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To Shareholders with Voting Rights

Kazunori Ishii President and Representative Director **Hirose Electric Co., Ltd.** 2-6-3 Nakagawa Chuoh, Tsuzuki-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa

## NOTICE OF THE 74TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

We are pleased to announce the 74th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of Hirose Electric Co., Ltd. (the "Company"), which will be held as described below.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may exercise your voting rights in writing by submitting the Voting Rights Exercise Form or via the Internet. Please read the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders and exercise your voting rights by 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2021 (Thursday) in accordance with the guidance below.

**1. Date and Time:** June 25, 2021 (Friday), 10:00 a.m. (Reception will open at 9:00 a.m.)

**2. Venue:** 1-1-1, Shirokanedai, Minato-ku, Tokyo

HAPPO-EN, 2F SUNLIGHT

\* In the event that the venue (SUNLIGHT) is filled to capacity, we will show you to the second venue. We will not be taking questions at the second venue. If shareholders at the second venue wish to ask questions, we will move the shareholders to the venue (SUNLIGHT), so please ask one of our staff members.

#### 3. Agenda of the Meeting:

**Matters to be reported:** 

- Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 74th Fiscal Year (from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021) and Audit Reports for the Consolidated Financial Statements by the Accounting Auditor and the Audit & Supervisory Board
- 2. Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 74th Fiscal Year (from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021)

# Proposals to be resolved:

Proposal No. 1 Dividends of Surplus

Proposal No. 2 Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

**Proposal No. 3** Election of Ten (10) Directors (Excluding Directors Who Are Audit &

Supervisory Committee Members)

Proposal No. 4 Election of Three (3) Directors Who Are Audit & Supervisory Committee

Members

Proposal No. 5	Determination of the Remuneration Amount for Directors (Excluding
	Directors Who Are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members)
Proposal No. 6	Determination of the Remuneration Amount for Directors Who Are Audit &
	Supervisory Committee Members
Proposal No. 7	Determination of the Amount and Details of the Performance-Linked and
	Share-Based Remuneration, etc. for Directors (Excluding Directors Who Are
	Audit & Supervisory Committee Members and Outside Directors.)

# 4. Guidance for Exercising Voting Rights:

- (1) Exercise voting rights in writing
  - Please indicate your approval or disapproval on the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form, and return the form to us to arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2021 (Thursday).
- (2) Exercise voting rights via the Internet
  If you exercise your voting rights via the Internet, please exercise them no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2021 (Thursday).
- (3) If you exercise your voting rights twice, once in writing and once via the Internet, your Internet vote shall be deemed to be valid. If you exercise your voting rights more than once via the Internet or exercise them twice, once using a personal computer and once using a mobile phone, the last exercise shall be deemed to be valid.

#### 5. Other Matters Related to This Convocation:

Among the documents that have to be provided along with the convocation of this meeting of shareholders, Systems to Ensure Properness of Operations of the Company and Operation Status of the Systems, the Notes to the Consolidated and Non-consolidated Financial Statements are posted on the Company's website (https://www.hirose.com/corporate/ja/ir/) pursuant to the provisions of the relevant laws and regulations and Article 15 of the Company's Articles of Incorporation, therefore these are not included in this Notice. The Business Report, the Consolidated and Non-consolidated Financial Statements included in this Notice are part of the Consolidated and Non-consolidated Financial Statements that the Accounting Auditor and Audit & Supervisory Board Members audited to prepare their respective Audit Reports.

For those attending, please present the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form at the reception desk on arrival at the meeting.

If there are any amendments to the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, the Business Report and/or the Consolidated and Non-consolidated Financial Statements, these amendments will be posted on the Company's website (https://www.hirose.com/corporate/ja/ir/).

# Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders

#### **Proposals and References**

# Proposal No. 1 Dividends of Surplus

Regarding year-end dividends, comprehensively taking into account the business results and operating environment of the Company and based on the policy of stable dividend distribution to shareholders, we propose year-end dividends as follows:

- (1) Type of dividend property: Cash
- (2) Matters related to the allocation of dividends and total amount thereof:

¥120 per share of the Company's common shares

Total amount of dividends: ¥4,354,163,400

Because an interim dividend of ¥120 per share was paid, the annual dividend for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021 is ¥240 per share.

