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(Stock Exchange Code: 5714)

June 5, 2023

(Commencement date of electronic provision: May 29, 2023)

To Shareholders:

DOWA HOLDINGS CO., LTD. 14-1, Sotokanda 4-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0021, Japan

> SEKIGUCHI Akira President and Representative Director

NOTICE OF THE 120TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Dear Shareholders:

We would like to inform you that the 120th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of DOWA HOLDINGS CO., LTD. (the "Company") to be held as described below.

In convening this General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company has taken measures to provide the information electronically and posted such information on the website below (in Japanese).

Website of Company

https://ir.dowa.co.jp/ja/ir/stock/shmeeting.html

The information is also available on the following website (in English):

Website of Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc.

https://www.jpx.co.jp/english/listing/co-search/index.html

Please access the website of Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc., enter the Company name or Stock Exchange Code (5714) and select "Basic information" and then "Documents for public inspection/PR information" for reference.

If you are unable to attend on the day of the meeting, you may exercise your voting rights through one of the following methods. Please review "Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders" provided below (page 3 to page 14) and exercise your voting rights by 5:00 p.m. (Japan time) on June 26 (Monday), 2023.

Method of Exercising Voting Rights by Paper Form:

Please indicate your vote of approval or disapproval on the enclosed Voting Card and return the card so that it arrives before the deadline specified above.

Method of Exercising Voting Rights Electronically (Internet, etc.):

Please exercise your voting rights according to the Guide to Exercising Voting Rights Electronically (Internet, etc.) on page 15.

If you exercise your voting rights both by Voting Card and electronic methods (Internet, etc.), the Company will deem the last exercise to be the valid exercise.

Sincerely yours,

Details

1. Date and Time: 10:00 a.m. June 27, 2023 (Tuesday)

2. Place: Ball Room, Hotel 1F

Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo

2-10-8 Sekiguchi, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan

3. Meeting Agenda:

Matters to be reported: (1) Reports on the Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's

120th Fiscal Year (April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023) and results of audits by the Accounting Auditor and the Audit & Supervisory Board of the Consolidated Financial Statements

(2) Reports on Financial Statements for the Company's 120th Fiscal Year

(April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023)

Matters to be resolved:

First Item: Election of Nine (9) Directors

Second Item: Election of Two (2) Audit & Supervisory Board Members

Third Item: Election of One (1) Substitute Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member

4. Matters Concerning Exercise of Voting Rights

Please submit the enclosed Voting Card at the reception desk on the day of the meeting.

5. Items Posted on the Websites

(1) Notes on the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes on the Financial Statements are posted on the websites mentioned above in accordance with laws, regulations and the Articles of Incorporation of the Company. They are not included in the attached documents.

The Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Accounting Auditors have audited, as the Consolidated Financial Statements and the Financial Statements, not only the respective documents which are stated in the attached documents, but also Notes on the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes on the Financial Statements, which are posted on the websites mentioned above.

(2) If any amendment to the Business Reports, Consolidated Financial Statements, Financial Statements, or Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders is required, the Company will post it on the websites mentioned above.

Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders

Matters to Be Resolved and References:

First Item: Election of Nine (9) Directors

The term of office of all nine (9) Directors will expire at the close of this General Meeting of Shareholders. It is hereby proposed to elect nine (9) Directors, including three (3) Outside Directors.

The candidates for Directors are as follows:

No.	Name	Gender	Position in the Company	Attendance at the meetings of the Board of Directors (percentage)
1	YAMADA Masao Reappointed	Male	Chairman and Representative Director	15/15 (100%)
2	SEKIGUCHI Akira Reappointed	Male	President and Representative Director	14/15 (93%)
3	TOBITA Minoru Reappointed	Male	Director	15/15 (100%)
4	SUGAWARA Akira Reappointed	Male	Director	15/15 (100%)
5	KATAGIRI Atsushi Reappointed	Male	Director	11/11(100%)
6	HOSONO Hiroyuki Reappointed	Male	Director	11/11(100%)
7	KOIZUMI Yoshiko Reappointed Outside Independent	Female	Outside Director	15/15 (100%)
8	SATO Kimio Reappointed Outside Independent	Male	Outside Director	15/15 (100%)
9	SHIBAYAMA Atsushi New Outside Independent	Male	_	_

^{*} The notations in the tables are as follows.

