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(Securities code: 2742) May 11, 2021

#### **To Shareholders with Voting Rights:**

Toshiyuki Sato President and Chief Executive Officer Halows Co., Ltd. 6-26-7, Minamizao-cho, Fukuyama-shi, Hiroshima, Japan (Headquarters: 3270-1, Hayashima, Hayashima-cho, Tsukubo-gun, Okayama, Japan)

## Notice of the 63rd Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

We are pleased to inform you that the 63rd Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting") of Halows Co., Ltd. (the "Company") will be held for the purposes described below.

In order to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, irrespective of the health of shareholders, we respectfully request that you refrain from attending the Meeting and instead exercise your voting rights prior to the Meeting either in writing (by mail) or via the Internet.

Accordingly, please review the attached Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders and exercise your voting rights by 6:30 p.m. Japan time on Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

[When exercising your voting rights in writing (by mail)]

Please indicate your approval or disapproval for the proposals on the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form and return it so that it is received by the abovementioned deadline.

[When exercising your voting rights via the Internet]

Please access the Company's designated website for the exercise of voting rights (<a href="https://evote.tr.mufg.jp/">https://evote.tr.mufg.jp/</a>) using the "Login ID" and "Password" shown on the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form, follow the on-screen guidance, and indicate your approval or disapproval for the proposals by the abovementioned deadline.

Please refer to the "Guidance on Methods for Exercise of Voting Rights" on pages 3 to 4 (Japanese only) when voting via the Internet.

1. Date and time: Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 10 a.m. Japan time

**2. Venue:** Large conference room, 2F, the Company's Headquarters 3270-1, Hayashima, Hayashima-cho, Tsukubo-gun, Okayama

3. Meeting Agenda:

Matters to be reported: Business report and non-consolidated financial statements for the

63rd fiscal year (March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021)

Matters to be resolved:

**Proposal 1:** Distribution of Surplus

**Proposal 2:** Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

**Proposal 3:** Election of Ten (10) Directors (Excluding Directors Serving as Audit

and Supervisory Committee Members)

**Proposal 4:** Election of Five (5) Directors Serving as Audit and Supervisory

Committee Members

**Proposal 5:** Determination of Amount of Compensation, etc. for Directors

(Excluding Directors Serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee

Members)

**Proposal 6:** Determination of Amount of Compensation, etc. for Directors

Serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members

Proposal 7: Determination of Specific Details for Compensation, etc. Pertaining

to Stock Compensation-type Stock Options for Directors (Excluding Directors Serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members

and Outside Directors)

• Together with this Notice, please also refer to the enclosed "Prevention Measures for the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus at the General Meeting of Shareholders." (Japanese only)

- If you attend the Meeting, please hand in the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form at the reception of the Meeting.
- Any revisions to the business report, non-consolidated financial statements and Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders will be posted on the Company's website. (https://www.halows.com/)

## Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders

### **Proposals and References**

#### **Proposal 1:** Distribution of Surplus

Striving to enhance internal reserves to prepare for active future business development and comprehensively taking into account the needs to maintain stable dividend payments and return profit to shareholders appropriately, the Company proposes to distribute surplus as follows.

#### 1. Year-end dividend

In order to commemorate the achievement of 150.0 billion yen in operating revenue in the 63<sup>rd</sup> fiscal year, the Company proposes year-end dividend of 18 yen for the fiscal year under review, adding a commemorative dividend of 2 yen to the ordinary dividend of 16 yen.

Combined with the interim dividend of 16 yen per share that the Company paid in November 2020, the annual dividends will amount to 34 yen per share.

- (1) Type of dividend property
- (2) Allotment of dividend property to shareholders and its total amount 18 yen per share of the Company's common stock Total amount: 384,287,094 yen
- (3) Effective date of the dividend of surplus May 28, 2021

### 2. Other matters concerning distribution of surplus

To further strengthen its financial standing taking into account future business environment with the aim of developing its business soundly, the Company proposes to distribute surplus as follows:

- (1) Item and amount of surplus to increase
  General reserve 3,800,000,000 yen
- (2) Item and amount of surplus to decrease
  Retained earnings brought forward 3,800,000,000 yen

#### **Proposal 2:** Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

#### 1. Reasons for the amendments

- (1) In order to further strengthen audit and supervisory functions by establishing an Audit and Supervisory Committee and giving voting rights at meetings of the Board of Directors to officers who conduct audits, new regulations pertaining to the Audit and Supervisory Committee and Audit and Supervisory Committee Members will be established, and regulations pertaining to the Audit & Supervisory Board and Audit & Supervisory Board Members will be abolished. At the same time, a supplementary provision will be established as a transitional measure in association with the abolition of the regulation pertaining to the exemption of liability of Audit & Supervisory Board Members.
- (2) Changes will be made to the effect that dividends of surplus, etc. may be executed by resolution of the Board of Directors to enable the flexible implementation of capital policies and dividend policies.
- (3) Transferring the delegation of authority from the Board of Directors to Directors will improve the flexibility of decision making and business execution with the aim of further improving management efficiency and strengthening supervisory functions over business execution.
- (4) Necessary changes such as alterations to wording, adjustments to sentences for the purpose of clarification and revisions to the Article numbering will be made in view of the establishment, amendment, and abolition of the articles as outlined above.

#### 2. Details of the amendments

Details of the amendments are as follows.

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation contained in this Proposal will take effect at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

#### **Current Articles of Incorporation**

#### (Purpose)

Article 2 The purpose of the Company shall be to engage in the following business.

(1) to (19) (Omitted)

(Newly established)

- (20) Worker dispatching business
- (21) Management guidance and outsourcing for various companies
- (22) Recycling of resources, etc.
- (23) All business incidental to the preceding items

(Newly established)

(Method of Notification) Article <u>4</u> (Omitted) (Total Number of Authorized Shares) Article <u>5</u> (Omitted)

(Acquisition of Treasury Stock) Article <u>6</u> (Omitted) (Number of Shares Per Unit) Article <u>7</u> (Omitted)

(Restrictions on Rights Concerning Shares Less than One Unit) Article <u>8</u> (Omitted)

(Shareholder Registry Administrator) Article  $\underline{9}$  (Omitted)

(Share Handling Rules) Article <u>10</u> (Omitted) (Record Date) Article 11 (Omitted)

Chapter III General Meeting of Shareholders

(Convocation) Article 12 (Omitted)

(Convener and Chairperson)

Article 13 The General Meeting of Shareholders shall, unless otherwise prescribed by laws and regulations, be convened by the <u>President and Representative Director, Chief Executive Officer</u> by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the event that an accident befalls the <u>President and Representative Director, Chief Executive Officer</u>, the meeting shall be convened by another Director in an order predetermined by the Board of Directors.