(3) Effective date of dividends of surplus: June 28, 2021

# **Proposal No. 2** Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

# 1. Reasons for amendments

The Company seeks to transition to a company with an Audit & Supervisory Committee in order to strengthen the auditing and supervision of the legality and appropriateness of its business execution and to further enhance its corporate governance. To this end, the Company seeks to establish new provisions regarding Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members and the Audit & Supervisory Committee and to delete provisions regarding Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Audit & Supervisory Board. In conjunction, the Company seeks to update the numbering of the articles. The Company wishes to delete from Article 21, Paragraph 1 of the current Articles of Incorporation the position of Director and Supreme Advisor, which does not currently exist in the Company, from Directors with titles for the purpose of realizing a slimmer structure in the Board of Directors.

#### 2. Details of amendments

Details of amendments are as follows:

The amendments to the Articles of Incorporation under this proposal shall take effect at the close of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

(Underlined portions indicate amendments.)

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation	
CHAPTER I. General Provisions	CHAPTER I. General Provisions	
Article 1 to Article 3 (Omitted)	Article 1 to Article 3 (Unchanged)	
(Establishment of Organizations) Article 4. The Company has a Board of Directors, <u>Audit &amp; Supervisory Board Members</u> , an <u>Audit &amp; Supervisory Board</u> and Accounting Auditors.	(Establishment of Organizations) Article 4. The Company has a Board of Directors, an Audit & Supervisory Committee and Accounting Auditors.	
Article 5. (Omitted)	Article 5. (Unchanged)	
Chapter II. Shares Article 6 to Article 10 (Omitted)	Chapter II. Shares Article 6 to Article 10 (Unchanged)	
Chapter III. General Meeting of Shareholders	Chapter III. General Meeting of Shareholders	
Article 11 to Article 16 (Omitted)	Article 11 to Article 16 (Unchanged)	

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation
CHAPTER IV.	CHAPTER IV.
Directors and Board of Directors	Directors and Board of Directors
(Number of Directors)  Article 17. The number of Directors of the Company shall be ten (10) or less.	(Number of Directors)  Article 17. The number of Directors of the Company  (excluding Directors who are Audit &  Supervisory Committee Members) shall be ten  (10) or less.
(Newly established)	2 The number of Directors of the Company who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members shall be (five) 5 or less.
(Election of Directors)	(Election of Directors)
Article 18. (Omitted)	Article 18. (Unchanged)
(Newly established)	The election of Directors in the preceding paragraph shall distinguish between Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members and other Directors.
<u>2</u> (Omitted)	<u>3</u> (Unchanged)
(Newly established)	4 In order to prepare for cases where there is a vacancy which results in a shortfall in the number of Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members provided in laws and regulations, the Company may elect substitute Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.
(Term of office)	(Term of office)
Article 19. The term of office of a Director shall expire at the close of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders for the last fiscal year out of the fiscal years terminating within one year after the election of the Director.	Article 19. The term of office of a Director (excluding Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members) shall expire at the close of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders for the last fiscal year out of the fiscal years terminating within one year after the election of the Director.
(Newly established)	2 The term of office of a Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member shall expire at the close of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders for the last fiscal year out of the fiscal years terminating within two years after the election of the Director.
(Newly established)	3 The term of office of a Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member appointed as a substitute for another Director who was an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member who retired before the expiration of his or her term of office shall expire at the time of expiration of the term of office of the retired Director.
(Board of Directors)	(Board of Directors)
Article 20. A notice of the convocation of a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be dispatched to each Director and Audit & Supervisory Board  Member at least two (2) days prior to the date of such meeting. However, in the case of an emergency, this period may be shortened.	Article 20. A notice of the convocation of a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be dispatched to each Director at least two (2) days prior to the date of such meeting. However, in the case of an emergency, this period may be shortened.
2 In a case where a Director submits a proposal in relation to the subject matter of a Board of Directors' resolution, if all Directors able to participate in the vote of such matter indicate their agreement in writing or by electromagnetic records, it shall be deemed an approved resolution of the Board of Directors when there	2 In a case where a Director submits a proposal in relation to the subject matter of a Board of Directors' resolution, when all Directors able to participate in the vote of such matter indicate their agreement in writing or by electromagnetic records, it shall be deemed an approved resolution of the Board of Directors.

