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## **Notice Regarding Withdrawal from the Photovoltaic Panel Production Equipment Business**

Tokyo Electron Limited (President, Representative Director and CEO: Tetsuro Higashi) ("Tokyo Electron") hereby announces that the Board of Directors, at its January 30, 2014 meeting, passed a resolution to withdraw from the photovoltaic panel production equipment ("PVE") business.

#### 1. Sequence of events leading up to and reasons for business withdrawal

Tokyo Electron became the Asia-Oceania region sales representative for Oerlikon Solar from 2009 and commenced sales and marketing of an end-to-end manufacturing line for the production of thin film silicon photovoltaic panels. In 2012, Tokyo Electron acquired Oerlikon Solar thereby making a full-fledged entry into the thin-film silicon PV panel market. However, the business environment remains weak due to an oversupply of production equipment. Tokyo Electron, up until now, has maximized efforts to fortify develop to improve the efficiency of converting solar energy to electricity, and also reduce costs. Amid uncertainties of a recovery in the market environment, we have decided to scale down our business structure—halt development, production, and sales activities for PV panel production equipment and limit operations to support for equipment already delivered—given continually weak revenues and as we do not expect to recoup our investment further out in this business environment.

## 2. Overview of the business withdrawal

### (1) PVE business profile

- (i) Business scope: Development, manufacturing and sales of PV-E
  - (ii) Business sites: TEL Solar AG (Trübbach, St. Gallen, Switzerland)  
Technology Center Tsukuba (Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki, Japan)
  - (iii) Sales:

	PVE Business (a)	Results for the year ended March 31, 2013 (b)	Ratio (a/b)
Sales	83 million yen	497,299 million yen	0.01%

## (2) Handling of employees belonging to the PVE business

We are considering reassigning the employees in this business to other positions within the Tokyo Electron Group. At our Swiss subsidiary, in response to the downsizing of this business, we plan to consider the implementation of streamlining via reductions in personnel.

### 3. Schedule

Board of Directors resolution date: January 30, 2014

Business termination date: End of March 2014 (tentative)

\*We plan to assign personnel within the Tokyo Electron Group to continue to provide support services, after the above termination date, for equipment that has already been delivered.

### 4. Impact to earnings

As we announced on December 18, 2013, in line with the review of business plans, including those for the PVE business, we plan to post an extraordinary loss. The results for the third quarter ending March 31, 2014, we announced separately today, include a total extraordinary loss of 46.7 billion yen, of which 32.6 billion yen was to write off impairment loss to goodwill and fixed assets related to the PVE business.

In light of this, at this stage we are not revising the consolidated financial forecast we released on December 18, 2013. However, as we make progress with this business withdrawal, we plan to quickly disclose expected major impacts to our future consolidated results as soon as the impacts are finalized.

(For reference)

Consolidated financial forecast revision for the year ending March 31, 2014 (April 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014)

(Published on December 18, 2013)

	Net sales (Millions of yen)	Operating income (Millions of yen)	Ordinary income (Millions of yen)	Net income (Millions of yen)	Net income per share (Yen)
Consolidated financial forecast for the year ending March 31, 2014	605,000	30,000	33,000	△22,000	△122.78
Results for the year ended March 31, 2013	497,299	12,548	16,696	6,076	33.91

Note: The financial forecasts and estimates stated in this announcement are based on certain assumptions judged to be reasonable by the Company in light of information currently available concerning economic conditions in Japan and overseas, fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, and other factors that may have an impact on performance. The company does not promise that the forecasts or estimates will be accurate.

They are therefore susceptible to the impact of many uncertainties, including market conditions, competition, the launching of new products (and their success or failure), and global conditions in the semiconductor related industry. Consequently, actual sales and profits may differ substantially from the projections stated in this announcement.