Reappointed: candidate for Director (reappointed)

New: candidate for Director (new)
Outside: candidate for Outside Director

candidate for Independent Director for notification to the Financial Instruments Exchange

Independent:

Skill Matrix of the Candidates for Directors

		Expertise and experience of the candidates for Directors							
No.	Name	Corporate Management and Business Strategy	Global Mindset	Sales and Marketing	Research & Development and Production	Quality Assurance and Safety Environment	Financial Affairs, Accounting and Finance	Human Resources and Labor	Legal Affairs, Compliance and Sustainability
1	YAMADA Masao	0		0		0	0	0	\circ
2	SEKIGUCHI Akira	0	0	0			0	0	0
3	TOBITA Minoru	0		0	0	0			
4	SUGAWARA Akira	0		0	0	0			
5	KATAGIRI Atsushi	0		0			0	0	0
6	HOSONO Hiroyuki	0	0	0			0		0
7	KOIZUMI Yoshiko		0					0	0
8	SATO Kimio	0	0	0			0	0	
9	SHIBAYAMA Atsushi		0		0	0			0

	Name (Date of birth) Number of years in office as a director		Profile, Title, Positions and Important Positions Held Concurrently at Other Organizations	Number of Company's Shares Held
1	YAMADA Masao (November 15, 1953) 14years Male Reappointed	April 1978 April 2003 June 2003 April 2005 October 2006 April 2008 February 2009 April 2009 June 2009 April 2012 June 2018 March 2019 June 2019	Joined the Company Vice President of Environmental Management & Recycling Company Officer, Vice President of Environmental Management & Recycling Company Officer, President of Environmental Management & Recycling Company Officer, President and Representative Director of Dowa Eco- System Co., Ltd. President and Representative Director of Kosaka Smelting & Refining Co., Ltd., Director of Dowa Metals & Mining Co., Ltd. Senior Officer Executive Vice President and Senior Officer President and Representative Director Chairman of Japan Mining Industry Association (until March 2013) Chairman and Representative Director (current position) Outside Director of Fujita Kanko Inc. (current position) Outside Director of CK San-Etsu Co., Ltd. (current position)	7,400

Reasons for his candidacy as Director:

Mr. YAMADA Masao has a wealth of work experience, mainly in personnel and general affairs. Having served in such roles as President of Dowa Eco-System Co., Ltd. and President of Kosaka Smelting & Refining Co., Ltd., he has promoted business expansion and foundation strengthening of environmental and recycling business which are at the Group's core.

He was appointed as President and Representative Director of the Company in 2009 and Chairman and Representative Director of the Company in 2018. He has worked to develop numerous overseas businesses and strengthen our business base in Japan and has a track record of driving the Group forward with his strong leadership. In the course of proceeding with the medium-term management plan which was developed in the previous fiscal year, we judge that it is necessary to make use of his abundant knowledge on the entire Group's business in the management of the Company and request for his election as a Director of the Company.

		April 1983	Joined the Company	
		August 2004	General Manager of Resource Development & Raw Materials	
			Dept., Metals Company	
		April 2006	General Manager of Strategic Planning Dept., Metals Company	
	SEKIGUCHI Akira	October 2006	Director and General Manager of Strategic Planning Dept.,	
	(October 18, 1960)		Dowa Metals & Mining Co., Ltd.	
	5years	April 2011	President and Representative Director of Kosaka Smelting &	4 200
			Refining Co., Ltd.	4,388
	Male	April 2013	Officer, President and Representative Director of Dowa Metals	
	Reappointed		& Mining Co., Ltd.	
		April 2018	Executive Vice President and Senior Officer	
		April 2018	Chairman of Japan Mining Industry Association (until March	
2			2019)	
		June 2018	President and Representative Director (current position)	

Reasons for his candidacy as Director:

Mr. SEKIGUCHI Akira has acquired wide range of work experience centered on labor, raw materials procurement for smelting, and business planning. Especially in the field of resource development and smelting, he has served in various roles such as President of Kosaka Smelting & Refining Co., Ltd., and President of Dowa Metals & Mining Co., Ltd., and has promoted the development of new overseas mines, the strengthening of profit structure of domestic smelters, the strengthening and stabilization of business base and the reinforcement of our governance system.

