

Commencement of Hearing procedures against Kubota Corporation  
(Price fixing cartel case involving manufacturers and sellers of steel pipe piles)  
( Tentative Translation )

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Japan Fair Trade Commission

In relation to the cease and desist order and the surcharge payment order against manufacturers and sellers of steel pipe piles and steel sheet piles given by the Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) on June 4, 2008, Kubota Corporation, which is a manufacturer and seller of steel pipe piles, requested a hearing about the surcharge payment order (2008 (Payment) No. 28). The JFTC decided on September 3, 2008 to commence the hearing procedures in accordance with the provision of Paragraph 3, Article 52 under the Antimonopoly Act and gave a notice to that effect to Kubota (For an outline of the surcharge payment order etc. in this case, refer to Press Release dated on June 4, 2008 on the JFTC website.).

1. Outline of the Person Requesting a Hearing (Respondent)

Hearing Case No. Person requesting a hearing (Respondent)	Representative	Principal Office
2008 (Judgment) No. 22 Kubota Corporation	Daisuke Hatakake	2-47, Shikitsu-higashi 1-chome, Naniwa-ku, Osaka

2. Date and Place of the First Hearing

(1) Date and time

Wednesday, October 22, 2008, 11:00 a.m.

(2) Place

Hearing Court of the Japan Fair Trade Commission  
(19<sup>th</sup> Floor, Central Government Building No. 6-B, 1-1, Kasumigaseki 1-chome,  
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)