	Current Articles of Incorporation	Propose	ed Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation
	is no objection from an Audit & Supervisory	•	•
	Board Member.	2	(Unahamanah)
3	(Omitted)	3	(Unchanged)
(Representa	tive Directors and Directors with Titles)	(Represent	ative Directors and Directors with Titles)
:	The Board of Directors, by resolution of its meetings, can elect one <u>Director and Supreme Advisor</u> , one Chairman of the Board, one President and Director, and a few Senior Managing Directors and Managing Directors.	Article 21.	The Board of Directors, by resolution of its meetings, can elect one Chairman of the Board, one President and Director, and a few Senior Managing Directors and Managing Directors from among the Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members).
2	(Omitted)	2	(Unchanged)
Article 22.	(Omitted)	Article 22.	(Unchanged)
	(Newly established)	matters)	Pursuant to the provisions of Article 399-13, Paragraph 6 of the Companies Act, the Company may delegate in whole or in part decisions regarding the execution of important operations (excluding the matters set forth in items of Paragraph 5 of such Article) to Directors by a resolution of the Board of Directors.
Audit &	CHAPTER V. Supervisory Board Members and the Audit &		(Deleted)
Article 23.	Supervisory Board  Audit & Supervisory Board Members)  The number of Audit & Supervisory Board  Members of the Company shall be five (5) or		(Deleted)
	less.		
Article 24.	Audit & Supervisory Board Members) The resolution to appoint Audit & Supervisory Board Members shall be adopted by affirmative votes of a majority of the voting rights held by the shareholders in attendance at an Ordinary General meeting of Shareholders who are entitled to exercise their voting rights, where shareholders having one-third or more of the total exercisable voting rights attend.		(Deleted)
(Term of off	ice)		(Deleted)
Article 25	The term of office of an Audit & Supervisory Board Member shall expire at the close of the ordinary general meeting of shareholders for the last fiscal year out of the fiscal years terminating within four years after the election of the Director. The term of office of an Audit & Supervisory Board Member elected as a substitute shall be until when the term of office of the retiring Audit & Supervisory Board Member was supposed to end.		(Second)
	& Supervisory Board)		(Deleted)
	A notice of the convocation of a meeting of the Audit & Supervisory Board shall be dispatched to each Audit & Supervisory Board Member at least three (3) days prior to the date of such		

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation
meeting. However, in the case of an emergency, this period may be shortened.  2 Matters concerning the Audit & Supervisory Board shall be governed by the Rules for the Audit & Supervisory Board established by the Audit & Supervisory Board.	
(Standing Audit & Supervisory Board Members)  Article 27. The Audit & Supervisory Board shall select Standing Audit & Supervisory Board Members from the Audit & Supervisory Board Members	(Deleted)
(Newly established)	<u>CHAPTER V.</u> The Audit & Supervisory Committee
(Newly established)	(The Audit & Supervisory Committee)  Article 24. A notice of the convocation of a meeting of the Audit & Supervisory Committee shall be dispatched to each Audit & Supervisory Committee Member at least three (3) days prior to the date of such meeting. However, in the case of an emergency, this period may be shortened.  2 Matters concerning the Audit & Supervisory Committee shall be governed by the Rules for the Audit & Supervisory Committee established by the Audit & Supervisory Committee.
(Newly established)	(Standing Audit & Supervisory Committee Members)  Article 25. The Audit & Supervisory Committee may select Standing Audit & Supervisory Committee Members in accordance with such resolution.
Chapter VI. Exemption from Liability of Directors <u>and</u> Audit & Supervisory Board Members	Chapter VI. Exemption from Liability of Directors
(Partial Exemption from Liability for Damages)	(Partial Exemption from Liability for Damages)
Article 28. The Company may exempt Directors (including former Directors) and Audit & Supervisory  Board Members (including former Audit & Supervisory Board Members) from their liability for damages to the Company by resolution of the Board of Directors to the extent prescribed by laws and regulations.	Article <u>26</u> . The Company may exempt Directors (including former Directors) from their liability for damages to the Company by resolution of the Board of Directors to the extent prescribed by laws and regulations.
2 The Company may enter into agreements with Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board	2 The Company may enter into agreements with Directors who are not Executive Directors

Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board

Members who are not Executive Directors concerning their liability for damages to the Company. However, that liability limit for damages shall be the amount prescribed by laws and regulations.

Chapter VII.

Article 29 to Article 32 (Omitted)

(Newly established)

Accounting

Chapter VII. Accounting Article 27 to Article 30 (Unchanged)

and regulations.

Supplementary Provisions

(Transitional Measures for Exemption from Liability of

concerning their liability for damages to the

damages shall be the amount prescribed by laws

Company. However, that liability limit for

Audit & Supervisory Board Members)

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	Article 1.	In accordance with the provisions of Article 426,
		Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company
		may, by a resolution of the Board of Directors,
		exempt Audit & Supervisory Board Members
		(including former Audit & Supervisory Board
		Members) before the conclusion of the 74th
		Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders from
		their liability for damages due to negligence of
		their duties to the extent prescribed by laws and
		regulations.

# Proposal No. 3 Election of Ten (10) Directors (Excluding Directors Who Are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members)

If Proposal No. 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" is approved as originally proposed, the Company will become a Company with an Audit & Supervisory Committee and the term of office of nine (9) Directors will expire at the close of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

Therefore, the Company proposes the election of ten (10) Directors (Excluding Directors Who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members). This proposal can only take effect after Proposal No. 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" takes effect.

The candidates are as follows:

[Reference] List of candidates for Director

No.		Name	Current positions and responsibilities in the Company
1	Reelection	Kazunori Ishii	President and Representative Director
2	Reelection	Mitsuo Nakamura	Senior Managing Director Group President–Engineering; concurrently responsible for Production Group
3	Reelection	Yukio Kiriya	Director General Manager–Production
4	Reelection	Hiroshi Satoh	Director Group President–Sales & Marketing
5	New election	Shin Kamagata	Operating Officer Acting Group President–Administration; concurrently General Manager–Corporate Planning Department
6	New election	Jun Inasaka	Operating Officer Deputy Group President–Engineering; concurrently Division General Manager–SB Division
7	Reelection	Sang-Yeob Lee	Director
8	Reelection Outside Independent	Kensuke Hotta	Outside Director
9	Reelection Outside Independent	Tetsuji Motonaga	Outside Director
10	Reelection Outside Independent	Masanori Nishimatsu	Outside Director

No conflict of interest exists between the Company and any of the above candidates.

Reelection Candidate for Director to be reelected

New election Candidate for Director to be newly elected

Outside Candidate for Outside Director

Independent Independent Officer as defined by the securities exchange

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions and responsibilities in the Company and significant concurrent positions at other organizations		Number of shares owned		
1	Reelection  Kazunori Ishii (January 4, 1960)  Attendance at Board of Directors meetings 11/11	President and Re ELECTRIC CO., President and Re ELECTRIC CO., President and Re ELECTRIC CO., Representative D	presentative Director of KORIYAMA HIROSE LTD. presentative Director of ICHINOSEKI HIROSE LTD. presentative Director of ICHINOSEKI HIROSE LTD.	1,182		
	(Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director)					

(Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director)

The Company nominates Mr. Kazunori Ishii as a candidate for Director for another term because we believe he is well qualified for the position as he has supervised and managed the whole Group as President.

