

February 21, 2018
Kuraray Co., Ltd.

Notice Concerning Distribution of Retained Earnings

At its Board of Directors' meeting held on February 21, 2018, Kuraray resolved to submit an agenda item concerning the distribution of retained earnings (year-end dividend for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017) to the upcoming Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on March 23, 2018. Details follow.

1. Details of Dividend

	Amount in accordance with resolution	Latest forecast for year-end dividend (announced on February 8, 2017)	Dividend for fiscal year ended December 31, 2016
Record date	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Cash dividends per share	¥22.00	¥22.00	¥21.00
Total dividends paid	¥7,718 million	—	¥7,381 million
Effective date	March 26, 2018	—	March 27, 2017
Source of dividends	Retained earnings	—	Retained earnings

2. Reasons for the Payment of Dividends

The distribution of profits to shareholders is one of the Company's top management issues. Kuraray will continuously and stably pay out dividends, taking into consideration business performance and financial standing while carefully securing internal reserves, which are its primary source of funds for business development.

Kuraray intends to pay out a year-end dividend of ¥22 per share.

Reference: Breakdown of Full-Year Dividends

	Dividend per share (yen)		
	Interim	Year-end	Total
Fiscal year ended December 31, 2017	¥20.00	¥22.00	¥42.00
Fiscal year ended December 31, 2016	¥20.00	¥21.00	¥41.00