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Notice of Revision of Earnings Forecast and Year-End Dividend Forecast (Dividend Increase) for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2025

VITAL KSK HOLDINGS, INC. (the “Company”) announces that it resolved at a meeting of its Board of Directors held on February 25, 2025 to revise its earnings forecast and its dividend forecast (to increase the dividend) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025 announced on May 13, 2024. The revision is being made in consideration of recent performance trends and other factors. Details are as follows.

1. Revision of consolidated earnings forecast for the current fiscal year

(1) Revision to the consolidated earnings forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025 (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025)

	Net sales	Operating profit	Ordinary profit	Profit attributable to owners of parent	Basic earnings per share
Previously announced forecast (A)	Million yen 590,000	Million yen 5,500	Million yen 6,400	Million yen 6,000	Yen 122.34
Revised forecast (B)	600,000	5,500	6,700	7,000	142.73
Difference (B-A)	10,000	0	300	1,000	-
Increase/decrease (%)	1.7	0.0	4.7	16.7	-
(Reference) Results for the previous fiscal year (Year ended March 31, 2024)	587,481	5,556	6,557	5,843	115.03

(2) Reasons for the revision

In the Group’s mainstay pharmaceutical wholesale business, performance has been robust with growth in sales of price maintenance premium items centering on anti-cancer drugs and various vaccines, as well as a rise in sales of test kits and therapeutic drugs following the rapid spread of influenza this season.

Operating profit is expected to approach the level of the previous forecast level. Key factors were the posting of an allowance for doubtful accounts concerning large customers and business investment expenses, which offset an increase in gross profit resulting from the sales expansion. Ordinary profit is set to slightly surpass the previous forecast, reflecting the posting of foreign exchange gains on security. In addition, progress in sales of cross-shareholdings led to the posting of higher extraordinary income than planned. Consequently, profit attributable to owners of parent was higher than previously forecast.

(Note) The above forecasts were prepared based on information available as of the date of this announcement, and actual results may differ from the projections due to various factors.

2. Revision of year-end dividend forecast

(1) Details of revision of year-end dividend forecast

	Cash dividends per share		
	2nd quarter-end	Year-end	Total
Previous forecast (May 13, 2024)	–	22.00 yen	43.00 yen
Revised forecast	–	24.00 yen	45.00 yen
Payments for the current fiscal year	21.00 yen	–	–
Payments for the previous fiscal year (Year ended March 31, 2024)	19.00 yen	23.00 yen	42.00 yen

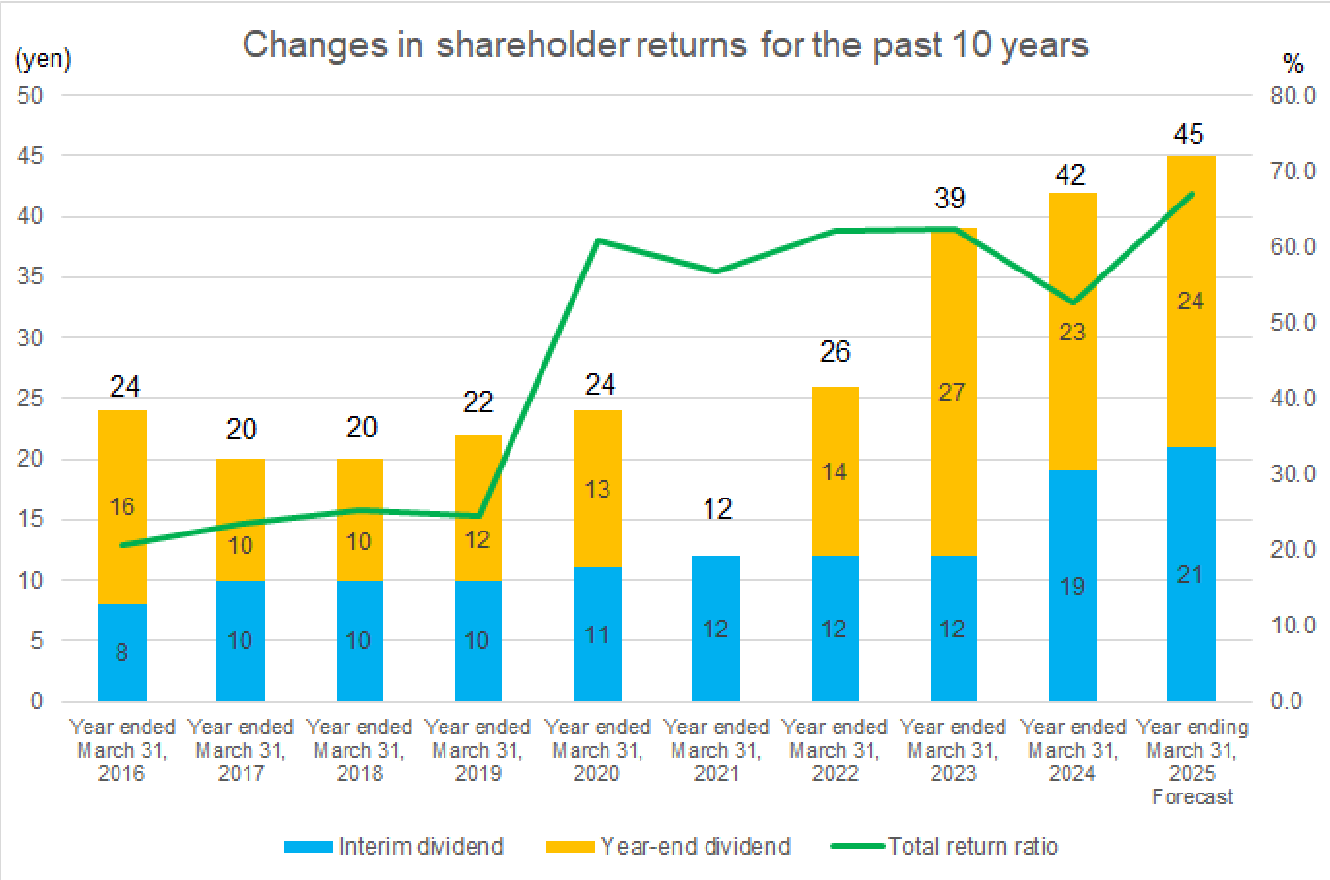
(2) Reasons for the revision

The Company positions the return of profit to shareholders as one of its key management priorities. Aiming for continuous and stable dividend payments, the Company has a dividend policy that calls for a dividend on equity (DOE) ratio of 2% or more and a payout ratio of 50% or more.

In accordance with the policies described above, the Company conducted a comprehensive analysis of its financial situation, etc., including current expectations of financial performance trends and net assets at the end of the current fiscal year (fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.) As a result, the year-end dividend forecast announced on May 13, 2024 is revised up by 2.00 yen, from 22.00 yen per share to 24.00 yen per share.

Accordingly, the annual dividend forecast for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025 is expected to be 45.00 yen per share. This represents the fourth consecutive year of dividend increase and is the Company's highest annual dividend payment and its highest total return ratio since its establishment, as shown in the diagram below.

(Note) The above forecast was prepared based on information available as of the date of this announcement, and our actual results and financial position may differ from the projections due to various factors.


Changes in shareholder returns for the past 10 years
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Year ended March 31, 2016
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Year ended March 31, 2020
Year ended March 31, 2021
Year ended March 31, 2022
Year ended March 31, 2023
Year ended March 31, 2024
Year ending March 31, 2025 Forecast
Interim dividend
Year-end dividend
Total return ratio