2. The General Meeting of Shareholders shall be chaired by the <u>President and Representative Director</u>, <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>. In the event that an accident befalls the <u>President and Representative Director</u>, <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>, the meeting shall be chaired by another Director in an order predetermined by the Board of Directors.

#### **Proposed Amendments**

(Purpose)

Article 2 The purpose of the Company shall be to engage in the following business.

- (1) to (19) (Unchanged)
- (20) Handling of in-house e-money (HALOCA)
- (21) Worker dispatching business
- (22) Management guidance and outsourcing for various companies
- (23) Recycling of resources, etc.
- (24) All business incidental to the preceding items

#### (Organizations)

Article 4 The Company will become a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee and, in addition to the General Meeting of Shareholders and Directors, shall establish the following organizations.

- (1) Board of Directors
- (2) Audit and Supervisory Committee
- (3) Accounting Auditor

(Method of Notification) Article <u>5</u> (Unchanged)

(Total Number of Authorized Shares) Article <u>6</u> (Unchanged)

(Acquisition of Treasury Stock) Article <u>7</u> (Unchanged) (Number of Shares Per Unit) Article <u>8</u> (Unchanged) (Restrictions on Rights Concerning Shares Less than One Unit) Article <u>9</u> (Unchanged)

(Shareholder Registry Administrator) Article <u>10</u> (Unchanged)

(Share Handling Rules) Article <u>11</u> (Unchanged) (Record Date) Article 12 (Unchanged)

Chapter III General Meeting of Shareholders

(Convocation) Article 13 (Unchanged)

(Convener and Chairperson)

Article 14 The General Meeting of Shareholders shall, unless otherwise prescribed by laws and regulations, be convened by the President and Director by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the event that an accident befalls the President and Director, the meeting shall be convened by another Director in an order predetermined by the Board of Directors.

2. The General Meeting of Shareholders shall be chaired by the <u>President and Director</u>. In the event that an accident befalls the <u>President and Director</u>, the meeting shall be chaired by another Director in an order predetermined by the Board of Directors.

#### **Current Articles of Incorporation**

(Disclosure via the Internet and Deemed Delivery of Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders) Article <u>14</u> (Omitted)

(Method of Resolution) Article <u>15</u> (Omitted) (Exercise of Voting Rights by Proxy) Article <u>16</u>

(Minutes of Meetings) Article <u>17</u> (Omitted)

Chapter IV Directors and the Board of Directors

(Establishment of the Board of Directors)

Article 18 The Company shall establish a Board of Directors.

(Number of Directors)

Article 19 The number of Directors of the Company shall be not more than eleven (11).

(Newly established)

#### (Election of Directors)

Article 20 Directors of the Company shall be elected by resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders.

#### (Term of Office of Directors)

Article 21 The term of office of <u>Directors</u> shall expire upon the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held with respect to the last business year ending within <u>two (2)</u> years following their election.

2. The term of office of Directors elected to increase the number of Directors or as a substitute shall be the remainder of the term of office of other incumbent Directors,

(Newly established)

#### **Proposed Amendments**

(Disclosure via the Internet and Deemed Delivery of Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders) Article <u>15</u> (Unchanged) (Method of Resolution) Article <u>16</u> (Unchanged)

(Exercise of Voting Rights by Proxy) Article <u>17</u> (Unchanged)

(Minutes of Meetings) Article <u>18</u> (Unchanged)

Chapter IV Directors and the <u>Board of Directors</u> and Audit and Supervisory Committee

(Deleted)

(Number of Directors)

Article 19 The number of Directors of the Company (including Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) shall be not more than fifteen (15).

2. The number of Directors of the Company serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members shall be not more than three (3).

#### (Election of Directors)

Article 20 Directors of the Company shall be elected by resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders, differentiating Directors (excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) from Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members.

#### (Term of Office of Directors)

Article 21 The term of office of <u>Directors</u> (excluding <u>Directors serving</u> as <u>Audit and Supervisory Committee Members</u>) shall expire upon the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held with respect to the last business year ending within <u>one (1)</u> year following their election.

- 2. The term of office of Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members shall expire upon the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held with respect to the last business year ending within two (2) years following their election.
- 3. The term of office of Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members who have been elected as substitutes for Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members who retired prior to the expiration of their term of office shall be the remainder of the term of office of the retiring Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members.

#### Current Articles of Incorporation

(Representative Directors and Directors with Titles) Article 22 The Company shall appoint Representative Directors by resolution of the Board of Directors.

2. Representative Directors shall represent the Company and execute the business of the Company.

3. The Board of Directors shall, by resolution, appoint one (1) President and Representative Director, Chief Executive Officer from among Directors and, in addition, may appoint one (1) Chairperson and Director and several Executive Vice Presidents, Senior Managing Directors, and Executive Managing Directors, as necessary.

(Convener and Chairperson of Meetings of the Board of Directors)

Article 23 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall, unless otherwise prescribed by laws and regulations, be convened and chaired by the <u>President and Representative Director</u>, <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>. In the event that an accident befalls the <u>President and Representative Director</u>, <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>, the meeting shall be convened and chaired by another Director in an order predetermined by the Board of Directors.

(Notice of Convocation for Meetings of the Board of Directors)

Article 24 Notice of convocation for meetings of the Board of Directors shall be issued to each Director and Audit & Supervisory Board Member at least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting. However, this period may be shortened in cases of urgency. (Newly established)

(Method of Resolution by the Board of Directors)
Article 25 (Omitted)

(Omission of Resolution by the Board of Directors) Article 26 The Company shall, with the unanimous agreement of Directors in writing or by electromagnetic means on matters to be resolved by the Board of Directors, deem said matters for resolution to have been approved. However, this shall not apply if there is any objection by an Audit & Supervisory Board Member.

#### **Proposed Amendments**

(Representative Directors and Directors with Titles)
Article 22 The Company shall appoint Representative
Directors from among Directors (excluding Directors
serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee
Members) by resolution of the Board of Directors.

