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Draw Down of Additional Paid in Capital and Legal Reserve of Nichimen Corporation

We hereby announce that Nichimen Corporation has today resolved at its board of directors' meeting to propose drawing down of additional paid in capital and legal reserve at the 185th annual general meeting of stockholders to be held on June 26, 2002.

1. Purpose of Draw Down

Nichimen Corporation will draw down its additional paid in capital and legal reserve to secure resources to purchase company's own shares as treasury stock.

2. Amount of Draw Down

Amount of Additional Paid in Capital	Amount of Draw Down of Additional Paid in Capital	Amount of Additional Paid in Capital after Draw Down
Yen 48,140,276,261.	Yen 3,338,117,016	Yen 44,802,159,245.

Amount of Legal Reserve	Amount of Draw Down of Legal Reserve	Amount of Legal Reserve After Draw Down
Yen 661,882,984.	Yen 661,882,984.	0.

3. Method of Draw Down

The amount of additional paid in capital to be drawn down will be transferred to other capital reserve account and the amount of legal reserve to be drawn down will be transferred to un-appropriated retained earnings account.

4. Expected Schedule of Draw Down

- (1) Resolution at the board of directors' meeting : May 16, 2002
(2) Resolution at the annual general meeting of stockholders: June 26, 2002
(3) Date of effect : Late July or early August
(after the creditors' demurral period)

Note: The foregoing is subject to the approval of the proposition of "Draw Down of Additional Paid in Capital and Legal Reserve" at the 185th annual general meeting of stockholders to be held on June 26, 2002.

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