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### **Revision of the Dividend Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2009**

In light of recent changes in business performance, we hereby revise the dividend forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, as follows:

#### 1. Reasons for Revisions of Year-End Dividend Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2009

As announced separately on January 28, 2009, Advantest's consolidated financial results for the third quarter of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 showed declines in all areas.

Weak semiconductor prices and the decline in demand for computers and consumer electronics due to the rapid global economic slowdown triggered by the financial crisis have intensified the trend toward capital expenditures cutbacks by semiconductor manufacturers. Due to the lack of visibility in the economic environment, Advantest is currently unable to disclose an earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.

Although Advantest initially forecasted a year-end dividend of 25 yen per share for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, for the reasons set forth above this has been revised to a sum not yet determined. Advantest will make further announcements with respect to the year-end dividend after considering its financial results going forward and other factors.

#### 2. Details of the Revision

With respect to the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009: (Yen)

Record Date	Dividend per share		
	Interim	Year end	Annual total
Previous forecast (As of October 30, 2008)	—	25	50
Current revised forecast	—	Undecided	Undecided
Dividend paid for fiscal year ending March 31, 2009	25	—	—
Dividend paid for fiscal year ended March 31, 2008	25	25	50

#### \* Cautionary Statement with Respect to Forward-Looking Statements

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