Since 2018, he has been exerting strong leadership as the President and Representative Director of the Company to lead the Group's management, and to continuously improve the corporate value of the Company, and so we judge that it is necessary to continue to utilize his abundant experience, achievements and leadership in the management of the Company and request for his election as a Director of the Company.

	Name (Date of birth) Number of years in office as a director		Profile, Title, Positions and Important Positions Held Concurrently at Other Organizations	Number of Company's Shares Held
3	TOBITA Minoru (August 28, 1960) 2years Male Reappointed	April 1984 April 2011 April 2013 April 2017 April 2021 June 2021 June 2021	Joined the Company Senior Managing Director of Eco-System Chiba Co., Ltd. Director and General Manager of Waste Management Business Unit, Dowa Eco-System Co., Ltd. Executive Officer, President and Representative Director of Dowa Eco-System Co., Ltd. Executive Officer, responsible for Quality Assurance and Environment & Safety (current position) Director, responsible for Quality Assurance and Environment & Safety (current position) Director of Dowa Eco-System Co., Ltd. (current position) Director of Dowa Thermotech Co., Ltd. (current position)	2,567

Reasons for his candidacy as Director:

Since joining the Company, Mr. TOBITA Minoru has acquired extensive work experience focused on the mine development and environmental consulting and served as Senior Managing Director of Eco-System Chiba Co., Ltd., and President of Dowa Eco-System Co., Ltd.

We judge that he is suitable as a Director of the Company because we believe that he can be expected to contribute to the further strengthening of quality assurance and safety system of the entire Group based on his wealth of knowledge and insight from which he conducted a wide range of work as an engineer in various fields of resource development, environment and recycling and because of his deep knowledge on management which he gained from his experience as a representative of our group company.

		April 1984	Joined the Company	
		June 1999	General Manager of Metallic Materials Laboratory	
		April 2004	General Manager of Shiojiri Factory, Metal Processing Business	
			Unit, Electronics & Metal Processing Company	
		April 2006	General Manager of Metallic Materials Laboratory, Metal	
			Processing Company	
		October 2006	Director and General Manager of Metallic Materials Laboratory,	
			Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd.	
	SUGAWARA Akira	April 2013	Director and General Manager of Metal Processing Business	
	(April 13, 1961)		Unit, Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd.	
	2years	April 2016	Executive Officer, President and Representative Director of	3,924
			Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd.	3,924
	Male	April 2021	Executive Officer, responsible for Technologies and Business	
	Reappointed		Innovation Research	
		June 2021	Director, responsible for Technologies and Business Innovation	
4			Research	
		June 2021	Director of Dowa Electronics Materials Co., Ltd. (current	
			position)	
			Director of Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd. (current position)	
			Director of Dowa Technology Co., Ltd. (current position)	
		April 2023	Director, responsible for Technologies, Business Innovation	
			Research and Intellectual Property (current position)	

Reasons for his candidacy as Director:

Since joining the Company, Mr. SUGAWARA Akira has worked in manufacturing base and laboratory of metal processing sector and served as General Manager of Metallic Materials Laboratory of Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd., General Manager of Metal Processing Business Unit of Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd. and President of Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd.

We judge that he is suitable as a Director of the Company because we believe that he can be expected to strongly promote the development of technology and business of the entire Group due to many years of experience in the business development and R&D sectors and because of his deep knowledge on management which he gained from his experience as a representative of our group company.