No.	Name (Date of birth)		ry, positions and responsibilities in the Company and ant concurrent positions at other organizations	Number of shares owned
	Reelection  Mitsuo Nakamura	April 1980 July 2007 June 2009 June 2010	Joined the Company Deputy Group President–Engineering of the Company Operating Officer of the Company Director of the Company	
2	(February 23, 1958)  Attendance at Board of Directors meetings	June 2013 June 2015 June 2016	Deputy Group President–Engineering of the Company Group President–Engineering of the Company Managing Director of the Company Group President–Engineering of the Company; concurrently responsible for Production Group (to present)	551
	Infectings 11/11  June 2019  Senior Managing Director of the Company (to present)  (Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director)  The Company nominates Mr. Mitsuo Nakamura as a candidate for Director for another term because we believe he is well qualified for the position as he has supervised and managed technological			
3	development of the Group as Senior Managing Director.  April 1982 Joined the Company April 2013 Deputy General Manager—Production of the Company  June 2015 Operating Officer of the Company November 2015 Acting General Manager—Production of the Company  April 2016 Acting General Manager—Production of the Company; concurrently responsible for Quality Assurance Department  Director of the Company			

No.	Name (Date of birth)		ary, positions and responsibilities in the Company and cant concurrent positions at other organizations	Number of shares owned
4	Reelection  Hiroshi Satoh (December 23, 1970)  Attendance at Board of Directors meetings 11/11  (Reasons for nomi	April 1993 July 2001 February 2017 April 2018 June 2019 April 2020	Joined MITSUI & CO., LTD. Joined KEYENCE CORPORATION Joined the Company Division General Manager—International Business Division—Sales & Marketing of the Company Director of the Company (to present) Group President—Sales & Marketing of the Company; concurrently Division General Manager—International Business Division Group President—Sales & Marketing of the Company (to present)	200
	The Company non	ninates Mr. Hirosh	is Satoh as a candidate for Director for another term beca osition as he has supervised and managed sales and mark	
5	New election Shin Kamagata (June 4, 1966)	April 1990 May 1997 April 2000 February 2002 June 2002 July 2008 February 2019 June 2019 June 2020	Joined NTT DATA Corporation Seconded to NTT DATA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT CONSULTING, Inc. Chief Consultant of NTT DATA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT CONSULTING, Inc. Joined the Company Manager—Overall Business Innovation Office— Administration of the Company Manager—IT General Administration Office— Administration of the Company General Manager—Corporate Planning Department— Administration of the Company; concurrently General Manager—IT General Administration Department Operating Officer of the Company (to present) Deputy Group President—Administration of the Company; concurrently General Manager—Corporate Planning Department and General Manager—IT General Administration Department Acting Group President—Administration of the Company; concurrently General Manager—Corporate Planning Department	520

No.	Name (Date of birth)		ry, positions and responsibilities in the Company and ant concurrent positions at other organizations	Number of shares owned		
		April 1985 April 2003	Joined NEC Corporation General Manager of Computer Business Division Department and Circuit Technology Department of NEC Corporation			
		April 2005	Deputy Division General Manager of Computer Business Division Department of NEC Corporation			
		April 2009	General Manager of HPC Business Division Department of NEC Corporation			
	New election  Jun Inasaka	April 2014	Chief Technology Manager of IT Platform Business Division Department and Senior Advanced Technologist of NEC Corporation			
6	(March 6, 1961)	February 2016	Joined the Company Deputy Division General Manager–SB Division–	100		
		January 2017	Engineering of the Company Division General Manager–SB Division– Engineering of the Company			
		June 2019	Operating Officer of the Company (to present)			
		October 2020	Deputy Group President–Engineering of the Company; concurrently General Manager–SB			
_			Division (to present)			
	(Reasons for nomin					
		sition as he has su	saka as a new candidate for Director because we believe pervised and managed the SB business, production tech			
	development purch	January 1984	Joined Hanwha Corporation / Explosives			
		March 1989	Joined HIROSE KOREA CO., LTD.			
		July 2007	Chairman of WEIHAI HIROSE KOREA ELECTRIC CO., LTD.			
	Reelection		(to present)			
	Sang-Yeob Lee (July 1, 1961)	August 2007	Representative Director, the Employee Welfare Fund of HIROSE KOREA CO., LTD.			
	Attendance at Board of	June 2010	(to present) Executive Vice President and Representative Director of HIROSE KOREA CO., LTD.	0		
7	Directors meetings	November 2011	President and Representative Director of HIROSE KOREA CO., LTD.			
	10/11	June 2018	(to present) Director of the Company			
		(3: :0:	(to present)			
		` •	urrent positions at other organizations) presentative Director of HIROSE KOREA CO., LTD.			
(Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director)						
			eob Lee as a candidate for Director for another term bec	eause we		
			sition as he has supervised and managed major subsidia			
	Group.					

