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Notice of Revision of the Shareholder Returns Policy

Nikon Corporation (Hereafter “the Company”) has decided at the Board of Directors’ Meeting held today to revise its Shareholder Returns Policy from the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018.

1. Overview and Reason for Revision of the Shareholder Returns Policy

The Company has reviewed its basic policy on shareholder’s returns, placing profit distribution to shareholders as its top management priority. As a result, seeking for more stable returns to shareholders, the Company will change its target, which was previously “Total return ratio of 30% or more,” to “Dividend payout ratio of 40% or more.”

For the total return ratio, the Company will not set any quantitative target. However, the Company’s policy that highly regards the linkage between the financial performance and the shareholder’s returns will be remained unchanged, and the total return ratio will be continuously used as a management indicator for the whole shareholder’s returns.

2. Detail of Revised Shareholder Returns Policy (Underlined where has been changed)

Policy before the Revision

The Company’s basic dividend policy is to pay a stable dividend and based on this policy, to improve the reflection of business performance, the Company will return to shareholders, aiming to provide **total return ratio of 30% or more.**

Policy after the Revision

The Company’s policy on shareholder returns is basically to pay a stable dividend from the perspective of shareholder’s value targeting **dividend payout ratio of 40% or more.** On top of the policy, the Company will continuously review profit distribution on total shareholder return basis to improve the reflection of business performance.