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Bridgestone Corporation Announces Distribution of Dividends from Surplus

Tokyo (February 17, 2016) - Bridgestone Corporation (hereinafter referred to as “the Company”) today announced that its board of directors resolved the distribution of dividends from surplus, with the record date dated December 31, 2015.

1. Details of year-end dividend

(Value in Japanese yen)

	Amount to be proposed as Year-end dividend for FY 2015	Latest forecast (Announced on August 7, 2015)	Year-end dividend paid for FY 2014
Record Date	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Dividend per share	70	60	60
Total amount of dividends	54,826million	—	46,988 million
Effective date	March 25, 2016	—	March 25, 2015
Source of dividends	Retained earnings	—	Retained earnings

2. Reasons for raising dividend

In determining dividend payments, the Company comprehensively evaluates factors including business results, financial condition for the relevant fiscal period, medium-term earnings forecasts, investment plans, and cash flows. Based on these considerations, the Company strives to live up to expectations of shareholders by issuing stable dividend payments targeting a consolidated payout ratio of 20%–40%.

Operating income, ordinary income and free cash flow were above previous year. Considering this steady improvement of profitability and cash generation, the Company resolved to submit a proposal to the Company’s 97th annual shareholders’ meeting to be held on March 24, 2016, seeking a resolution to pay ¥70 per share as year-end dividend for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, an increase of ¥10 from the latest forecast.

About Bridgestone Corporation:

Bridgestone Corporation, headquartered in Tokyo, is the world’s largest tire and rubber company. In addition to tires for use in a wide variety of applications, it also manufactures a broad range of diversified products, which include industrial rubber and chemical products and sporting goods. Its products are sold in over 150 nations and territories around the world.

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