



JAPAN TOBACCO INC.
2-1, Toranomon 2-chome, Minato-ku
Tokyo 105-8422 JAPAN
Phone:03-3582-3111

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tokyo, June 2, 2015

**Notice Concerning a First Instance Judgment
in Quebec Class Actions Trial**

Japan Tobacco Inc. (JT) (TSE: 2914) today announced that the Quebec Superior Court delivered a first instance judgment in two class actions against three Canadian tobacco manufacturers including JTI-Macdonald Corp. (JTI-MC), a subsidiary of JT Group. The class actions were brought and heard together in the Canadian province of Quebec and the judgment was filed on June 1, 2015 local time. JTI-MC is the only JT Group company that is party to these proceedings.

JT understands that the total award against JTI-MC is about \$2 billion (CAD) and the Court ordered JTI-MC to pay about \$142 million (CAD) by July 26, 2015, notwithstanding appeal.

JTI-MC fundamentally disagrees with the Court's conclusions. It intends to appeal this decision and to request that the Quebec Court of Appeal suspend the initial payment order.

JT does not consider this judgment to have any effect on the JT Group's consolidated financial performance for the fiscal year ending December 2015.

###

Japan Tobacco Inc. is a leading international tobacco company. Its products are sold in over 120 countries and its internationally recognized brands include Winston, Camel, Mevius and LD. With diversified operations, JT is also actively present in pharmaceuticals and processed foods. The company's revenue was ¥2.154 trillion (US\$17,867 million()) in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014(**).*

**Translated at the rate of ¥120.55 per \$1, as of December 31, 2014*

***Due to a change in the accounting period from March 31 to December 31, the fiscal year 2014 covered nine months for Japanese domestic businesses and 12 months for the consolidated subsidiaries which operate the Group's international tobacco business. On a comparable full calendar year basis, revenue was ¥2.433 trillion (US\$20,186 million(*)).*

Contact for Investor Relations:

Koji Tanaka, General Manager
Japan Tobacco Inc. Tokyo: +81-3-5572-4316
E-mail: jt.ir@jt.com

Contact for Media:

Ryohei Sugata, General Manager
Japan Tobacco Inc. Tokyo: +81-3-5572-4292
E-mail: jt.media.relations@jt.com