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### Notice of Financial Forecast Revision

Based on recent business performance, Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd. (hereinafter the “Company”) hereby revises its financial forecast announced on August 7, 2009, as follows.

Revision to consolidated forecast for fiscal year ending March 31 2010 (April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010)

(Unit: ¥Million)

	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income	Net income per share
Previous forecast (A)	153,422	6,454	10,748	7,744	¥135.50
Revised forecast (B)	173,148	7,994	12,534	9,135	¥159.83
Change in amount (B－A)	19,726	1,540	1,786	1,391	—
Rate of change (%)	12.9	23.9	16.6	18.0	—
(Reference) FY2009 Full Year	202,127	20,090	22,358	12,560	¥219.77

Revision to non-consolidated forecast for fiscal year ending March 31 2010 (April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010)

(Unit: ¥Million)

	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income	Net income per share
Previous forecast (A)	123,429	9,395	14,481	13,255	¥231.92
Revised forecast (B)	127,760	8,851	15,713	13,394	¥234.36
Change in amount (B－A)	4,331	(544)	1,232	139	—
Rate of change (%)	3.5	(5.8)	8.5	1.0	—
(Reference) FY2009 Full Year	157,818	13,037	25,445	18,571	¥324.95

#### Reason for Revision

The previous forecast announced on August 7, 2009 was based on the assumption for the 2Q-4Q (July 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010) at a price of \$60 per barrel for the Japan Crude Cocktail (JCC) price, and an exchange rate of ¥90/\$. The revised forecast is based on the assumption for the 3Q-4Q (October 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010) at \$70 per barrel in view of the recent trends of JCC prices and reflecting the forecast of Japex Energy Co.,Ltd. which became the Company's consolidated subsidiary on November 1, 2009, actual results in the 1Q-2Q (April 1, 2009 - September 30, 2009) and the recent business performance.

The exchange rate assumption for the 3Q-4Q at ¥90/\$ is not revised.

Note with respect to financial forecasts:

Forecasts announced by the Company referred to above were prepared based on management's assumptions with information available at this time and the actual results may be different from the forecast figures because of various factors that could occur in the future.