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Nagoya stock exchanges

**Makita Planning to Increase Its Dividend
for the Second Half of the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2004 (92nd Period)**

Makita announces that its Board of Directors, at their meeting held March 17, 2004, approved an increase in the dividend per share for the second half of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004 (92nd Period, Fiscal 2004). The details are as follows.

1. Reasons for Increasing the Dividend

Thus far, the Company has regarded 18 yen per share as a stable annual dividend and its policy has been to maintain this level. However, to reward the Company's shareholders more proactively, in addition to the annual dividend of 18 yen per share, the Board of Directors has decided to increase the dividend—after giving due consideration to the Company's performance, its dividend propensity, and other factors.

Accordingly, in view of Makita's favorable financial results and other factors, the Company will increase its dividend for the second half of fiscal 2004 to 9 yen per share and pay a special additional dividend of 4 yen per share, thus bringing the total dividend for the second half of fiscal 2004 to 13 yen per share. A proposal for this increase will be submitted to the 92nd General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for June 2004.

2. Dividends for Fiscal 2004 (From April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004)

	Cash dividend per share for the interim period	Cash dividend per share for the second half	Total cash dividend per share for the year
Dividend outlook issued Oct. 28, 2003.....	9 yen	9 yen	18 yen
Revised outlook	9 yen	13 yen (With a special dividend of 4 yen)	22 yen
Dividend in fiscal 2003.....	9 yen	9 yen	18 yen

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document contains forward-looking statements based on Makita's own projections and estimates. The power tools market, where Makita is mainly active, is subject to the effects of rapid shifts in economic conditions, demand for housing, currency exchange rates, changes in competitiveness, and other factors. Due to the risks and uncertainties involved, actual results could differ substantially from the content of these statements. Therefore, these statements should not be interpreted as representation that such objectives will be achieved.