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## JT has been selected for the fifth consecutive year as a component of the DJSI Asia/Pacific

Japan Tobacco Inc. (JT) (TSE: 2914) has been selected as a component of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices Asia/Pacific (DJSI Asia/Pacific), the worldwide index for socially responsible investment (SRI)<sup>1</sup> for the fifth consecutive year, the Company announced today.

The DJSI is a collaborative initiative by S&P Dow Jones<sup>2</sup> Indices of the United States and RobecoSAM<sup>3</sup> of Switzerland. It assesses the sustainability performance of companies, based on economic, environmental and social criteria.

From among approximately 600 major companies in the Asia-Pacific region, including Japan, 150 companies (74 Japanese companies) were named to the DJSI Asia/Pacific this year.

In accordance with the management principles of the JT Group, we strive to fulfill our responsibilities to our valued consumers, shareholders, employees and the wider society, carefully considering the respective interests of these four key stakeholder groups, and exceeding their expectations wherever we can. With this in mind, we carry out various initiatives in countries where we operate, and will continue to contribute to the societies' sustainability through the businesses.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An investment which considers companies' sustainability dimensions including social, environmental and corporate governance performance rather focusing on their financial performances.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A leading US provider of global news and business information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Swiss asset management consultancy conducting corporate sustainability assessments.

Japan Tobacco Inc. is a leading international tobacco company with operations in more than 130 countries. With close to 60,000 employees, it manufactures and sells some of the world's best-known brands including Winston, Camel, MEVIUS and LD. 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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