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Notice Regarding Operating Performance and Dividend Forecasts

Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd. (the “Company”) is now able to announce the forecast for its consolidated operating performance for the first half of FY 2010, which ends on September 30, 2009. The Company is also announcing the forecast for its interim dividend for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010. The forecasts are as follows;

1. Forecast of Consolidated Operating Performance for the first half ending September 30, 2009
(April 1, 2009-September 30, 2009)

(Millions of Yen)

	Net sales	Operating income	Ordinary income	Net income	Net income per share (in yen)
Previous Forecast (A)	-	-	-	-	-
Current Forecast (B)	410,000	52,000	55,000	35,000	82.45
Change (B-A)	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Change (%)	-	-	-	-	-
(reference) Results for the first half ended September 30, 2008	695,413	150,101	156,519	100,953	235.04

Note) The forecast figures are approximations.

2. Forecast of Dividend for the Fiscal year ending March 31, 2010

Dividend record date	Cash dividends per share(in yen)		
	2 nd quarter	Year end	Fiscal year
Previous Forecast	-	-	-
Current Forecast	50.00	Undecided	Undecided
Results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009	50.00	50.00	100.00

3. A summary of the announcement

Until now, the Company had not yet announced the forecast for its Consolidated Operating Performance for the first half of FY 2010. However, based on trends in its recent consolidated business performance, we are now announcing our forecast for this period. At the same time, we are announcing our forecast of an interim dividend of ¥50 per share, the same amount as in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. The forecasts for our Consolidated Operating Performance for the entire FY 2010 and the end-of-year dividend have not yet been issued due to the continued uncertainty in the market environment.

(Note)

The forecast of results of operations made in this document involves risks and uncertainties since the forecast is based on management's assumptions and beliefs in light of the information currently available to it. The reader should be aware that actual results may be materially different from any future results expressed herein due to various factors. Material factors affecting the actual results may include overall economic conditions in which the businesses of our company and our group companies are involved, the relevant market trends and fluctuations in foreign exchange rates of the yen, in particular, the exchange rate between the U.S. dollars and the yen; provided, however, that such factors as may affect results of operations are not limited to those enumerated above.