

Sysmex Corporation

Sysmex Announces Changes from Financial Results Forecasts, Year-End Dividend for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2015, and Dividend Policy

Sysmex Corporation announces certain differences between its financial results forecast on November 5, 2014 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015 (April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015) and the actual results announced today. Furthermore, the Managing Board authorized the dividend for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, at a meeting held on May 12, 2015, as well as changes in the dividend policy, as described below.

1. Change from Business Forecasts

(1) Consolidated Business Results for Fiscal Year from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015

				(Mi	llions of yen, %)
	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income	Net income per share (Yen)
Previous forecast (A)	210,000	41,000	40,700	24,900	120.13
Actual results (B)	221,376	44,411	45,955	26,638	128.49
Difference (B–A)	11,376	3,411	5,255	1,738	_
Rate of change (%)	5.4	8.3	12.9	7.0	—
Previous fiscal year	184,538	32,870	33,782	20,573	99.47

Note: We conducted a two-for-one split on shares of common stock on April 1, 2014. Net income per share is calculated as if this stock split had been performed at the beginning of the previous fiscal year.

(Reasons for changes)

For consolidated net sales, the yen depreciated further than our foreign exchange rate forecasts had called for. In addition, sales exceeded our previous forecasts, mainly for overseas geographical regions, thanks to the acquisition of large-scale projects through solution proposals and favorable sales of the XN-Series of automated hematology analyzers, among other factors. On the profit front, operating income, ordinary income and net income all outperformed our previous forecasts, owing to the effects of higher-than-expected net sales and the posting of foreign exchange gains.

2. Year-End Dividend

(1) Dividend

		Previous forecast	Dividends paid in the	
	Resolution	(announced	year ended March 31,	
		November 5, 2014)	2014	
Record date	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014	
Dividend per share	¥22	¥16	¥33	
Total dividends	¥4,563 million	—	¥3,417 million	
Effective date	June 22, 2015	—	June 23, 2014	
Source of dividends	Retained earnings	—	Retained earnings	

Note: We conducted a two-for-one split on shares of common stock on April 1, 2014. Dividends per share for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014, are shown prior to the stock split.

(2) Reasons for Changes

In terms of returns to shareholders, we intend to provide a stable dividend on a continuous basis and aim for a consolidated payout ratio of 30% under our basic policy of sharing the successes of our operations in line with business performance. In accordance with this policy, we have set the ordinary year-end dividend for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015, at ¥22 per share. Accordingly, annual total dividends will be ¥38 and the consolidated payout ratio will be 29.6%. Taking the stock split into account, this amounts to an effective increase of ¥22 per share from the ¥54 paid for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014.

Reference

	Dividend per share		
Record date	Interim	Year-end	For the year
Previous forecast (November 5, 2014)	¥16	¥16	¥32
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2015	¥16	¥22	¥38
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2014	¥21	¥33	¥54

Note: We conducted a two-for-one split on shares of common stock on April 1, 2014. Dividends per share for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014, are shown prior to the stock split.

3. Changes in the Dividend Policy

In terms of returns to shareholders, we intend to provide a stable dividend on a continuous basis and in the past have aimed for a consolidated payout ratio of 20% under our basic policy of sharing the successes of our operations in line with business performance.

Going forward, we have revised our dividend policy to a target consolidated payout ratio of 30% in line with increased profitability, while maintaining an appropriate balance between shareholder returns and ensuring sufficient retained earnings to invest in research and development and capital expenditures to maintain stable growth.

The revised dividend policy will take effect from the dividends from surplus having a record date of March 31, 2015.