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### **Asahi Glass announces Issuance of Stock Option (Purchase Options on New Stock)**

Asahi Glass Co., Ltd. resolved at the meeting of its Board of Directors on April 13, 2005, regarding the details of purchase options on new stock to be issued in accordance with the provisions of Article 280, Paragraphs 20 and 21 of the Commercial Code of Japan and the resolution of the Company's 80<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on March 30, 2005, as stated hereunder.

The acquisition price for the shares on the execution of purchase options on new stock and other undecided matters will be decided on June 1, 2005, when the issue of the purchase options on new stock in question is planned.

1. Issuance date of purchase options on new stock:  
Scheduled for June 1, 2005.
2. Number of purchase options on new stock issued:  
635 options (the number of shares per one unit of purchase option on new stock is 1,000.)
3. Issue price of the purchase options on new stock:  
The option is granted free of charge.
4. Type and number of shares to be acquired by purchase options on new stock:  
635,000 shares of the Company's common stock.
5. Acquisition price for the shares on the execution of each purchase option on new stock:  
Not decided yet.  
(The acquisition price for the shares on the execution of each purchase option on new stock shall be the amount obtained by multiplying the acquisition price per share issued or transferred by the execution of each purchase option on new stock, by the number of shares acquired by each purchase option on new stock.)

The subscription price is determined by multiplying the weighted average of closing price (including indication of any bid/offer) for the Company's common stock during the regular transactions on Tokyo Stock Exchange for a period of 30 working days commencing 45 working days prior to the next day of the issuance date, by 1.05, and rounding up to the nearest yen. However, if said price is lower than the closing price on the issuance date, the closing price on the issuance date itself shall be the subscription price.)

6. Execution period of the purchase options on new stock:

June 1, 2007, to May 31, 2011

7. Conditions for the execution of purchase option on new stock:

- (1) Partial execution of each purchase option on new stock is not permitted;
- (2) A beneficiary who is granted the purchase option on new stock can execute the option right, even after losing his or her position as a board member, managing officer or employee of the Company or its affiliates, in accordance with the provisions of the Purchase Option Allocation Agreement to be concluded between the Company and the beneficiary;
- (3) When the beneficiary is deceased, the heirs of the beneficiary are entitled to execute the option right in accordance with the provisions of the Purchase Option Allocation Agreement; and
- (4) Other conditions regarding the execution of purchase option on new stock are as provided in the Purchase Option Allocation Agreement.

8. Causes and conditions for dissolution of purchase options on new stock:

The Company may dissolve the purchase options on new stock, which it acquires and holds, free of charge, at any time.

9. Assignment restriction of purchase option on new stock:

The assignment of purchase options on new stock is subject to the approval of the Company's Board of Directors.

10. Issuance of securities for purchase options on new stock:

Securities to certify purchase options on new stock will be issued only when requested by the beneficiary of a purchase option on new stock.

11. Amount included in the stock issue price that is not incorporated into capital, when the Company's common stocks are newly issued by the execution of purchase option on new stock:

The amount that is not incorporated into capital shall be the amount of the acquisition price of shares less the amount to be incorporated into capital. The amount to be incorporated into capital shall be the amount obtained by multiplying the acquisition price of shares by 0.5 and rounding up to the nearest yen.

12. Method of profit distribution at the time of issuing new stock:

The first dividend of profit or intermediate dividend after the issuing of the Company's common stock by the execution of purchase options on new stock shall be paid, assuming that the purchase option on new stock was executed at the beginning of the period for dividend calculation, to which the date of the execution of the purchase option on new stock belongs.

13. Number of parties to whom the solicitation of subscription was made, and the details thereof:

Forty-three persons, consisting of the board members, executive officers and employees of the Company or its affiliates.

[For reference]

- (1) Date of the meeting of the Board of Directors to decide the relevant agenda to be proposed to the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders: February 16, 2005
- (2) Date of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to approve the relevant resolution: March 30, 2005