- 2. Representative Directors shall represent the Company and execute the business of the Company.
- 3. The Board of Directors shall, by resolution, appoint one (1) President and Director from among Directors (excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) and, in addition, may appoint one (1) Chairperson and Director and several Executive Vice Chairpersons, Executive Vice Presidents, Senior Managing Directors, and Executive Managing Directors, as necessary.

(Convener and Chairperson of Meetings of the Board of Directors)

Article 23 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall, unless otherwise prescribed by laws and regulations, be convened and chaired by the <u>President and Director</u>. In the event that an accident befalls the <u>President and Director</u>, the meeting shall be convened and chaired by another Director in an order predetermined by the Board of Directors.

(Notice of Convocation for Meetings of the Board of Directors)

Article 24 Notice of convocation for meetings of the Board of Directors shall be issued to each Director at least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting. However, this period may be shortened in cases of urgency.

2. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without going through the convocation procedures with the unanimous consent of all Directors.

(Method of Resolution by the Board of Directors) Article 25 (Unchanged)

(Omission of Resolution by the Board of Directors)
Article 26 The Company shall, with the unanimous agreement of Directors in writing or by electromagnetic means on matters to be resolved by the Board of Directors, deem said matters for resolution to have been approved.

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
(Newly established)	(Delegation to Directors) Article 27 Pursuant to Article 399-13, Paragraph 6 of the Companies Act, the Board of Directors may, by resolution, delegate all or part of decisions on the execution of important business matters (excluding matters stipulated in each item of Article 399-13, Paragraph 5 of the same Act) to Directors.
(Minutes of Meetings of the Board of Directors) Article 27 The outline of proceedings and results of meetings of the Board of Directors, and other items prescribed by laws and regulations shall be stated or recorded in the minutes, and the Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members in attendance at the meeting shall affix their name and seal or digital signature to them.	(Minutes of Meetings of the Board of Directors) Article 28 The outline of proceedings and results of meetings of the Board of Directors, and other items prescribed by laws and regulations shall be stated or recorded in the minutes, and the Directors in attendance at the meeting shall affix their name and seal or digital signature to them.
(Rules of the Board of Directors) Article <u>28</u> (Omitted)	(Rules of the Board of Directors) Article <u>29</u> (Unchanged)
(Compensation, etc. for Directors) Article <u>29</u> Compensation, etc. for Directors shall be determined by resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders.	(Compensation, etc. for Directors) Article 30 Compensation, etc. for Directors_shall be determined by resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders, differentiating Directors (excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) from Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members.
(Exemption of Liability of Directors) Article <u>30</u> (Omitted)	(Exemption of Liability of Directors) Article <u>31</u> (Unchanged)
Chapter V Audit & Supervisory Board Members and Audit & Supervisory Board	(Deleted)
(Establishment of Audit & Supervisory Board Members and Audit & Supervisory Board) Article 31 The Company shall establish Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Audit & Supervisory Board.	(Articles 31 to 33 Deleted)
(Number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members) Article 32 The number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members of the Company shall be not more than four (4).	
(Election of Audit & Supervisory Board Members) Article 33 Audit & Supervisory Board Members of the Company shall be elected by resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders. 2. Resolutions for the election of Audit & Supervisory Board Members shall be made by attendance of shareholders holding one-third of voting rights owned by shareholders eligible for exercising their voting rights and affirmatives by a simple majority of voting rights held by the shareholders in attendance.	

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
(Term of Office of Audit & Supervisory Board Members)  Article 34 The term of office of Audit & Supervisory Board Members shall expire upon the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held with respect to the last business year ending within four (4) years following their election.  2. The term of office of Audit & Supervisory Board Members who have been elected as substitutes shall be the remainder of the term of office of the retiring Audit & Supervisory Board Members.	(Articles 34 to 35 Deleted)
(Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Members)  Article 35 The Audit & Supervisory Board shall appoint full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Members from among Audit & Supervisory Board Members.	
(Newly established)	(Full-time Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)  Article 32 The Audit and Supervisory Committee may, by resolution, appoint full-time Audit and Supervisory Committee Members.
(Notice of Convocation for Meetings of the <u>Audit &amp; Supervisory Board</u> )  Article 36 Notice of convocation for meetings of the <u>Audit &amp; Supervisory Board</u> shall be issued to each <u>Audit &amp; Supervisory Board Member</u> at least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting. However, this period may be shortened in cases of urgency.  (Newly established)	(Notice of Convocation for Meetings of the Audit and Supervisory Committee)  Article 33 Notice of convocation for meetings of the Audit and Supervisory Committee shall be issued to each Audit and Supervisory Committee Member at least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting. However, this period may be shortened in cases of urgency.  2. Meetings of the Audit and Supervisory Committee may be held without going through the convocation procedures with the unanimous consent of all Audit and Supervisory Committee Members.
(Method of Resolution by the Audit & Supervisory Board) Article 37 Resolutions by the Audit & Supervisory Board shall, unless otherwise prescribed by laws and regulations, be adopted by a majority of Audit & Supervisory Board Members.	(Deleted)
(Minutes of Meetings of the <u>Audit &amp; Supervisory</u> <u>Board</u> )	(Minutes of Meetings of the <u>Audit and Supervisory</u> Committee)

Article 38 The outline of proceedings and results of meetings of the Audit & Supervisory Board, and other items prescribed by laws and regulations shall be stated or recorded in the minutes, and the Audit & Supervisory Board Members in attendance at the meeting shall affix their name and seal or digital signature to them.

Article 34 The outline of proceedings and results of meetings of the Audit and Supervisory Committee, and other items prescribed by laws and regulations shall be stated or recorded in the minutes, and the Audit and Supervisory Committee Members in attendance at the meeting shall affix their name and seal or digital signature to them.

# Current Articles of Incorporation (Rules of the <u>Audit & Supervisory Board</u>) Article 39 Matters concerning the

Article <u>39</u> Matters concerning the <u>Audit & Supervisory Board</u> shall be governed by laws and regulations, the Articles of Incorporation, and the Rules of the <u>Audit & Supervisory Board</u> established by the <u>Audit & Supervisory Board</u>.

(Compensation, etc. for Audit & Supervisory Board Members)

Article 40 Compensation, etc. for Audit & Supervisory Board Members shall be determined by resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders.

(Exemption of Liability of Audit & Supervisory Board Members)

Article 41 Pursuant to the provisions of Article 426, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company may, by resolution of the Board of Directors, exempt Audit & Supervisory Board Members (including former Audit & Supervisory Board Members) from liability for damages due to negligence to the extent provided for by laws and regulations.

2. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Article 1 of the Companies Act, the Company may enter into agreements with Audit & Supervisory Board Members to limit their liability for damages due to negligence of duties. However, the limit of liability under such agreements shall be the amount provided for by laws and regulations.

Chapter VI Accounting Auditor

(Establishment of Accounting Auditor)
Article <u>42</u> (Omitted)

(Election of Accounting Auditor) Article 43 (Omitted)

(Term of Office of Accounting Auditor) Article 44 (Omitted)

(Compensation, etc. for Accounting Auditor)

Article <u>45</u> Compensation, etc. for the Accounting Auditor shall be determined by Representative Directors with the consent of the <u>Audit & Supervisory</u> Board.

Chapter VII Calculations

(Business Year) Article 46 (Omitted)

#### **Proposed Amendments**

(Rules of the <u>Audit and Supervisory Committee</u>)
Article <u>35</u> Matters concerning the <u>Audit and Supervisory Committee</u> shall be governed by laws and regulations, the Articles of Incorporation, and the Rules of the <u>Audit and Supervisory Committee</u> established by the <u>Audit and Supervisory Committee</u>.

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Chapter V Accounting Auditor

(Establishment of Accounting Auditor) Article <u>36</u> (Unchanged)

(Election of Accounting Auditor) Article 37 (Unchanged)

(Term of Office of Accounting Auditor) Article <u>38</u> (Unchanged)

(Compensation, etc. for Accounting Auditor)
Article 39 Compensation, etc. for the Accounting Auditor shall be determined by Representative Directors with the consent of the Audit and Supervisory Committee.

Chapter VI Calculations

(Business Year) Article 40 (Unchanged)

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
(Newly established)	(Organization to Determine Dividend of Surplus) Article 41 The Company may, by resolution of the Board of Directors, determine matters stipulated in each item of Article 459, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, unless otherwise provided for by laws and regulations.
(Year-end Dividend) Article 47 The Company may, by resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders, make payment of dividend of surplus in the form of cash (hereinafter, "Year-end Dividend") to shareholders or registered share pledgees listed or recorded in the latest shareholder registry as of the last day of February each year.	(Year-end Dividend) Article 42 The Company may make payment of dividend of surplus in the form of cash (hereinafter, "Year-end Dividend") to shareholders or registered share pledgees listed or recorded in the latest shareholder registry as of the last day of February each year.
(Interim Dividend) Article 48 The Company may, by resolution of the Board of Directors, make payment of dividend of surplus as stipulated in Article 454, Paragraph 5 of the Companies Act (hereinafter, "Interim Dividend") to shareholders or registered share pledgees listed or recorded in the latest shareholder registry as of August 31 each year.	(Interim Dividend) Article 43 The Company may make payment of dividend of surplus in the form of cash (hereinafter, "Interim Dividend") to shareholders or registered share pledgees listed or recorded in the latest shareholder registry as of August 31 each year.
(Period of Exclusion of Payment of Dividends) Article 49 (Omitted)	(Period of Exclusion of Payment of Dividends) Article 44 (Unchanged)
(Newly established)	Supplementary Provisions
	(Transitional Measure Regarding Liability Limitation Agreements for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members)  Article 1 Pursuant to the provisions of Article 426, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company may, by resolution of the Board of Directors, exempt Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members (including former Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members) from liability for damages under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, prior to the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held with respect to the business year ended February 28, 2021, to the extent provided for by laws and regulations.

# **Proposal 3:** Election of Ten (10) Directors (Excluding Directors Serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)

If Proposal 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" is approved as originally proposed, the Company will become a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee. All of the eleven (11) Directors will retire as their terms of office will expire when the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation take effect. Accordingly, the Company proposes the election of ten (10) Directors (excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) after the transition to a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee.

This Proposal shall take effect on condition that the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation presented in Proposal 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" take effect.

The candidates for Directors (excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) are shown on pages 13 to 16.

No.		Name		Positions and responsibilities at the Company
1	Reappointment		Toshiyuki Sato	President and Chief Executive Officer  Nomination and Compensation Committee Member
2	Reappointment		Taishi Sato	Executive Vice President, in charge of sales and responsible for Corporate Planning Dept.
3	Reappointment		Hironori Kojima	Senior Managing Director, responsible for Development Div.
4	Reappointment		Hidenori Hanaoka	Executive Managing Director, General Manager, Administrative Groups and General Manager, General Affairs Div.
5	Reappointment		Masana Takahashi	Executive Managing Director, Deputy General Manager, Merchandise Groups and General Manager, Merchandise Div., responsible for Logistics Div.
6	Reappointment		Tomiko Koshio	Director, General Manager, President's Office
7	Reappointment		Kenji Suemitsu	Director, Deputy General Manager, Store Operation Groups and Area Manager, Shikoku Area
8	New appointment		Kenji Sunada	Executive Officer, General Manager, Personnel and Education Div., Administrative Groups
9	Reappointment	Outside Independent	Yoshinori Fujii	Outside Director Nomination and Compensation Committee Member
10	Reappointment	Outside Independent	Chiaki Ikeda	Outside Director Nomination and Compensation Committee Member

No.	Name (Date of birth)		r summary, positions, responsibilities d significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
	Reappointment Toshiyuki Sato (January 27, 1949)	October 1971 July 1991 October 2012 September 2016	Joined the Company President and Chief Executive Officer (to present) Director, General incorporated foundation HALOWS Foundation (presently, Public-interest incorporated foundation HALOWS Foundation) (to present) President and Representative Director, Saijo Plaza K.K. (to present)	2,488,010 shares
1	•	Foundation	Nomination and Compensation Committee Member, the Company (to present)	
		of management of	The Company as President and Chief Executive pany with strong leadership, abundant insight in	
	management in gener	ral, and strong sen functions of the Bo	ise of duty will contribute to growing the Compa oard of Directors. Therefore, the Company deem	ny and further
		September 1975 June 1990	Joined the Company General Manager, Business Administration Div.	
	Reappointment Taishi Sato	July 1995 July 1999	Director, General Manager, Merchandise Div. Executive Managing Director, General	
2		March 2007	Manager, Merchandise Groups Executive Managing Director, General Manager, Merchandise Groups and General Manager, Merchandise Div.	
		May 2009	Executive Vice President, responsible for Corporate Planning Div. and Merchandise Groups	755,000 shares
	(September 2, 1952)	May 2011	Executive Vice President, General Manager, Administrative Groups	
		October 2012	Executive Vice President, General Manager, Corporate Planning Dept. and General Manager, Administrative Groups	
		March 2019	Executive Vice President, General Manager, Corporate Planning Dept.	
		September 2019	Executive Vice President, in charge of sales and responsible for Corporate Planning Dept.	

