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## Bridgestone Corporation Announces Distribution of Dividends from Surplus

Tokyo (February 18, 2014) - Bridgestone Corporation (hereinafter referred to as “the Company”) today announced that its board of directors resolved the distribution of dividends from surplus, with the record date dated December 31, 2013.

### 1. Details of year-end dividend

(Value in Japanese yen)

	Amount to be proposed as Year-end dividend for FY 2013	Latest forecast (Announced on August 9, 2013)	Year-end dividend paid for FY 2012
Record Date	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Dividend per share	30	27	16
Total amount of dividends	23,489 million	—	12,522 million
Effective date	March 26, 2014	—	March 27, 2013
Source of dividends	Retained earnings	—	Retained earnings

### 2. Reasons for raising dividend

The Company is committed to providing its shareholders with a stable dividend, taking into account relevant factors related to the company’s current business performance and projected financial conditions.

While net income was lower than latest forecast, announced on August 9, 2013, operating income and ordinary income were above forecast. Considering this steady improvement of profitability, the Company resolved to submit a proposal to the Company’s 95th annual shareholders’ meeting to be held on March 25, 2014, seeking a resolution to pay ¥30 per share as year-end dividend for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, an increase of ¥3 yen from the latest forecast.

#### *About Bridgestone Corporation:*

*Bridgestone Corporation, headquartered in Tokyo, is the world’s largest tire and rubber company. In addition to tires for use in a wide variety of applications, it also manufactures a broad range of diversified products, which include industrial rubber and chemical products and sporting goods. Its products are sold in over 150 nations and territories around the world.*

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