Japanese Tobacco Business, directly under the *President of the Tobacco Business*, in order to accelerate business decision-making. By delegating the major roles and responsibilities for the operations in Japan, the *President of the Tobacco Business* will be able to enhance the focus on the overall global strategy .

【Tobacco Business Organization Chart】



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Japan Tobacco Inc. is a leading international tobacco company. Its products are sold in over 120 countries and its globally recognized brands include Winston, Camel, Mevius, LD and Natural American Spirit. With diversified operations, JT is also actively present in pharmaceuticals and processed foods. The company's revenue was ¥2.253 trillion (US\$18,679 million^()) in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.*

**Translated at the rate of ¥120.61 per \$1, as of December 31, 2015*

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