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**Notice Concerning a Recent News Story**

With reference to a recent news story concerning the Company's acquisition of assets from Mighty Corporation("MC"), a tobacco company in the Philippines, **Japan Tobacco Inc. (JT) (TSE: 2914)** would like to clarify that it was not announced by the Company.

This is true that the Company is negotiating this subject with MC. The Company will make a further announcement regarding this subject when appropriate.

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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 ¥2.143 trillion (US\$19,703 million(\*)) in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.*

*\*Translated at the rate of ¥108.78 per \$1*

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