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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 34th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for March 20, 2019.

**1. Reason for the Proposed Amendment**

We expect the business environment surrounding JT Group to become increasingly challenging and to change at an unprecedented scale and speed. In these circumstances, we believe it is necessary to enhance our corporate governance in order for JT Group to continue to achieve mid- to long-term sustainable profit growth and increase corporate value.

As part of our efforts to enhance our corporate governance, we will revise the article on the number of audit & supervisory board members in order to ensure a variety of perspectives and strengthen our auditing functions.

**2. Details of the Proposed Amendment**

\*Underline indicates amended portions

Current	Proposed Amendment
(Number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members) Article 27.	(Number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members) Article 27.
The number of audit & supervisory board members shall not exceed <u>four</u> .	The number of audit & supervisory board members shall not exceed <u>five</u> .

### 3. Planned Timeline

The Proposed Amendment will be effective upon the ratification at the 34th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for March 20, 2019, 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 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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