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To whom it may concern:

Notice of Revised Financial Results Forecasts and Dividend Forecasts

JFE Holdings, Inc. announces herewith its revised consolidated financial results and dividend forecasts.

■ Revised consolidated financial results forecasts

Fiscal 2020 first half (April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020)

	Revenue (million yen)	Business profit* (million yen)	Profit before tax (million yen)	Profit attributable to owners of parent (million yen)	Basic earnings per share (yen)
Previous forecast (A)	-	-	-	-	-
New forecast (B)	1,460,000	(125,000)	(132,000)	(110,000)	(191.03)
Amount of change (B-A)	-	-	-	-	
Change (%)	-	-	-	-	
Reference: FY2019 results	1,871,292	49,063	42,782	31,934	55.46

Fiscal 2020 full year (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021)

	Revenue (million yen)	Business profit* (million yen)	Profit before tax (million yen)	Profit attributable to owners of parent (million yen)	Basic earnings per share (yen)
Previous forecast (A)	-	-	-	-	-
New forecast (B)	3,170,000	(100,000)	(115,000)	(100,000)	(173.66)
Amount of change (B-A)	-	-	-	-	
Change (%)	-	-	-	-	
Reference: FY2019 results	3,729,717	37,899	(213,473)	(197,744)	(343.39)

* Profit before tax, excluding financial income and one-time items of a materially significant value, used as a benchmark indicator of the company's consolidated earnings.

JFE Holdings announced today its consolidated financial results forecasts for the current fiscal year ending in March 2021, based on ongoing business trends and currently available information and expectations. The forecasts could not be released when the company announced its fiscal 2019 results previously due to the difficulty of calculating the impact of COVID-19, particularly in the steel business. Overall, JFE Holdings expects to post a business loss of 100 billion yen for the full fiscal year due to reduced demand outlooks in the company's respective industries as a result of COVID-19.

Operating results in the company's three core segments—steel, engineering and trading businesses—are presented below. Gains/losses in segment profit, including financial gains/losses, are benchmark indicators of each segment's performance.

In steel business, domestic demand for steel products hit a low point between April and June but is expected to recover in stages between July and September and into the second half. Demand in the automotive sector will likely recover and the demand for steel products in the civil engineering sector is also expected to increase due to seasonal and other factors. Overseas, although the outlook has become more uncertain due to COVID-19 and heightened tensions between the United States and China, a gradual recovery is forecast for the second half due to expectations of a recovery in the Chinese economy and a bottoming out of automobile sales both in Europe and the United States. JFE Steel estimates its crude steel output on a non-consolidated basis will amount to approximately 10 million tons in the first half due to a sharp decrease in production, but the company forecasts output rising to approximately 12 million tons in the second half due to recovered demand. Steel business is forecast to produce a segment loss of 145 billion yen in the first half due to decreased production and other factors, but then break even in the second half due to increased production as a result of recovering demand and deeper cost reductions. For the full year, a loss of 145 billion yen is forecast.

In engineering business, revenue is expected to decline due to decreased construction in the market as a result of COVID-19. Orders, however, are expected to increase due to an increase in large projects, mainly environmental and infrastructure projects in the public sector. Segment profit of 21 billion yen is forecast for the full year, down from the previous fiscal year. Even despite the impact of COVID-19, however, this segment's profit is expected to exceed 20 billion yen, continuing to generate stable earnings.

In trading business, full-year segment profit of 12 billion yen is forecast, below the previous fiscal year's result. The main reasons for this will be significantly decreased demand for steel products, mainly in the first half, and decreased sales volume due to the global economic slump.

■ Revised dividend forecast

Fiscal 2020 (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021)

	Dividend per share (yen)				
	End of 1st quarter	Interim	End of 3rd quarter	Year end	Annual
Previous forecast (May 12, 2020)	-	-	-	-	-
Revised forecast	-	0.00	-	-	-
Dividends in current fiscal year	-	-	-		
Dividends in previous fiscal year (ended March 31, 2020)	-	20.00	-	0.00	20.00

JFE Holdings, which has not disclosed any dividend forecast for fiscal 2020, has decided that it unfortunately cannot pay a first-half dividend in view of the company's consolidated first-quarter financial results and first-half forecasts. A decision regarding the year-end dividend has been postponed while the company carefully monitors its ongoing performance.