[Reasons for candidacy as Director]

He has taken charge of management of the Company as Executive Vice President. Based on his track record of holding positions such as General Manager of Merchandise Div., Administrative Groups, and Corporate Planning Dept. as well as his abundant professional experience in management in general, the Company deems he is suitable as Director and has nominated him.

No.	Name (Date of birth)		summary, positions, responsibilities d significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company		
3	Reappointment Hironori Kojima (September 10,	April 1979 May 1982 April 1999 May 2002 March 2004 March 2005 May 2009 April 2014 June 2014	Joined Aisawa Construction Itd. Joined the Company General Manager, Store Operation Div. Director, General Manager, Store Operation Div. Director, General Manager, Sales Planning Div. Director, General Manager, Development Div. Executive Managing Director, General Manager, Development Div. Senior Managing Director, General Manager, Development Div. Senior Managing Director, Deputy General Manager, Administrative Groups and General	held  105,000 shares		
		March 2019 September 2019	Manager, Development Div. Senior Managing Director, General Manager, Development Div. Senior Managing Director, responsible for Development Div. (to present)			
	Based on his track re opening stores and at	[Reasons for candidacy as Director] Based on his track record of driving the development of neighborhood shopping centers, including opening stores and attracting tenants, and developing competitive store formats as the head of store development, the Company deems he is suitable as Director and has nominated him.				
4	divisions and his trac	al experience as the k record of perfor	Joined OKANO FOOD K.K. Joined the Company General Manager, Merchandise Div. General Manager, Store Operation Div. Executive Officer, General Manager, Store Operation Div. Executive Officer, General Manager, Store Operation Div. and Area Manager, Fukuyama Area Executive Officer, General Manager, Fukuyama Area Executive Officer, General Manager, SV Div. Director, General Manager, Merchandise Groups and General Manager, Merchandise Groups Director, General Manager, Merchandise Groups Director, General Manager, Merchandise Div., Merchandise Groups Executive Managing Director, Deputy General Manager, Merchandise Groups and General Manager, Perishables Div. Executive Managing Director, General Manager, Administrative Groups Executive Managing Director, General Manager, Administrative Groups and General Manager, Administrative Groups and General Manager, General Affairs Div. (to present)	ant managerial		

No.	Name (Date of birth)	and	summary, positions, responsibilities d significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
5	Reappointment Masana Takahashi (March 14, 1959)	March 1981 November 1998 June 2002 November 2006 March 2007 May 2009 March 2011 June 2013	Joined the Company General Manager, Merchandise Div. Executive Officer, General Manager, Merchandise Div. Executive Officer, General Manager, Perishable Merchandise Div. Executive Officer, General Manager, Distribution Planning Div. Director, General Manager, Distribution Planning Div. Director, General Manager, Distribution Div. and General Manager, Distribution Center Director, General Manager, Logistics Div., Merchandise Groups	45,000 shares
	[Reasons for candida	April 2014  March 2019	Executive Managing Director, Deputy General Manager, Merchandise Groups and General Manager, Dry Div., responsible for Logistics Div. Executive Managing Director, Deputy General Manager, Merchandise Groups and General Manager, Merchandise Div., responsible for Logistics Div. (to present)	
	Based on his track re the creation of distrib	cord of making a soution systems as t	significant contribution to the procurement of mother head of the Company's merchandise and distituble as Director and has nominated him.	
		June 1974 June 1981 July 1995	Joined the Company General Manager, General Affairs Div. Director, General Manager, General Affairs Div.	
6	Reappointment Tomiko Koshio (June 10, 1942)	July 1999  March 2007  May 2009	Executive Managing Director, General Manager, Administrative Groups Executive Managing Director, General Manager, Administrative Groups and General Manager, Finance and Accounting Div. Director, General Manager, President's Office	210,400 shares
	the head of the Comp	ecord of making a pany's finance and	(to present) significant contribution to the management of the accounting division, administrative divisions in the sems she is suitable as Director and has nominated.	general, and
7	Reappointment Kenji Suemitsu (August 28, 1961)	March 1984 November 2007 May 2011 June 2013	Joined the Company General Manager, Store Operation Div., Store Operation Groups Director, General Manager, Store Operation Div. Director, Deputy General Manager, Store Operation Groups and Area Manager, Shikoku Area (to present)	9,800 shares
Area (to present)  [Reasons for candidacy as Director]  Based on his track record of driving the front lines of sales and taking charge of entering and expanding in new markets as the head of the Company's store operation division, the Compan deems he is suitable as Director and has nominated him.				

No.	Name (Date of birth)		r summary, positions, responsibilities d significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
8	New appointment Kenji Sunada (January 1, 1972)	April 1996 April 2014 March 2016	Joined the Company General Manager, Personnel and Education Div., Administrative Groups Executive Officer, General Manager, Personnel and Education Div., Administrative Groups (to present)	19,000 shares
Ü	and education affairs	cord of managing in general of the cractical experience	store operations as a store manager and engagin Company as General Manager of Personnel and e serving as an Executive Officer, the Company	Education
9	Reappointment Outside Independent Yoshinori Fujii (October 2, 1970)	October 1994  April 1998 July 2006  November 2006  July 2008 April 2011  June 2011 October 2012  May 2015 June 2016 September 2018 December 2020	Joined Hiroshima Office, Asahi Audit Corp. (presently KPMG AZSA LLC) Registered as a certified public accountant Established Fujii Yoshinori CPA Office (presently BIZLINK CPA Joint Office) (to present) Established BIZLINK ADVISORY CO., LTD., Director Representative Director (to present) Established Ibuki Tax Accountant Office, Representative Partner (to present) Auditor, Ryoubi Shinyo Kumiai (to present) Auditor, Public-interest incorporated foundation HALOWS Foundation (to present) Director, the Company (to present) Director, PhoenixBio Co., Ltd. (to present) Auditor, KAAZ CORPORATION (to present) Nomination and Compensation Committee Member, the Company (to present)	-
	Expecting that his supublic accountant will	perior insight base Il contribute to fur	ector and roles he is expected to assume] ed on the expertise and experience he cultivated ther strengthening internal control and other fun e Company deems he is suitable as Outside Dire	ctions of the
10	(July 26, 1978)  [Reasons for candidaduties as such approp	riately, and roles s	Legal apprentice, the Supreme Court Registered as an attorney-at-law (joined Okayama Bar Association and Itano Law Office) (to present) Director, the Company (to present) Nomination and Compensation Committee Member (to present) ector, why the Company deems that the candidates the is expected to assume]	•
Note	attorney-at-law will of Board of Directors of nominated her.	contribute to furth	ed on the expertise and experience she cultivated er strengthening compliance systems and other f e Company deems she is suitable as Outside Dire	unctions of the

