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Notice of Partial Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

Japan Tobacco Inc. (JT) (TSE: 2914) announces that the Board of Directors has made a resolution today to submit a partial amendment to the Company’s Articles of Incorporation (the “Proposed Amendment”) at the 33rd Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for March 27, 2018.

1. Reason for the Proposed Amendment

JT has been striving hard to enhance corporate governance, adapting accelerated changes in business environment. Although we have a provision in the Company’s Articles of Incorporation, there is no need to appoint Counselors and Advisors, who report to the President on certain matters. We would like to delete it from the Company’s Articles of Incorporation.

2. Details of the Proposed Amendment

*Underline indicates amended portions

Current	Proposed Amendment
<p><u>Article 25. (Counselors and Advisors)</u> <u>1. The Company, by the resolution of the Board of Directors, may appoint a certain number of Counselors and Advisors.</u> <u>2. The Counselors shall report to the President on the general business affairs of the Company, while the Advisors shall report to the President on specific matters.</u></p>	<p>[delete]</p>
<p>Article <u>26</u> ~ Article <u>35</u> [Provisions Omitted]</p>	<p>Article <u>25</u> ~ Article <u>34</u> [Same as the current Article 26~35]</p>

3. Planned Timeline

The Proposed Amendment will be effective upon the ratification at the 33rd Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for March 27, 2018, and following the approval by the Minister of Finance in accordance with the Japan Tobacco Inc. Act.

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Japan Tobacco Inc. is a leading international tobacco company with operations in more than 120 countries. With close to 60,000 employees, it manufactures and sells some of the world's best-known brands including Winston, Camel, MEVIUS, LD and Natural American Spirit. The JT Group is committed to investing in Reduced-Risk Products (RRP) and currently markets Ploom TECH, its tobacco vapor product, and various e-cigarette products under the Logic brand. The Group is also present in the pharmaceutical and processed food businesses. For more information, visit <https://www.jt.com/>.

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