	Name (Date of birth) Number of years in office as a director		Profile, Title, Positions and Important Positions Held Concurrently at Other Organizations	Number of Company's Shares Held
		April 1985	Joined the Company	
		March 2007	General Manager of Zinc Business Unit, Dowa Metals &	
	KATAGIRI Atsushi (October 14, 1962) 1year Male Reappointed	April 2008	Mining Co., Ltd. Director and General Manager of Zinc Business Unit, Dowa Metals & Mining Co., Ltd.	
		April 2011	Director and General Manager of Strategic Planning Dept., Dowa Metals & Mining Co., Ltd.	
		April 2018	General Manager of Human Resources Dept. and Personnel Training & Education Dept.	3,201
		April 2021	Executive Officer and General Manager of Human Resources Dept.	
5	исарроппец	June 2022	Director and General Manager of Human Resources Dept., responsible for General Affairs and Legal (current position)	
3		June 2022	Director of Dowa Metals & Mining Co., Ltd. (current position) Director of Dowa Management Service Co., Ltd. (current position)	

Reasons for his candidacy as Director:

Since joining the Company, Mr. KATAGIRI Atsushi has conducted managerial work in general which is centered on personnel affairs and labor. After serving as Director and General Manager of Zinc Business Unit and Director and General Manager of Strategic Planning Dept. of Dowa Metals & Mining Co., Ltd., he is currently assuming the post of Director and General Manager of Human Resources Dept. of the Company.

We believe that he is suitable as a Director of the Company because he can be expected to make a significant contribution to the development of stronger corporate governance structure of the Company through his wide range of knowledge on personnel affairs, labor, accounting, finance, legal affairs, sales and other fields based on his diverse work experience.

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	June 2008	Director of DOWA-Olin Metal Corporation	
	April 2012	President and Representative Director of DOWA-Olin Metal	
		Corporation	
	April 2016	Director and General Manager of Management & Strategic	
		Planning Dept., Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd.	
	April 2018	General Manager of Strategic Planning Dept. and Public	
HOSONO Hiroyuki		Relations Dept.	
(December 21, 1962)	April 2018	Director of Dowa Electronics Materials Co., Ltd. (current	
1year	_	position)	2,314
		Director of Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd. (current position)	2,314
Male	April 2021	Executive Officer and General Manager of Corporate Strategy	
Reappointed	•	Dept., Sustainability Sec. and Public Relations & Investor	
		Relations Sec.	
	June 2022	Director and General Manager of Corporate Strategy Dept.,	
		Sustainability Sec. and Public Relations & Investor Relations	
		Sec., responsible for Accounting and Finance	
	April 2023	Director and General Manager of Corporate Strategy Dept. and	
		Public Relations & Investor Relations Sec., responsible for	
		Accounting and Finance (current position)	
	(December 21, 1962) 1year Male	April 2016 April 2018 HOSONO Hiroyuki (December 21, 1962) 1 year Male Reappointed April 2018 April 2018 April 2021 June 2022	June 2008 April 2012 Director of DOWA-Olin Metal Corporation April 2012 President and Representative Director of DOWA-Olin Metal Corporation April 2016 Director and General Manager of Management & Strategic Planning Dept., Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd. April 2018 General Manager of Strategic Planning Dept. and Public Relations Dept. Director of Dowa Electronics Materials Co., Ltd. (current position) Director of Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd. (current position) Executive Officer and General Manager of Corporate Strategy Dept., Sustainability Sec. and Public Relations & Investor Relations Sec. June 2022 Director and General Manager of Corporate Strategy Dept., Sustainability Sec. and Public Relations & Investor Relations Sec., responsible for Accounting and Finance Director and General Manager of Corporate Strategy Dept. and Public Relations & Investor Relations Sec., responsible for Accounting and Finance Director and General Manager of Corporate Strategy Dept. and Public Relations & Investor Relations Sec., responsible for

Reasons for his candidacy as Director:

After engaging in international work in the U.S., Mr. HOSONO Hiroyuki joined the Company and had worked in domestic sales department and overseas affiliates. Thereafter, he has served as President of DOWA-Olin Metal Corporation, General Manager of Sales Dept. of Metal Processing Business Unit of Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd., and Director and General Manager of Management & Strategic Planning Dept. of Dowa Metaltech Co., Ltd., and is currently assuming the post of Director and General Manager of Corporate Strategy Dept. of the Company.

