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JT makes it on the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index for the Tenth Consecutive Year

Japan Tobacco Inc. (JT) (TSE: 2914) announced today that it has been included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index (“DJSI Asia Pacific”) for the tenth consecutive year, reflecting the company’s continued approach to addressing social and environmental issues across its value chain.

The DJSI is a globally recognized environmental, social, and governance (ESG) stock index¹ and sustainability benchmark that tracks the stock performance of the world’s leading companies in terms of governance and economic, environmental and social dimensions, with constituents selected on the basis of the S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA)². It is an index in the Asia-Pacific region, which is reviewed once a year and whose constituents are selected from approximately 600 major companies in the region.

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The DJSI applies a comprehensive approach which incorporates the latest trends and discussions across the ESG spectrum. The participation in international and credible ESG assessments enables the JT Group to objectively evaluate its own sustainability measures and disclosure materials.

Hisato Imokawa, Senior Vice President, Chief Sustainability Officer, said: *“We are honored that the JT Group has been selected in the DJSI Asia Pacific for the tenth consecutive year. We are very pleased that our sincere and continuous efforts to address social and environmental issues throughout the entire value chain continue to be recognized at the highest level. We remain dedicated to fostering transparent and precise communication of non-financial information, a key focus in our recent agenda. We acknowledge the significance of this initiative in promoting engagement and dialogue with stakeholders, recognizing it as a crucial endeavor.”*

The JT Group scored 79/100 in the 2023 S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (based on the score data as of December 9, 2023).

As nature, society, and people’s lives are intertwined, sustaining our ways of living, and the activities of corporate entities, will depend on the sustainability of the environment and society in which we exist. The JT Group’s management principle is the 4S model³. In pursuing this principle and by realizing the JT Group Purpose, we are contributing to the sustainability of our environment and our society, through our commitment to working on the material issues⁴ identified.

The JT Group supports the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their related targets in the context of the company’s business and operational environments⁵. To achieve sustainable growth, it is essential for the Group to contribute to the sustainable development of society through its business activities. The JT Group will continue to engage with its stakeholders

and make concerted efforts to ensure that both society and the Group can grow together to secure a sustainable future.

¹ ESG stock index reflects an organization's measures in terms of social, environmental and governance performance in addition to its financial performance.

² CSA is an assessment conducted by S&P Global. Companies are categorized by industry and sent questionnaires that focus on the most important and relevant ESG factors in each industry to evaluate their ESG approaches in terms of both transparency and performance.

³ JT Group's management principle is to pursue the 4S model. Under the 4S model, the Group strives to fulfill its responsibilities to its valued consumers, shareholders, employees and the wider society, carefully considering the respective interests of these four key stakeholder groups and exceeding their expectations wherever the Group can. For more details, please visit https://www.jt.com/about/management_principles/index.htm

⁴ Please refer to https://www.jt.com/sustainability/strategy/materiality_strategy_sdgs/index.html for more details about the JT Group's material issues.

⁵ Please refer to https://www.jt.com/sustainability/strategy/materiality_strategy_sdgs/index.html for more details about the JT Group's commitment to SDGs and the specific ways in which we can contribute to achieving some of the goals.

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Japan Tobacco Inc. is a leading international tobacco and vaping company and its products are sold in over 130 markets. With approximately 53,000 employees, it manufactures and sells some of the world's best-known brands including Winston, Camel, MEVIUS and LD. The JT Group is committed to investing in Reduced-Risk Products (RRP) and currently markets its heated tobacco products under its Ploom brand and various e-cigarette products under its Logic brand. The Group is also present in the pharmaceutical and processed food businesses. For more information, visit <https://www.jt.com/>.

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