

(Translation)

January 27, 2009

Dear Sirs,

Name of the company:	West Japan Railway Company
Representative:	Masao Yamazaki President and Representative Director
Code No.:	No. 9021 Tokyo Stock Exchange, Osaka Securities Exchange, Nagoya Stock Exchange and Fukuoka Stock Exchange
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**Notice of Purchase by the Company of its Own Shares on
the Market and the Completion of Acquisition Thereof**

(Acquisition by the Company of its own shares in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation pursuant to Article 165, paragraph 2 of the Corporation Law of Japan)

Notice is hereby given that West Japan Railway Company (the "Company") has effected a purchase of its own shares on the market for the acquisition thereof in accordance with Article 156 of the Corporation Law of Japan, applicable pursuant to Article 165, paragraph 3 of the said Law, as described below.

Notice is also given that as a result of such purchase, the acquisition by the Company of its own shares pursuant to the resolution adopted at the meeting of its Board of Directors held on May 16, 2008 has been completed.

Description

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| 1. Class of shares purchased: | Shares of common stock of the Company |
| 2. Number of shares purchased: | 25,306 shares |
| 3. Aggregate purchase prices: | ¥9,999,680,000 |
| 4. Purchase period: | December 12, 2008 through January 26,
2009 (on a trade basis) |

5. Method of purchase: Purchase on the market established by the Tokyo Stock Exchange

(For reference)

1. Content of the resolution adopted at the meeting of its Board of Directors held on May 16, 2008:

(1) Class of shares to be acquired: Shares of common stock of the Company

(2) Total number of shares to be acquired: (Not exceeding) 50,000 shares (Ratio thereof to the total number of issued shares (excluding shares of treasury stock): 2.5%)

(3) Aggregate acquisition prices of shares: (Not exceeding) ¥20,000,000,000

(4) Acquisition period: June 2, 2008 through March 31, 2009

2. Total number of the shares of the Company purchased by and until January 26, 2009 as authorized by the aforementioned resolution of its Board of Directors:

(1) Number of shares purchased: 45,219 shares (Ratio thereof to the upper limit on the total number of shares to be acquired: 90.44%)

(2) Aggregate purchase prices: ¥19,999,615,000 (Ratio thereof to the upper limit on the aggregate acquisition prices of shares: 100.00%)

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