We believe that he is suitable as a Director of the Company because his wide range of work history such as work in corporate strategy, sales and management departments, his global mindset gained through overseas work, and his objective perspective based on his experience in working outside of the Group are indispensable in sustainable corporate management of the Company hereafter.

	Name (Date of birth) Number of years in office as a director		Profile, Title, Positions and Important Positions Held Concurrently at Other Organizations	Number of Company's Shares Held
7	KOIZUMI Yoshiko (September 25, 1943) 8years Female Reappointed Outside Independent	April 1972 April 1972 January 1980 May 2000 August 2003 March 2007 January 2008 May 2008 April 2009 October 2012 April 2013 June 2015 June 2015 June 2016 September 2017	Registered as an attorney Joined Kikuchi Patent Law Office Partner of Masuda and Ejiri Law Office (currently Nishimura & Asahi) Chair of Women Business Lawyers Committee, Inter-Pacific Bar Association (until May 2002) Expert Member of Planning Committee, Food Safety Commission of Japan (until September 2013) Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Bosch Corporation (until March 2009) Counsel of Nishimura & Asahi Councilor of International Civil and Commercial Law Center (until June 2017) Partner of City-Yuwa Partners (current position) Deputy Chair of Government Procurement Review Board (until October 2014) Director of Japan Bar Association (current position) Director (current position) Outside Director of Taiheiyo Cement Corporation (current position) Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd. (until June 2019) Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Nippon Koei Co., Ltd. (current position)	0

Reasons for her candidacy as Outside Director and expected roles:

As a lawyer, Ms. KOIZUMI Yoshiko has been deeply involved in corporate legal matters and overseas transactions for many years and has also been active as an executive officer and Chair of Women Business Lawyers Committee of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association.

We judge that her knowledge and experience cultivated through such a wide range of activities can be expected to make a significant contribution to the promotion of our business, including compliance, and we request for her election as an Outside Director of the Company. She has served as an Outside Director of the Company for 8 years since she assumed office in June 2015.

		April 1981	Joined Nittetsu Mining Co., Ltd.	
		June 2007	Kyushu Branch Office General Manager of Nittetsu Mining Co.,	
			Ltd.	
		June 2010	Limestone & Raw Materials Sales Department Manager of	
			Nittetsu Mining Co., Ltd.	
		June 2011	Director, in charge of Non-Ferrous Metal & Ore Department	
	SATO Kimio		and Limestone & Raw Materials Sales Department Manager of	
	(December 4, 1958)		Nittetsu Mining Co., Ltd.	
	2years	June 2012	Managing Director, in charge of General Accounting	
	- y - wis		Department / Limestone & Raw Materials Sales Department /	
	Male		Non-Ferrous Metal & Ore Department, Nittetsu Mining Co.,	0
	Reappointed		Ltd.	
	Outside	June 2013	Director and Vice President of Nittetsu Mining Co., Ltd.	
	Independent	April 2015	Representative Director and President of Nittetsu Mining Co.,	
8	macpenaem		Ltd.	
		May 2019	Director of Nittetsu Mining Co., Ltd.	
		June 2019	Senior Corporate Adviser of Nittetsu Mining Co., Ltd.	
		March 2021	Honorary Senior Corporate Adviser of Nittetsu Mining Co., Ltd.	
		Jan. 2021	(current position)	
		June 2021	Director (current position)	
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Reasons for his candidacy as Outside Director and expected roles:

Mr. SATO Kimio has demonstrated his skills at Nittetsu Mining Co., Ltd. in the sales sector for a number of years and served as Representative Director and President of Nittetsu Mining Co., Ltd. after serving in important positions.