No.	Name (Date of birth)		ry, positions and responsibilities in the Company and ant concurrent positions at other organizations	Number of shares owned
8	Reelection Outside Independent Kensuke Hotta (October 12, 1938) Number of years in office 10 years Attendance at Board of Directors meetings 11/11	Chairman and Re	Joined The Sumitomo Bank, Limited (currently Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation) Director of The Sumitomo Bank, Limited Representative Director and Executive Vice President of The Sumitomo Bank, Limited Chairman of Morgan Stanley Japan Limited (currently Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities Co., Ltd.) Chairman and Representative Director of Morgan Stanley Japan Securities (currently Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities Co., Ltd.) Outside Statutory Auditor of SEIREN CO., LTD. Chairman and Representative Director of Hotta Sogo Jimusho K.K. (to present) Advisory Director of Morgan Stanley Japan Securities Co., Ltd. (currently Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities Co., Ltd.) Chairman and Representative Director of Greenhill & Co. Japan Ltd. Outside Director of the Company (to present) Senior Advisor of Greenhill & Co. Japan Ltd. Outside Director of SEIREN CO., LTD. (to present) urrent positions at other organizations) epresentative Director of Hotta Sogo Jimusho K.K. of SEIREN CO., LTD.	0
1	(Peasons for nomination as candidate for Director and expected roles)			

(Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director and expected roles)

Mr. Kensuke Hotta has dully fulfilled his role as Outside Director such as making decisions on important matters for management and supervising the execution of business from an independent, fair and impartial standpoint. In addition, the Company nominates him as a candidate for Outside Director for another term because we expect he will provide appropriate oversight on the management of the Company utilizing his considerable experience and in-depth knowledge as a corporate manager.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions and responsibilities in the Company and significant concurrent positions at other organizations		Number of shares owned
9	Reelection Outside Independent Tetsuji Motonaga (August 4, 1960) Number of years in office 4 years Attendance at Board of Directors meetings 11/11	Representative D Auditor of Keisei	Joined Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (NYK LINE) Joined Boston Consulting Group	
	(Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director and expected roles)  Mr. Tetsuji Motonaga has dully fulfilled his role as Outside Director such as making decisions on important matters for management and supervising the execution of business from an independent, fair and impartial standpoint. In addition, the Company nominates him as a candidate for Outside Director for another term because we expect he will provide appropriate oversight on the management of the Company utilizing his extensive track records and in-depth knowledge as a management consultant.			
10	Reelection Outside Independent  Masanori Nishimatsu (February 3, 1958) Number of years in office 1 year  Attendance at Board of Directors meetings 9/9	April 1980 April 2003 June 2003 April 2007 June 2010 June 2013 April 2015	Joined Nomura Securities Co., Ltd. Director of Nomura Securities Co., Ltd. Executive Officer of Nomura Securities Co., Ltd. Managing Executive Officer of Nomura Securities Co., Ltd. Director of Nomura Holdings, Inc. Director of Nomura Securities Co., Ltd. Representative Director and President of Nomura Land and Building Co., Ltd. Representative Director and President of Nomura China Investment Corporation Representative Director and President of Saitama Kaihatsu Corporation Outside Director of the Company (to present)	0

Mr. Masanori Nishimatsu has dully fulfilled his role as Outside Director such as making decisions on important matters for management and supervising the execution of business from an independent, fair and impartial standpoint. The Company nominates him as a candidate for Outside Director for another term because we expect he will provide appropriate oversight on the management of the Company utilizing his considerable experience and in-depth knowledge as a corporate manager.

