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## **Nidec Corporation**

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## Nidec to Make a Partial Amendment to Its Articles of Incorporation

Upon resolution by the Board of Directors held today, we are pleased to notify the shareholders of change in part of the Articles of Incorporation, which is to be discussed at the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual general meeting of shareholders scheduled for June 22, 2006 as follows:

- 1. Reasons for the Amendments
- (1) Limitation of right of shareholders with a less than unit share
  Article 11 under proposed change is newly set forth since a right of a shareholder with a less than unit
  share may be limited only to a right to register self-interest in accordance with Article 189.2 of the
  Company Law if set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.
- (2) Disclosure of reference documents, etc. on Internet
  Article 16 (Disclosure of reference documents, etc. on Internet) is newly set forth under Implementation
  Rules of the Company Law and Rules on Company Calculation in order to disclose information in a
  fulfilling manner at a general meeting of shareholders.
- (3) Resolution in writing by the Board of Directors
  Article 24, Clause 2 is newly set forth under Article 370 of the Company Law in order to give approval
  on resolutions of the Board of Directors by written or electro-magnetic record for expeditious operation
  of the Board.
- (4) Agreement on limited liability of an outside auditor
  An agreement limiting liability may be executed with an outside auditor under Article 427 of the
  Company Law. Chapter 6 and Article 31 under the proposed change are set forth upon tightened
  requirements for an outside auditor in order to request an able outside auditor for his/her weighty
  liabilities.
- (5) Body to decide distribution of surplus
  Article 33 of the proposed change is newly set forth under Article 459 of the Company Law in order to
  make distribution of surplus, etc. in an expeditious manner upon resolution of the Board of Directors.
- (6) In addition to the above, the required changes are made such as addition, deletion, modification and transfer of the provisions necessary for a joint-stock corporation under the Company Law.
- 2. Details of modification
  Part of the current Articles of Incorporation is modified as follows:

|  | (The underlined indicate the modified wordings)  |
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| Present Articles of Incorporation  | Proposed amendment   |
| Chapter 1. General Provisions  | Chapter 1. General Provisions  |
| (Newly set forth)  | (Establishment of bodies) Article 4. The Company shall have a board of directors, corporate auditors, a board of auditors, and accounting auditors.  |
| (Method of giving public notice) Article 4. Publication by the Company shall be made by electronic publication. Provided, however, in case of an accident or other inevitable cause that prevents the electronic publication, the publication shall be made in Nihon Keizai Shimbun. | (Method of giving public notice) Article 5.Method of publication by the Company shall be by electronic publication. Provided, however, in case of an accident or other inevitable cause that prevents the electronic publication, the publication shall be made in Nihon Keizai Shimbun. |
| Chapter 2. Shares  (Total number of shares to be issued by the Company)  Article 5. The total number of shares authorized to be issued by the Company shall be 480 million shares.  (Newly set forth)  | Chapter 2. Shares (Total number of shares that can be issued) Article 6. Total number of shares that can be issued shall be 480 million shares.  (Issue of share certificates) Article 7. The Company shall issue share certificates for relevant shares.                                |
|  | (Deleted)  |
| (Shares Repurchase) Article 6. Pursuant to Article 211-3, Clause 1, No.2 of the Commercial Code, the company may, by resolution of the Board of Directors, purchase  |  |
| shares to be held as treasury shares.  (Non-issue of share-certificates indicating a number of shares less than one unit)  Article 7. The number of shares to constitute one unit of shares of the Company shall be 100.   | (Non-issue of share-certificates indicating a number of shares less than <u>unit</u> ) Article <u>8</u> . The number of shares to constitute <u>unit of shares</u> of the Company shall be 100.  |
| 2. The Company <u>shall</u> not issue share-certificates indicating a number of shares less than one unit.   | 2. The Company <u>may</u> not issue share-certificates indicating a number of shares less than one unit.   |
| ( <u>Transfer agent</u> ) Article <u>8</u> . The Company shall have a <u>transfer agent</u> with respect to shares.  | (Administrator of Register of Shareholders) Article 9. The Company shall have an administrator of a register of shareholders.  |
| 2. The transfer agent and its business offices shall be selected by resolution of the Board of   | (Deleted)  |
| Directors and public notice shall be given of such matters.  3. The register of shareholders and the register of   | (Deleted)  |

### **Present Articles of Incorporation**

virtual shareholders of the Company (hereinafter called the register of shareholders, etc.,) and the register of lost shares are kept at the transfer agent office and the registration of a transfer of shares in the register of shareholders, purchase of shares constituting less than one unit, the registration of lost shares in the register of shares and other business relating to shares, shall be handled by the transfer agent and not by the Company.

