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## Revision of the March 2006 ( $\mathbf{2 6}^{\text {th }}$ ) Term Expected Dividends and Raising of the Dividend Standard

USS Co., Ltd. hereby makes the following announcement. At the meeting of the Board of Directors held on February 6, 2006, it was resolved to revise the expected term-end dividends per share, and to raise the dividend standard.

Moreover, this matter is to be brought before the $26^{\text {th }}$ Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, planned to be held in late June, 2006.

## 1. March, 2006 Term: Revision (Increase) of Expected Dividends and Raising of the Dividend Standard

Recognizing that returning profits to its valued shareholders is a major management objective, as one way of giving back to the shareholders in addition to continuing its usual response for their support, the company will raise term-end dividends for March, 2006 Term to 47.5 yen per share ( 80 yen annually) for an increase of 15 yen compared to the previous annoucement.

Regarding the dividend standard, the company has implemented a basic policy of generously dividing up profits in accordance with profits on a consolidated basis while strengthening its financial standing here on out.

Specifically, since USS Co. wishes to raise the consolidated basis payout ratio this term (March, 2006) to approximately $20 \%$ (expected), and target an approximately $30 \%$ for the future, the company asks for your continued and unchanging support.

## 2. Revisions

|  | Term-end <br> dividend per <br> share | Annual dividend <br> per share | (Remarks) <br> Mid-term dividend per <br> share |
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| Previously announced expectation <br> (November 11, 2005) | 32.5 yen | 65 yen | Mid-term dividend <br> 32.5 yen implemented |
| Current revised expectation | 47.5 yen | 80 yen | 65 yen |

