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Sysmex Announces Changes from Financial Results and Year-End Dividend Forecasts for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2012

Sysmex Corporation announces certain differences between its financial results forecast on November 7, 2011, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012 (April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012) and the actual results announced today. Furthermore, the Board of Directors authorized the dividend for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012, at a meeting held on May 9, 2012.

1. Change from Business Forecast

(1) Consolidated Business Results for Fiscal Year from April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012

(Millions of yen, 9						
	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income	Net income per share (Yen)	
Previous forecast (A)	134,000	18,500	18,000	11,500	111.92	
Actual results (B)	134,743	19,205	19,130	12,007	116.85	
Difference (B–A)	743	705	1,130	507	—	
Rate of change (%)	0.6	3.8	6.3	4.4	—	
Previous fiscal year	124,694	18,288	17,979	11,411	111.17	

Note: We conducted a two-for-one split on shares of common stock on April 1, 2011. However, net income per share is calculated as if this stock split had been performed at the beginning of the previous fiscal year.

(2) Reasons for Changes

During the fourth quarter, yen depreciation outpaced our exchange rate assumptions, resulting in higher levels of net sales, operating income, ordinary income and net income than we had previously forecast.

2. Year-End Dividend

(1) Dividend

	Resolution	Previous forecast (announced May 10, 2011)	Dividends paid in the year ended March 2011
Record date	March 31, 2012	March 31, 2012	March 31, 2011
Dividend per share	¥19	¥15	¥32
Total dividends	¥1,953 million	_	¥1,643 million
Effective date	June 25, 2012	_	June 27, 2011
Source of dividends	Retained earnings	—	Retained earnings

(2) Dividend Policy

Our basic policy on returning profits to shareholders is to ensure a regular level of stable dividends, with such distributions being backed up by successful business performance, while also taking into account our consolidated earnings results and payout ratio. In line with this policy, Sysmex Corporation has set a year-end dividend of ¥19. Accordingly, annual total dividends will be ¥34 and the consolidated payout ratio will be 29.1%. Taking into account the stock split conducted on April 1, 2011, this amounts to an effective increase of ¥4 per share from the ¥60 paid for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2011.

Reference				
	Dividend per share			
Record date	Interim	Year-end	For the year	
Previous forecast (May 10, 2011)	¥15	¥15	¥30	
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2012	¥15	¥19	¥34	
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2011	¥28	¥32	¥60	