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NEWS RELEASE

Notification of Changes in Top Management Positions

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation held April 25, 2006, the decision was made, as detailed below, to appoint Mr. Hiroshi Taguchi, currently President of the Company, to the position of Chairman, and to appoint Mr. Hirosuke Matsueda, currently holding the position of Executive Vice President, to the position of President. Mr. Konosuke Ose, currently Chairman, will assume the title of Executive Director & Adviser.

The reappointments as directors of the Company of Messrs. Taguchi, Matsueda, and Ose are subject to ratification by the General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company scheduled to be held on June 29, 2006, and the personnel changes described above are subject to approval by resolution of the Company's Board of Directors at a Board meeting to be held immediately following the conclusion of the said General Meeting of Shareholders.

Appointment of new Chairman and President:

Name	Current position	New position
Hiroshi Taguchi	President	Chairman
Hirosuke Matsueda	Executive Vice President	President

Towards newvisionary change

Since its creation in October 2004 from the merger of Taiyo Toyo Sanso Co., Ltd. and Nippon Sanso Corporation,

the business performance of the Company has been in line with our projections, and the Company is on track to achieve its initial targets for the term ending March 2008 of ¥400 billion in sales and ¥14 billion in net income (both on a consolidated basis) ahead of schedule. We have largely attained our objective of the post-merger consolidation of the business foundations of the two merged companies, and we have therefore decided that now is an opportune time for senior members of management to hand over the reins of the Company to younger personnel.

Under this new top management lineup, the Company aims to build on its post-merger successes to enter a new growth stage driven by even higher management efficiency. Over the long term, our management goal is to promote further expansion of our global operations so as to realize annual sales of ¥500 billion.