We request for his election as an Outside Director of the Company, judging that he can be expected to make a significant contribution by providing useful opinions and guidance on our future business operations based on his experience as a representative of the company outside the Group. He has served as an Outside Director of the Company for 2 years since he assumed office in June 2021.

	Name (Date of birth) Number of years in office as a director		Profile, Title, Positions and Important Positions Held Concurrently at Other Organizations	Number of Company's Shares Held
9	SHIBAYAMA Atsushi (March 26,1971) — Male New Outside Independent	April 1999 April 2000 February 2003 April 2007 April 2009 April 2010 April 2014 April 2016 February 2019 March 2020 March 2022 June 2022	Joined Kubota Corporation (until March 2000) Research Associate at the Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science, Akita University Associate Professor at the Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science, Akita University Associate Professor at the Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science, Akita University Professor at the Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science, Akita University Professor, Graduate School of Engineering and Resource Science, Akita University Professor at the Faculty of International Resource Sciences, Akita University (current position) Professor, Graduate School of International Resource Sciences, Akita University (current position) Executive Board Member of the Resources Processing Society of Japan (current position) Executive Director, General Manager of the Processing & Material Group, the Mining and Materials Processing Institute of Japan (until March 2021)) Executive Director, Tohoku Branch General Manager / Education and Human Resource Development of the Mining and Materials Processing Institute of Japan (current position) Vice-president of Resources Processing Society of Japan (current position)	0

Reasons for his candidacy as Outside Director and expected roles:

Mr. SHIBAYAMA Atsushi has continuously been studying international resource sciences including resources processing and recycling at Akita University. He also has extensive experience engaging in activities overseas including onsite study of local research laboratories and mines/smelters in resource-rich countries.

We judge that we can expect him to make a significant contribution to the management of the Company by providing opinions and advice on the entire business of the Company, both domestic or overseas, including recycling and smelting, based on his career as described above, and we request for his election as an Outside Director of the Company.

(Notes)

- 1. There are no special interests between any of the candidates and the Company.
- 2. Ms. KOIZUMI Yoshiko, Mr. SATO Kimio and Mr. SHIBAYAMA Atsushi are candidates for Outside Directors.
- 3. Ms. KOIZUMI Yoshiko and Mr. SATO Kimio have been notified as Independent Directors to the Financial Instruments Exchange on which the Company is listed.
- 4. If Mr. SHIBAYAMA Atsushi is elected as an Outside Director, he will be notified as an Independent Director to the Financial Instruments Exchange on which the Company is listed.
- 5. The Company has entered into agreements with Ms. KOIZUMI Yoshiko and Mr. SATO Kimio to limit their liabilities as specified in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act and the Articles of Incorporation of the Company. The maximum amount of liabilities set forth by the agreements shall be the amount stipulated by laws and regulations. If they are elected as Outside Directors, the Company will continue the agreements with each of them.
- 6. If Mr. SHIBAYAMA Atsushi is elected as an Outside Director, the Company will enter into an agreement with him to limit his liability as specified in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act and the Articles of Incorporation of the Company. The maximum amount of liabilities set forth by the agreements shall be the amount stipulated by laws and regulations.
- 7. During Mr. SATO Kimio's term of office as Representative Director and President of Nittetsu Mining Co., Ltd., there was an inappropriate accounting practices at one of overseas subsidiaries of Nittetsu Mining Co., Ltd. With respect to such issue, Nittetsu Mining Co., Ltd. had an independent committee conduct an investigation and has taken measures and disciplinary actions based on the proposals from the independent committee.
- 8. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into directors and officers liability insurance policy with an insurance company, under which Director is insured, and plans to renew the insurance policy with similar contents upon its next renewal. This insurance policy covers any compensation of damages and litigation costs, etc. arising from damages claim caused by insured's performance of his or her work (including omission) as Director and/or Officer of the Company. The

(Company also bears the insurance premiums of all insureds, and in case each of the candidates is reappointed or appointed, each of su candidates will become the insured of such insurance policy.	ch

Second Item: Election of Two (2) Audit & Supervisory Board Members

At the close of this General Meeting of Shareholders, the term of office of Audit & Supervisory Board members Mr. TAKEDA Jin and Mr. EGAWA Shigeru will expire and therefore, it is hereby proposed that Two (2) Audit & Supervisory Board members be elected.