#### Notes:

- 1. There is no special interest between the candidates and the Company.
- 2. Mr. Kensuke Hotta, Mr. Tetsuji Motonaga and Mr. Masanori Nishimatsu are candidates for Outside Director, and all meet the requirements of the Company's prescribed "Standards for Independence of Outside Directors."

- 3. The Company has designated Mr. Hotta, Mr. Motonaga and Mr. Nishimatsu as Independent Officers as stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange and reported them as such to the exchange. If their reelection is approved, the Company intends to continue to designate them as Independent Officers.
- 4. Mr. Hotta's term of office as Outside Director will be ten years at the closing of this General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 5. Mr. Motonaga's term of office as Outside Director will be four years at the closing of this General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 6. Mr. Nishimatsu's term of office as Outside Director will be one year at the closing of this General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 7. Pursuant to Article 427, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into a liability limitation agreement with Mr. Hotta, Mr. Motonaga and Mr. Nishimatsu, to limit their liability for damages to the effect that if such liability as stipulated in Article 423, paragraph (1) of the Act is not resulting from serious negligence and their duties are conducted in good faith, the limit of the amount for which they are liable under such agreement shall be the sum of the amounts set forth in each item (minimum liability amount) of Article 425, paragraph (1) of the Act. If their reelection is approved, the Company intends to continue the limited liability agreement.
- 8. The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance policy with an insurance company, and the policy is designed to cover damages that may arise from the insured persons assuming responsibility for the execution of their duties or receiving claims related to the pursuit of such responsibility. However, there are exemptions such as where damage caused by intent or gross negligence is not covered. The ten candidates will be included as insured persons in the policy. Note that such insurance was renewed with the previous details on March 29, 2021 and the Company plans to renew the policy with the same details on the next renewal date after one year.

# Proposal No. 4 Election of 3 Directors Who Are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members

If Proposal No. 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" is approved as originally proposed, the Company will become a company with Audit & Supervisory committee.

Therefore, the Company proposes the election of three (3) Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members. The Audit & Supervisory Board has consented to this proposition.

This proposal can only take effect after Proposal No. 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" takes effect.

Candidates for the role of Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member are as follows:

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions and responsibilities in the Company and significant concurrent positions at other organizations		Number of shares owned
1	New election Yoshikazu Chiba (May 12, 1954) Attendance at Board of Directors meetings 11/11	April 1978 December 2006 May 2014 June 2014	Joined the Company General Manager–Secretary Office of the Company Deputy Advisor to the President of the Company (Standing) Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company (to present)	661

(Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member)
Mr. Yoshikazu Chiba has been a Standing Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company for
many years utilizing his considerable experience in a broad range of areas of the Company. Due to his
experience cultivated thus far, he is expected to appropriately monitor the execution of business, so the
Company nominates him as a new candidate for a Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee
Member.

		April 1972	Joined Kanematsu-Gosho, Ltd. (currently	
			KANEMATSU CORPORATION)	
		October 1974	Joined Price Waterhouse Accounting Office	
		April 1978	Joined Serizawa Law and Accounting Office	
		March 1979	Registered as certified public accountant	
	New election	June 1979	Registered as tax accountant	
	Outside	April 1985	Established Sugishima Certified Public	
	Independent		Accountant Office	
	III wo p o II wo III		(to present)	
	Terukazu	June 2007	Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member	
	Sugishima		of Starzen Co., Ltd.	0
	(March 12, 1950)	June 2008	Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member	
	Attendance at		of the Company	
2	Board of Directors		(to present)	
2	meetings	June 2015	Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member	
	11/11		of Chuetsu Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.	
		June 2016	Outside Director of Chuetsu Pulp & Paper Co.,	
			Ltd.	
			(to present)	
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	Outside Director of Chuetsu Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.			
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(Reasons for nomination as candidate for Outside Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member and expected roles)