#### Notes:

- 1. There are no special interests between any of the candidates and the Company.
- 2. Yoshinori Fujii and Chiaki Ikeda are candidates for Outside Directors.
- 3. Yoshinori Fujii and Chiaki Ikeda will have served as Outside Directors for six (6) years at the close of the Meeting.

- 4. The Company has filed Yoshinori Fujii and Chiaki Ikeda with the Tokyo Stock Exchange as independent directors stipulated by the Exchange. If they are reelected, they will continue to be independent directors.
- 5. The Company has entered into liability limitation agreements with Yoshinori Fujii and Chiaki Ikeda pursuant to Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to limit their liability under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Act to the minimum amount stipulated in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Act, provided that they have performed their duties in good faith and without gross negligence. If they are reelected, the Company intends to extend the agreements with them.
- 6. The Company has concluded a directors and officers liability insurance agreement provided for in Article 430-3, paragraph 1 of the Companies Act with an insurance company. The said insurance agreement shall compensate for legal damages and litigation expenses to be borne by the insureds. As a measure to prevent the appropriateness of the professional conducts of the insureds from being impaired, damages, etc. caused by criminal acts by the insureds will not be covered by the insurance.
  - Each candidate for Director (excluding the candidate for a new Director) is included in the insureds of the said insurance contract as Director of the Company, and will continue to be included in the insureds if reelected. If the candidate for a new Director is elected, he or she will be included in the insureds of the said contract. In addition, the Company plans to renew the said insurance contract during the terms of office of the Directors regarding this Proposal.

## **Proposal 4:** Election of Five (5) Directors Serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members

If Proposal 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" is approved as originally proposed, the Company will become a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee, and the terms of office of all of the Audit & Supervisory Board Members will expire. Accordingly, the Company proposes the election of five (5) Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members.

This Proposal shall take effect on condition that the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation presented in Proposal 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" take effect.

The candidates for Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members are shown on pages 19 to 20.

No.		Name		Positions and responsibilities at the Company
1	New appointment		Syunji Oda	Senior Managing Director, General Manager, Store Operation Groups and General Manager, Back Office Dept.
2	New appointment	Outside Independent	Kazumasa Ozaki	-
3	New appointment	Outside Independent	Hitoshi Okamoto	Audit & Supervisory Board Member (full-time)
4	New appointment	Outside Independent	Yasukuni Inafuku	Audit & Supervisory Board Member
5	New appointment	Outside Independent	Masakazu Kobayashi	Audit & Supervisory Board Member

No.	Name (Date of birth)	a	Career summary, positions and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
1	New appointment Syunji Oda (March 8, 1953)	March 1976 October 1979 June 1981 June 1986 July 1995 July 1999 March 2007 November 2007 May 2009 June 2013 September 2017	Joined Miyauchi Supermarkets K.K. Joined the Company General Manager, Merchandise Div. General Manager, Store Operation Div. Director, General Manager, Store Operation Div. Executive Managing Director, General Manager, Store Operation Groups Executive Managing Director, General Manager, Store Operation Groups and General Manager, Store Operation Div. Executive Managing Director, General Manager, Store Operation Groups Senior Managing Director, General Manager, Store Operation Groups and General Manager, Store Operation Groups and General Manager, Store Operation Groups Senior Managing Director, General Manager, Store Operation Groups Senior Managing Director, General Manager, Store Operation Groups Senior Managing Director, General Manager, Store Operation Groups and General Manager, Store Operation Groups and General Manager, Back Office Dept. (to present)	123,000 shares
	He has supervised the Company's store op Company as a Direct	ne sales divisions a eration division. H tor. The Company appropriately, and	ving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member] nd developed a structure for growth as the head of the has also cultivated insight through management of deems that he will execute the duties of Audit and Sthus requests his election.	the
2	New appointment Outside Independent Kazumasa Ozaki (January 5, 1958)	July 2006  July 2008  July 2010  June 2015  June 2019	Financial Securities Inspector, Planning and Management Division, Inspection Bureau, Financial Services Agency General Manager, Financial Supervision Section II, Finance Department, Chugoku Local Finance Bureau, Ministry of Finance General Manager, Personnel Section, Planning and Management Department, Chugoku Local Finance Bureau Corporate Auditor (full-time), TOMATO BANK, LTD. President and Director, TOMATO BUSINESS, LTD.	-

[Reasons for candidacy as Outside Director serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member] He has a broad range of insight and considerable knowledge on finance and accounting cultivated at the Financial Services Agency and financial institutions. The Company deems that he will utilize them in auditing at the Company and strengthening supervision of the management from an independent standpoint, and thus requests his election.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	a	Career summary, positions and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
3	New appointment Outside Independent Hitoshi Okamoto (February 13, 1956)	February 2012 May 2013	Director, General Manager, General Affairs Div., TOMATO BANK, LTD. Audit & Supervisory Board Member, the Company (to present)	2,000 shares
3	He has abundant expaudited as Audit & S	perience and a broad supervisory Board mpany deems that	ector serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Mad range of insight cultivated at a financial institution. Member of the Company from a wide and profession he will contribute to ensuring soundness and transpellection.	n, and has onal
	New appointment Outside Independent Yasukuni Inafuku (July 5, 1944)	May 1970 April 1992 May 2001	Joined Kitagawa Corporation General Manager, Accounting Section Audit & Supervisory Board Member, the Company (to present)	16,400 shares
4	why the Company do to assume] He has abundant exp of insight, and has au professional perspec	perience serving at addited as Audit & Stive. The Companymanagement, and t	ector serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Midate can perform duties appropriately, and roles he an accounting division in a listed company and a brown Supervisory Board Member of the Company from a y deems that he will contribute to ensuring soundness thus requests his election.	is expected road range wide and
5	New appointment Outside Independent Masakazu Kobayashi (February 7, 1958)	April 1981 April 2000 April 2003 September 2005 May 2007 April 2008 April 2013	Joined Fukuyama Gas Co., Ltd. Established Office Do Plus (to present) Lecturer, Faculty of Economics, Fukuyama University Part-time Lecturer, Fukuyama City Junior College for Women (presently Fukuyama City University) Audit & Supervisory Board Member, the Company (to present) Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, Fukuyama University Part-time Lecturer, Fukuyama Polytechnic College	2,900 shares