The Audit & Supervisory Board's approval of this proposal has already been obtained.

The candidates for Audit & Supervisory Board members are as follows:

Name (Date of birth)		Past experience, positions, and significant concurrent positions	Number of Company's Shares Held
OBA Koichiro (December 23, 1962) Male New Outside Independent	April 1992 April 1992 January 2005 October 2014 March 2015 May 2018	Registered as an attorney Joined Marunouchi Sogo Law Office Partner of Marunouchi Sogo Law Office (current position) Bar examiners (Labor Law) (until October 2017) Outside Director of Racing Security Service Co., Ltd. (current position) Outside Director of Snow Brand Seed Co., Ltd. (current position)	0

Reasons for his candidacy as Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member:

Mr. OBA Koichiro had deep knowledge on compliance and governance due to his involvement in corporate legal affairs for many years as a lawyer. He also has experience as an outside director of other companies. We believe that he is suitable as an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member because the ability to audit from the viewpoints of both law and management is very important in terms of business management of the Company.

Name (Date of birth)		Past experience, positions, and significant concurrent positions	Number of Company's Shares Held
(Date of birth) KOMURO Shingo (July 3, 1961) Male New Outside Independent	April 1985 May 2002 March 2004 November 2006 March 2007 January 2008 December 2008 March 2012 March 2015 April 2017		
	March 2019 March 2023	Representative Director and President of Fairton Corporation Auditor of FUJITA KANKO INC. (current position)	

Reasons for his candidacy as Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member:

Mr. KOMURO Shingo has a wide range of experience, including engaging in finance/accounting work and business planning for many years, working in overseas offices, and being representative director of companies. He is able to audit the Company from various aspects based on his knowledge which he gained through such experience and we can expect him to play a very large role in the promotion of Company's future business and therefore, we request for his election as an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member of the Company.

(Notes)

- 1. There are no special interests between any of the candidates and the Company.
- 2. Mr. OBA Koichiro and Mr. KOMURO Shingo are candidates for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board members.
- 3. If Mr. OBA Koichiro and Mr. KOMURO Shingo are elected as Outside Audit & Supervisory Board members, they will be notified to the Financial Instruments Exchange on which the Company is listed as an Independent Auditors.
- 4. If Mr. OBA Koichiro and Mr. KOMURO Shingo are elected as Outside Audit & Supervisory Board members, the Company will enter into an agreement with them to limit their liabilities as specified in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Act and the Articles of Incorporation. The maximum amount of liability set forth by the

- agreement shall be the amount stipulated by laws and regulations.
- 5. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance policy with an insurance company, under which Audit & Supervisory Board member is insured, and plans to renew the insurance policy with similar contents upon its next renewal. This insurance policy covers any compensation of damages and litigation costs, etc. arising from damages claim caused by insured's performance of his or her work (including omission) as Director and/or Officer of the Company. The Company also bears the insurance premiums of all insureds, and in case Mr. OBA Koichiro and Mr. KOMURO Shingo are appointed, they will become the insured of such insurance policy.

Third Item: Election of One (1) Substitute Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member

At the beginning of this General Meeting of Shareholders, the effect of resolution for election of Substitute Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member will expire and therefore, it is hereby proposed to elect one (1) Substitute Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member in case of a shortfall in the number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members required by laws and regulations.

This Substitute Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member is nominated as a substitute for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member Mr. FUKUZAWA Hajime and candidates for Audit & Supervisory Board Members in Second Item Mr. OBA Koichiro and Mr. KOMURO Shingo.

The Audit & Supervisory Board's approval of this Third Item has already been obtained.

