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Notice Concerning a Recent News Story

With reference to a recent news story concerning an appointment of the President and Chief Executive Officer and Representative Director, **Japan Tobacco Inc. (JT) (TSE: 2914)** would like to clarify that it was not announced by the Company.

The Company will immediately make an announcement if and when it becomes necessary.

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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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