#### (Share Handling Regulations)

Article 9. The denomination of share certificates, the registration of a transfer of shares in the register of shareholders, purchase of shares constituting less than one unit, the registration of lost shares in the register of shares and other handling relating shares, shall be governed by the Share Handling Regulations to be established by the Board of Directors.

(<u>Date to determine entitled shareholders and pledgees</u>)

Article 10. The shareholders entitled to exercise their rights at the ordinary general meeting of shareholders relating to the closing of accounts shall be the final shareholders appearing or being recorded in the register of shareholders, etc., as of march 31 in each year.

2. In addition to the preceding paragraph, if the Company needs, by the Board of Directors, it may, upon giving prior public notice, deem the final shareholders and registered pledgees appearing in the resister of shareholders, etc., as of a specified date, to be the shareholders or the registered pledgees who are entitled to exercise their rights.

(Newly set forth)

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(Share Handling Regulations)

Article 10. The denomination of share certificates, change of matters specified in the register of shareholders such as names of shareholders (including substantial shareholders appearing or being recorded in the register of shareholders. The same shall apply hereinbelow), purchase of shares constituting less than one unit, the registration of lost shares in the register of shares and other handling relating shares, shall be governed by the Share Handling Regulations to be established by the Board of Directors.

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(Right of a shareholder with less than unit)

Article 11. A shareholder with less than unit may not exercise any right other than any of the following rights:

- (1) A right that may not be limited by the Articles of Incorporation under Article 189.2 of the Company Law; or
- (2) A right to delivery of shares upon allotment to shareholders and allotment of future delivery of new shares subject to invitation of application.

#### **Chapter 3. General Meeting of Shareholders**

| Present Articles of Incorporation  | Proposed amendment  |
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| Chapter 3. General Meeting of Shareholders (Newly set forth)   | (Date to determine entitled shareholders)  Article 12. The shareholders entitled to exercise their rights at an ordinary general meeting of shareholders shall be the final shareholders appearing or being recorded in the register of shareholders as of march 31 in each year.   |
| (Convening)  Article 11. The ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Company shall be convened in June in each year and the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders shall be convened whenever the necessity arises.   | (Convening) Article 13. The ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Company shall be convened in June in each year.  Article 14. (as per current provision)   |
| Article 12. (provision omitted)  (Method of adopting resolution) Article 13. (provision omitted)  2. The resolution under Commercial Code Article 343, Clause 1 is made subject to attendance of shareholders having more than one third of voting rights of the all shareholders and is made by the majority of more than two third of the exercised voting rights. | <ul> <li>(Method of adopting resolution)</li> <li>Article 15. (as per current provision)</li> <li>2. The resolution under Article 309, Clause 2 of the Company Law is made subject to attendance of more than one third of the shareholders who may exercise their voting rights and is made by the majority of more than two third of the exercised voting right.</li> </ul> |
| (Newly set forth)  | (Disclosure of Reference Documents, etc. on Internet) Article 16. The Company may disclose on Internet any information on matters to be specified or recorded on reference documents, accounting documents, consolidated accounting document, and business report in accordance with the order of the Ministry of Justice.  |
| (Exercise of voting rights by proxy) Article 14. Shareholders may exercise their voting rights by delegating the power to other shareholders who are entitled to vote, provided that the shareholder or the proxy shall present, at each general meeting of shareholders, the Company the letter to entitle to vote.   | (Exercise of voting rights by proxy) Article 17. Shareholders may exercise their voting rights by delegating the power to other shareholder who is entitled to vote, provided that the shareholder or the proxy shall present, at each general meeting of shareholders, the Company the letter to entitle to vote.  |
| Chapter 4. Directors and Board of Directors  | Chapter 4. Directors and Board of Directors   |
| Article <u>15 to 16 (provisions omitted)</u>   | Article 18 to 19 (as per current provision)   |
| (Term of office of Directors) Article 17. The term of office of Directors shall  | (Term of office of Directors) Article 20. The term of office of Directors shall   |

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expire at the close of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders relating to the closing of accounts last to occur within one year after their assumption of office.

2. (provision omitted)

(Representative Directors and Directors with specific titles)

Article <u>18.</u> <u>Representative Directors shall be</u> appointed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

 By resolution of the Board of Directors, the Company may <u>have</u> one board Chairman, one President and one or more Executive Vice Presidents, Senior Managing Directors and Managing Directors.

