



News Release

February 15, 2008

**Notice Regarding Acquisition of Own Shares
by Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation**

(Buyback of shares pursuant to the provisions of the
Company's Articles of Incorporation in accordance
with the Corporation Law)

Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation (TNSC) herein announces its decision, made at a Board of Directors meeting held February 15, 2008, to purchase outstanding shares of the Company up to a maximum of ¥2 billion in accordance with the stipulations of Article 156 of the Corporation Law.

1. Reasons for the share purchase

In consideration of the recent state of the stock markets and the importance of improving shareholder returns, we have determined the advisability of reducing the number of outstanding shares to enable us to flexibly implement capital procurement measures in response to changes in the business environment

2. Details

(1) Class of shares of the Company's common stock to be
purchased: ordinary shares

(2) Maximum number of shares to be purchased:
2,500,000 shares (0.62% of the total number of shares issued and outstanding)

(3) Maximum total price to be paid for share purchase:
2,000,000,000 yen

(4) Period of purchase:

February 18, 2008 to February 17, 2009

Reference:

Treasury stock (as of January 31, 2008)

Total number of shares issued and outstanding: 402,647,882

Number of shares in treasury: 444,955