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Announcement of Passing of Teruhisa Kondo
Chairman Chief Executive Officer

We regretfully announce Teruhisa Kondo, Chairman Chief Executive Officer, (the father of Ms. Junko Kondo, President Chief Operating Officer) has passed away at the age of 81 of the founder of the Company, at 5.35am on January 3, 2009.

A wake and private funeral service has been held by relatives of Mr Kondo.

A Memorial Service will be held by TOYO TANSO CO., LTD., however, at the present time, the place and time of the service are yet to be determined.

[Brief Personal History of Mr Teruhisa Kondo]

Date of Birth	March 18, 1928,
Place of Birth	Kagawa Prefecture
March 1945	Graduation from Kagawa Prefectural Kanonji Commercial High School
February 1946	Entry into Kondo Kogyosho
July 1947	Establishment of Kondo Carbon Manufacturing CO., LTD. (Change to present trade name in November 1949)
July 1948	Company President Chief Operating Officer
August 2008	Chairman Chief Executive Officer

[Decorations]

Medal of Honor with Purple Ribbon
The Fourth Order of Merit, the Sacred Treasure

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