The candidate for Substitute Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member is as follows:

Name (Date of birth)		Profile, Title and Important Positions Held Concurrently at Other Organizations	Number of Company's Shares Held
NARUSE Kentaro (August 10, 1976) Male Outside Independent	October 2004 October 2004 April 2009 January 2016 October 2019 June 2020	Registered as an attorney Joined Nishimura & Partners Law Office (currently Nishimura & Asahi) Joined Marunouchi Sogo Law Office Partner of Marunouchi Sogo Law Office (current position) Civil Mediator of Tokyo District Court (part-time judge) (current position) Outside Director of Nippon Flour Mills Co., Ltd. (currently NIPPN CORPORATION) (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) (current position)	0

Reasons for his candidacy as Substitute Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member:

In addition to having abundant knowledge on corporate legal affairs, etc. as a lawyer, Mr. NARUSE Kentaro has been working as an outside director (audit and supervisory committee member) of another company and has experience in business management of company. We judge that his knowledge and experience will enable him to audit the Company from the perspectives of compliance, etc. and management, and we request for his election as a Substitute Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member of the Company.

(Notes)

- 1. There are no special interests between Mr. NARUSE Kentaro and the Company.
- 2. Mr. NARUSE Kentaro is a candidate for Substitute Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member.
- 3. If Mr. NARUSE Kentaro takes office as Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member, he will be notified as an Independent Auditor to the Financial Instruments Exchange on which the Company is listed.
- 4. If Mr. NARUSE Kentaro takes office as Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member, the Company will enter into an agreement with him to limit his liability as specified in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act and the Articles of Incorporation of the Company. The maximum amount of liability set forth by the agreement shall be the amount stipulated by laws and regulations.
- 5. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance policy with an insurance company, under which Audit & Supervisory Board member is insured, and plans to renew the insurance policy with similar contents upon its next renewal. This insurance policy covers any compensation of damages and litigation costs, etc. arising from damages claim caused by insured's performance of his or her work (including omission) as Director and/or Officer of the Company. The Company also bears the insurance premiums of all insureds, and in case Mr. NARUSE Kentaro becomes Outside Audit & Supervisory Board member, he will become the insured of such insurance policy.

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Guide to Exercising Voting Rights Electronically (Internet, etc.)

We kindly ask you to read through the following guidance described below before you proceed to exercise your voting rights electronically (Internet, etc.).

1. Website for the exercise of voting rights

You may exercise your voting rights electronically (Internet, etc.) over the Company's designated website as follows:

URL: https://www.web54.net

2. Handling of exercise of voting rights

- (1) In case you exercise your voting rights electronically (Internet, etc.), please register your approval or disapproval for each agenda item, by using "the code for the exercise of voting rights" and "password" indicated in the enclosed Voting Card and by following the directions on the screen.
- (2) You may exercise your voting rights until 5:00 p.m. (Japan time) on Monday, June 26, 2023. We kindly ask you to exercise your voting rights at your earliest convenience.
- (3) In case you exercise your voting rights multiple times, the Company will deem the final exercise of voting rights to be the valid one. If your Voting Card and the electronic (Internet, etc.) version arrive on the same day, the Company will deem the electronic (Internet, etc.) version to be the valid one.
- (4) In case you diversely exercise your voting rights, please notify the Company that you will diversely exercise your voting rights and the reason therefor no later than three (3) days prior to the General Meeting of Shareholders.

3. Handling the password and the code for the exercise of voting rights

- (1) The password is important information and is used to confirm that those voting are actually the shareholders with voting rights. Please be sure to keep your password secured.
- (2) If you enter your password incorrectly more than the specified number of times, your account will be locked and become unusable. If you wish to have another password issued, please follow the instructions on the screen.
- (3) The code for the exercise of the voting rights appearing on the Voting Card will be valid only for the 120th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

4. Questions regarding personal computer operation, etc.

If you have any questions regarding the use of the Website, please contact the following unit:

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank Limited, Help Desk for Internet Voting

[Phone number] 0120-652-031

(Available from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Japan Time))

To institutional investors

You may exercise your voting rights by using "the platform for the electronic exercise of votes" operated by ICJ, Inc.