News Releases

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Taiheiyo Cement Issues Unsecured Bonds

Taiheiyo Cement Corporation announced the following decision to issue its 17th series of unsecured bonds (ranking pari passu solely with other series of debentures or bonds).

| 1. | Bond title | TAIHEIYO CEMENT CORPORATION 17th Unsecured Bond |
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| | | (ranking pari passu solely with other series of debentures or bonds) |
| 2. | Total issue amount | ¥10 billion |
| 3. | Book-entry bonds | These bonds shall be subject to the provisions of the Law Concerning |
| | | Book-Entry Transfer of Corporate Bonds, Etc. |
| 4. | Maturity | Five years |
| 5. | Interest rate | 1.82% per annum |
| 6. | Issue price | ¥100 per ¥100 value of each bond |
| 7. | Redemption price | ¥100 per ¥100 value of each bond |
| 8. | Yield | 1.820% per annum |
| 9. | Interest payment dates | March 15 and September 15 each year |
| | | (initial payment on March 15, 2007) |
| 10. | Application deadline | September 5, 2006 |
| 11. | Payment deadline | September 15, 2006 |
| 12. | Redemption date | September 15, 2011 |
| 13. | Redemption method | Bullet maturity |
| 14. | Collateral and guarantees | These bonds are neither secured by collateral nor guaranteed, and |
| | | there are no particular assets reserved for their redemption |
| 15. | Lead underwriters | Daiwa Securities SMBC Co., Ltd |
| 16. | Book-entry transfer institution | Japan Securities Depository Center Inc. |
| 17. | Fiscal, issuing, and paying agent | Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation |
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