[Reasons for candidacy as Outside Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member, why the Company deems that the candidate can perform duties appropriately, and roles he is expected to assume]

He has several qualifications, such as MBA (Kobe University Graduate School of Business Administration) and SMEC (Small and Medium Enterprise Management Consultant) and considerable knowledge on finance and accounting in addition to expertise gained in academia. He has also provided useful and candid opinions as Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company based on his abundant experience in business diagnosis and management consulting. The Company deems that he will contribute to ensuring soundness of the management, and thus requests his election.

#### Notes:

- 1. There are no special interests between any of the candidates and the Company.
- 2. Kazumasa Ozaki, Hitoshi Okamoto, Yasukuni Inafuku, and Masakazu Kobayashi are candidates for Outside Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members.
- 3. If Kazumasa Ozaki is elected, the Company will file him with the Tokyo Stock Exchange as independent director stipulated by the Exchange.
- 4. The Company has filed Hitoshi Okamoto, Yasukuni Inafuku, and Masakazu Kobayashi with the

- Tokyo Stock Exchange as independent directors stipulated by the Exchange. If they are reelected, they will continue to be independent directors.
- 5. If Kazumasa Ozaki is elected, the Company will enter into liability limitation agreements with him pursuant to Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to limit his liability under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Act to the minimum amount stipulated in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Act provided that he has performed his duties in good faith and without gross negligence.
- 6. The Company has entered into liability limitation agreements with Hitoshi Okamoto, Yasukuni Inafuku, and Masakazu Kobayashi pursuant to Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to limit their liability under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Act to the minimum amount stipulated in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Act, provided that they have performed their duties in good faith and without gross negligence. If they are reelected, the Company intends to extend the agreements with them.
- 7. The Company has concluded a directors and officers liability insurance agreement provided for in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act with an insurance company. The said insurance agreement shall compensate for legal damages and litigation expenses to be borne by the insureds. As a measure to prevent the appropriateness of the professional conducts of the insureds from being impaired, damages, etc. caused by criminal acts by the insureds will not be covered by the insurance.

Each candidate for Director (excluding the candidate for a new Director) is included in the insureds of the said insurance contract as Director or Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company, and will continue to be included in the insureds if reelected. If the candidate for a new Director is elected, he or she will be included in the insureds of the said contract. In addition, the Company plans to renew the said insurance contract during the terms of office of the Directors regarding this Proposal.

# **Proposal 5:** Determination of Amount of Compensation, etc. for Directors (Excluding Directors Serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)

It was approved that the maximum amount of compensation for the Company's Board Members shall be 200 million yen per year at the General Meeting of Shareholders held on July 21, 1999, and that the maximum amount of compensation for Audit & Supervisory Board Members shall be 30 million yen per year at the General Meeting of Shareholders held on May 25, 2001. Consequently, it was approved that the amount of compensation, etc. for Directors of the Company shall be \maximum 170 million or less per year. As the Company will become a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee, the Company proposes that the amount of compensation, etc. for Directors (excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) be 300 million yen or less per year.

The policy regarding the determination of the amount of compensation, etc. for Directors of the Company (excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) or the calculation method thereof shall be deliberated by the Board of Directors by examining the matters discussed by the Nomination and Compensation Committee, which is attended by Outside Directors, in consideration of the business performance of the Company and the job description and performance of each Director within the limit of the total amount of compensation determined by the General Meeting of Shareholders. Taking into consideration this policy and various circumstances, such as recent economic climate, the Company deems it reasonable to set the amount of compensation, etc. for Directors (excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) at 300 million yen or less per year. The specific amount, timing, etc. of the payment for each Director (excluding Director serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) shall be determined by a resolution of the Board of Directors.

The compensation, etc. shall not include a salary portion of the compensation payable to Directors concurrently serving as employees.

The number of Directors is currently eleven (11) (including two (2) Outside Directors). If Proposal 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" and Proposal 3 "Election of ten (10) Directors (Excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)" are approved as originally proposed, the number of Directors (excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) will be ten (10) (including two (2) Outside Directors).

This Proposal shall take effect on condition that the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation presented in Proposal 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" take effect.

# **Proposal 6:** Determination of Amount of Compensation, etc. for Directors Serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members

It was approved that the maximum amount of compensation for Audit & Supervisory Board Members of the Company shall be 30 million yen or less per year at the General Meeting of Shareholders held on May 25, 2001. As the Company will become a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee, the Company proposes that the amount of compensation, etc. for Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members be 50 million yen or less per year.

The policy regarding the determination of the amount of compensation, etc. for Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members of the Company or the calculation method thereof shall be determined through deliberations by Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members, in consideration of the job descriptions of each Audit and Supervisory Committee Member within the limit of the total amount of compensation determined by a General Meeting of Shareholders. Taking into consideration this policy and various circumstances, such as recent economic climate, the Company deems it reasonable to set the amount of compensation, etc. for Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members at 50 million yen or less per year.

If Proposal 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" and Proposal 4 "Election of Five (5) Directors Serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members" are approved as originally proposed, the number of Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members will be five (5) (including four (4) Outside Directors).

This Proposal shall take effect on condition that the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation presented in Proposal 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" take effect.

# Proposal 7: Determination of Specific Details for Compensation, etc. Pertaining to Stock Compensation-type Stock Options for Directors (Excluding Directors Serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members and Outside Directors)

In order to further increase the motivation and morale of Directors (excluding Outside Directors) to contribute to the improvement of the medium- to long-term performance of the Company and enhancement of corporate value, the Company received approval at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on May 26, 2016 to allot stock acquisition rights as stock compensation -type stock options for Directors (excluding Outside Directors) within the range of 70 million yen per year. Since the Company will become a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee, separate from Proposal 5: Determination of Amount of Compensation, etc. for Directors (Excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members), the Company once again requests approval to allot stock acquisition rights as stock compensation -type stock options for Directors (excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members and Outside Directors; hereinafter, "Eligible Directors") within the range of 70 million yen per year.

