

Notice of Retirement of Repurchased Shares

(Retirement of repurchased shares pursuant to the provisions of Article 178 of the Companies Act)

TOKYO, September 27, 2018 – Ajinomoto Co., Inc. (“Ajinomoto Co.”) announced the resolution made at a board of directors meeting held today to retire repurchased shares pursuant to Article 178 of the Companies Act, as outlined below.

The number of shares to be retired is the total of all treasury shares that were acquired through purchase in the market between May 11, 2018 and August 21, 2018, all treasury shares acquired through purchase of shares held by untraceable shareholders on March 29, 2018, and a portion of treasury shares acquired through purchase requests for shares in an amount less than one trading unit.

1. Class of shares to be retired: Common stock
2. Number of shares to be retired: 22,700,000 shares
(Percentage of total number of issued shares prior to the retirement: 3.97%)
3. Planned retirement date: October 10, 2018

For reference:

Following this retirement of shares, total shares issued will be 549,163,354 shares.

About Ajinomoto Co.

Ajinomoto Co. is a global manufacturer of high-quality seasonings, processed foods, beverages, amino acids, pharmaceuticals and specialty chemicals. For many decades Ajinomoto Co. has contributed to food culture and human health through wide-ranging application of amino acid technologies. Today, the company is becoming increasingly involved with solutions for improved food resources, human health and global sustainability. Founded in 1909 and now operating in 35 countries and regions, Ajinomoto Co. had net sales of JPY 1,150.2 billion (USD 10.36 billion) in fiscal 2017. For more about Ajinomoto Co. (TYO: 2802), visit www.ajinomoto.com.

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