Article 19 to 20 (provisions omitted)

(Resolutions of Board of Directors)
Article 21. (provision omitted)

2. (Newly set forth)

#### (Remuneration for Directors)

Article 22. Remuneration for Directors shall be determined by the resolution of a general meeting of shareholders.

# **Chapter 5. Corporate Auditors and Board of Corporate Auditors**

Article 23. (provision omitted)

(Election of Corporate Auditors)

Article <u>24.</u> Corporate Auditors shall <u>be elected at a general meeting of shareholders</u>. For the election of <u>Corporate Auditors</u>, the presence of holders of shares <u>representing</u> one-third or more of the voting rights of all the shareholders shall be required and the majority thereof shall be needed.

(Term of office of Corporate Auditors)

Article <u>25</u>. The term of office of Corporate Auditors shall expire at the close of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders <u>relating to the closing of accounts</u> last to occur within four years after their assumption of office.

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expire at the close of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders for the business year to terminate within one year after their appointment.

2. (as per current provision)

(Representative Directors and Directors with specific titles)

Article 21. The Board of Directors shall appoint Representative Directors from among the directors.

2. By resolution of the Board of Directors, the Company may <u>appoint</u> one board Chairman, one President and one or more Executive Vice Presidents, Senior Managing Directors and Managing Directors.

Article22 to 23 (as per current provision)

(Resolutions of Board of Directors)

Article 24. (as per current provision)

2. If a director proposes any matter subject to resolution by the Board of Directors, the matter shall be deemed as resolved and approved by the Board of Directors if all of the directors who can participate in the resolution consent by written or electro-magnetic record and any of the Corporate Auditors shall not raise an objection.

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# Chapter 5. Corporate Auditors and Board of Corporate Auditors

Article 25. (as per current provision)

(Election of Corporate Auditors)

Article <u>26.</u> Corporate Auditors shall be elected upon attendance of one third or more of shareholders <u>who may exercise their voting rights</u> at a general meeting of shareholders and the majority thereof shall be needed.

(Term of office of Corporate Auditors)

Article <u>27.</u> The term of office of Corporate Auditors shall expire at the close of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders <u>for a business year</u> last to occur within four years after their appointment.

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| 2. (provision omitted)  | 2. (as per current provision)   |
| (Full-time Corporate Auditors) Article <u>26.</u> The Corporate Auditors shall appoint a full time Corporate Auditor or Corporate Auditors from among their members.  | (Full-time Corporate Auditors) Article <u>28</u> . The Corporate Auditors shall appoint a full time Corporate Auditor or Corporate Auditors from among their members.   |
| Article 27 to 28 (provisions omitted)   | Article 29 to 30 (as per current provision)   |
| (Remuneration for Corporate Auditors) Article 29. Remuneration for Corporate Auditors shall be determined by the resolution of a general meeting of shareholders.   | (Deleted)   |
| (Newly set forth)   | Chapter 6. Release from Liabilities of Corporate Auditors   |
| (Newly set forth)   | (Release in part of Compensation of Damage) Article 31. The Company may execute with an outside Corporate Auditor(s) an agreement on liability of compensation of damage to the Company.  Provided, however, that the maximum limit of the compensation shall be 8 million Yen or more for an outside Corporate Auditor or the amount fixed by the law, whichever higher. |
| Chapter 6. Accounts   | Chapter 7. Accounts   |
| (Business year and date of closing of accounts) Article 30. The business year of the Company shall begin on April 1 in each year and end on March 31 in the following year, and the last day of each business year shall be the date of closing of accounts for such business year. | _   |
| (Newly set forth)   | (Body to determine distribution of surplus) Article 33. The Company may make distribution, etc. of surplus upon resolution of the Board of Directors in accordance with the laws and regulations.   |
| ( <u>Dividend of profit and interim dividend</u> )  Article 31. <u>Dividend of profit shall be paid to the final shareholders or registered pledgees appearing or being recorded in the register of shareholders, and the profit and interim dividend.</u>                          | (Date to determine distribution of surplus)  Article 34. Dividend of profit at the end of the year may be distributed to the shareholders or registered   |

etc., as of March 31 in each year.

pledgees appearing or being registered in the register

of shareholders as of March 31 in each year, and

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made from April 1 to September 30 or October 1, if conversion request is made from October 1 to

March 31 of the following year.

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