

May 15, 2018
Kuraray Co., Ltd.

Notice of Decision to Launch a Share Buyback

(Buyback of Company Shares Based on the Articles of Incorporation and Article 165, Paragraph 2 of the Companies Act)

Kuraray Co., Ltd. (the "Company") announces that at a meeting of its Board of Directors on May 15, 2018, the Company resolved to launch a buyback of its own shares pursuant to the provisions in Article 156 of the Companies Act, as applied mutatis mutandis to the provisions of Article 165, paragraph 3 of the Companies Act.

1. Reasons for Share Buyback

The Company will conduct a share buyback to enable flexible capital strategies in the future, enhance shareholder returns, and improve capital efficiency.

2. Details of the Share Buyback

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| (1) Type of shares in buyback: | Common stock |
| (2) Maximum number of shares: | Up to 2.2 million shares
(Approximately 0.63% of total outstanding shares,
excluding treasury stock) |
| (3) Maximum value of buyback : | Up to ¥4.0 billion |
| (4) Buyback method: | Market purchase based on a trade contract for
acquiring treasury stock |
| (5) Buyback period: | May 16, 2018 to October 31, 2018 |

Reference: Treasury stock as of March 31, 2018

Total outstanding shares: 350,855,503 shares, excluding treasury stock

Total treasury stock: 4,008,100 shares