MIZUHO FINANCIAL GROUP INC Form 6-K April 28, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of April 2010

Commission File Number 001-33098

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

5-1, Marunouchi 2-chome

Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8333

Japan

(Address of principal executive office)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 28, 2010

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Takeo Nakano Name: Takeo Nakano

Title: Managing Executive Officer / CFO

April 28, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Company: Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. Representative: Keisuke Yokoo, President

Head Office 1-5-1, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo Code 8606 (First Section of the Tokyo Stock

Exchange, First Section of the Osaka

Securities Exchange and First Section of

the Nagoya Stock Exchange)

Retained Earnings Dividend Payments

Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. (the Company) hereby announces that its Board of Directors has resolved today to pay year-end dividends on its common stock as set forth below. The record date thereof is March 31, 2010.

The Company will submit a resolution on the proposed year-end dividends for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010 at the General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on June 22, 2010.

1. Description of dividends

| | Fiscal year ending | Fiscal year ended |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| | March 31, 2010 (proposed) | March 31, 2009 |
| Record date | March 31, 2010 | March 31, 2009 |
| | JPY 5 | JPY 3 |
| Dividend per share | (Details) Common dividend JPY 3 Commemorative dividend JPY 2 | (Details) Common dividend JPY 3 |
| Total amount of dividends | JPY 7,942 million | JPY 2,318 million |
| Effective date | June 23, 2010 | June 26, 2009 |
| Source of dividends | Retained earnings | Retained earnings |

2. Reasons

The Company s basic policy is to maximize enterprise value, and with respect to the distribution of profits, we generally aim to strengthen our financial condition and enhance retained earnings for future business development and to conduct dividend distributions to our shareholders flexibly based on business results.

In addition to the above, with respect to this year s dividends, the Company is also announcing the payment of a commemorative dividend to express our appreciation to our shareholders for their support as we mark the first anniversary of the merger. The proposed year-end dividend will therefore total JPY 5 (common dividend JPY 3 plus commemorative dividend JPY 2) per share.

(Reference) Breakdown of annual dividends

Dividends per share (JPY)

| Record date | Year-end dividends | Annual dividends |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| | | |
| Fiscal year ending March 31, 2010 (proposed) | JPY 5 (proposed) | JPY 5 (proposed) |
| Actual results for fiscal year ended March 31, 2009 | JPY 3 | JPY 3 |

End

<For inquiries relating to this matter, please contact>

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