The policy regarding the determination of the amount of compensation, etc. pertaining to stock compensation-type stock options for Eligible Directors of the Company and the calculation method thereof shall be deliberated by the Board of Directors by examining the matters discussed by the Nomination and Compensation Committee, which is attended by Outside Directors. Taking into consideration this policy and various circumstances, such as recent economic climate, the Company deems it reasonable to set the amount of compensation, etc. pertaining to stock compensation-type stock options for Eligible Directors at not more than 70 million yen per year.

This stock compensation-type stock option plan will grant stock acquisition rights as stock compensation-type stock options provided that Eligible Directors hold a position as Director of the Company on the resolution date for subscription matters for the stock acquisition rights and provided that Eligible Directors enter into a stock acquisition rights allotment agreement that includes the contents described below.

With regard to the granting of stock compensation-type stock options, the same amount of

compensation as the payment amount will be granted to Directors who have been allotted stock acquisition rights, offsetting said compensation receivable with the payment amount for said stock acquisition rights to allow Eligible Directors to acquire the stock acquisition rights. The amount of stock option compensation, etc. will be the amount obtained by multiplying the fair price per stock acquisition right calculated on the day of allotment of the stock acquisition rights by the total number of stock acquisition rights to be allotted.

Currently, there are eleven (11) Directors (including two (2) Outside Directors). If Proposal 2: Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Proposal 3: Election of ten (10) Directors (Excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) are approved as originally proposed, the number of Directors (excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) will be ten (10) (including two Outside Directors), and the number of Eligible Directors will be eight (8).

#### Notes

Details of Stock Acquisition Rights as Stock Compensation-type Stock Options for Eligible Directors of the Company

1. Class and Number of Shares Subject to Stock Acquisition Rights

The class of shares subject to stock acquisition rights shall be the common stock of the Company and the number of shares subject to stock acquisition rights (hereinafter, the "Number of Shares Granted") shall be 100 shares per unit.

However, in the event that the Company conducts a share split of the Company's common stock (including the gratis allotment of the Company's common stock; hereinafter, the same shall apply when a share split is stated) or share consolidation of the Company's common stock after the date of resolution of this General Meeting of Shareholders, the Number of Shares Granted shall be adjusted in accordance with the following formula.

Number of Shares Number of Shares Ratio of share split or Granted after adjustment Granted before adjustment Share consolidation

In addition to the above, in the event of unavoidable reasons necessitating adjustments to the Number of Shares Granted, the Company may adjust the Number of Shares Granted as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors of the Company.

Any fraction less than one (1) share resulting from the aforementioned adjustment shall be rounded down.

#### 2. Total Number of Stock Acquisition Rights

The maximum number of stock acquisition rights to be allotted within one (1) year from the date of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders with respect to each fiscal year shall be 400 units.

### 3. Payment Amount for Stock Acquisition Rights

The amount to be paid for each unit of stock acquisition rights shall be the amount determined by the Board of Directors based on the fair price of the stock acquisition rights calculated by means of a fair calculation method, such as the Black-Scholes Model, when allotting stock acquisition rights. Instead of a monetary payment, the payment amount for the stock acquisition rights shall be offset against the compensation receivable, which doesn't require persons who have received an allotment of stock acquisition rights (hereinafter, "Holder(s) of Stock Acquisition Rights") to make a monetary payment.

4. Amount of Assets to be Contributed upon Exercise of Stock Acquisition Rights
The amount of assets to be contributed upon exercise of stock acquisition rights shall be the amount obtained by multiplying 1 yen for each share that can be received through the exercise of the stock acquisition rights by the Number of Shares Granted.

- 5. Period during which Stock Acquisition Rights May be Exercised
  The period during which stock acquisition rights may be exercised shall be a period within thirty
  (30) years from the day following the allotment day of the stock acquisition rights (however, if the last day of the period is a public holiday, the preceding business day shall be the final day), which shall be determined by the Company's Board of Directors.
- 6. Conditions for the Exercise of Stock Acquisition Rights
  Holders of Stock Acquisition Rights may exercise all (but not part) of the stock acquisition rights
  within a period of ten (10) days from the day following the day on which a Holder of Stock
  Acquisition Rights loses his or her position as Director of the Company (in the event that the tenth
  day is a public holiday, the following business day shall apply). Other conditions for the exercise of
  stock acquisition rights shall be determined by the Board of Directors, which decides subscription
  matters for stock acquisition rights.
- 7. Restrictions on the Acquisition of Stock Acquisition Rights by Means of Transfer Acquisitions of stock acquisition rights by means of transfer shall require the approval of the Board of Directors of the Company.
- 8. Provisions for Acquisition of Stock Acquisition Rights
  - (1) In the event that stock acquisition rights cannot be exercised due to the provisions in 6. above or due to the provisions of the stock acquisition rights allotment agreement before the Holder of Stock Acquisition Rights exercises the rights, the Company may acquire said stock acquisition rights without consideration on the date separately determined by the Board of Directors of the Company.
  - (2) In the event that proposals a), b), c), d), or e) below are approved by the General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company (if resolution by the General Meeting of Shareholders is not required, by the Board of Directors) the Company may acquire the stock acquisition rights without consideration on the date separately determined by the Board of Directors of the Company.
    - a) A proposal for the approval of a merger agreement in which the Company becomes the non-surviving company
    - b) A proposal for the approval of a company split agreement or a company split plan in which the Company becomes the split company
    - c) A proposal for the approval of a share exchange agreement or a share transfer plan in which the Company becomes the wholly owned subsidiary
    - d) A proposal for approval of an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to make provisions that require approval by the Company for the acquisition of shares by transfer with respect to all shares issued by the Company
    - e) A proposal for approval of an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to make provisions that require approval by the Company for the acquisition of shares by transfer with respect to the classes of Company's shares underlying stock acquisition rights, or that the Company may acquire all said class of shares by resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company
  - 9. Other Details of Stock Acquisition Rights
    Other details regarding stock acquisition rights shall be determined by the Board of Directors, which decides subscription matters for stock acquisition rights.

This Proposal shall take effect on condition that the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation presented in Proposal 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" take effect.

**END**