Mr. Terukazu Sugishima has been an Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company for many years utilizing his expert knowledge and experience as a certified public accountant. Due to his experience cultivated thus far, he is expected to appropriately monitor the execution of business, so the Company nominates him as a new candidate for Outside Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions and responsibilities in the Company and significant concurrent positions at other organizations		Number of shares owned
3	New election Outside Independent Kentaro Miura (March 22, 1972) Attendance at Board of Directors meetings 11/11	June 1995 June 2014	Audit & Supervisory Board Member of T.P.S. Laboratory Co., Ltd. (to present) Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company (to present)	0

(Reasons for nomination as candidate for Outside Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member and expected roles)

Mr. Kentaro Miura has been an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company for many years utilizing his extensive track record and in-depth knowledge as a management consultant. Due to his experience cultivated thus far, he is expected to appropriately monitor the execution of business, so the Company nominates him as a new candidate for Outside Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member.

#### Notes:

- 1. There is no special interest between the candidates and the Company.
- 2. Mr. Terukazu Sugishima and Mr. Kentaro Miura are candidates for Outside Director, and both meet the requirements of the Company's prescribed "Standards for Independence of Outside Directors."
- If Mr. Sugishima and Mr. Miura assume office as Outside Directors, the Company plans to register them both with the Tokyo Stock Exchange as Independent Officers as defined by the securities exchange.
- 4. Mr. Sugishima's term of office as Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member will be thirteen years at the closing of this General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 5. Mr. Miura's term of office as Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member will be seven years at the closing of this General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 6. Pursuant to Article 427, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into a liability limitation agreement with Mr. Sugishima and Mr. Miura to limit their liability for damages to the effect that if such liability as stipulated in Article 423, paragraph (1) of the Act is not resulting from serious negligence and their duties are conducted in good faith, the limit of the amount for which they are liable under such agreement shall be the sum of the amounts set forth in each item (minimum liability amount) of Article 425, paragraph (1) of the Act. If their reelection is approved, the Company intends to continue the limited liability agreement.
- 7. The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance policy with an insurance company, and the policy is designed to cover damages that may arise from the insured persons assuming responsibility for the execution of their duties or receiving claims related to the pursuit of such responsibility. The three candidates will be included as insured persons in the policy. However, there are exemptions such as where damage caused by intent or gross negligence is not covered. Note that such insurance was renewed with the previous details on March 29, 2021 and the Company plans to renew the policy with the same details on the next renewal date after one year.

# (Reference) Standards for Independence of Outside Directors

The Company selects Independent Outside Directors who satisfy the requirements of Independent Officer as stipulated by financial instruments exchanges and possess track records and relevant knowledge in their respective fields. More specifically, if an Outside Director does not fall under any of the following cases, the Outside Director is determined as having independence.

- In the case where the Outside Director is currently serving, or has once served during the past ten years, as an executive of the Company or any of its subsidiaries
- In the case where the Outside Director is currently serving as an executive of a company with which the Group engages in transactions, and the amount of the transactions exceeds 2% of consolidated net sales of any fiscal year among the last three fiscal years
- In the case where the Outside Director receives, as a legal or accounting expert or consultant, remuneration (excluding remuneration paid as a Director of the Company and remuneration paid to the organization or firm to which the Outside Director belongs) exceeding the average annual amount of ¥10 million directly from the Company during the last three fiscal years
- In the case where the Outside Director belongs to an organization such as corporation (which includes law firm, audit corporation, tax accountant corporation and consulting firm) and association, and remuneration received from the Company exceeds the higher of either 2% or more of the average annual amount of gross sales of the said organization such as corporation or association in the last three fiscal years or ¥100 million or more
- In the case where the Outside Director is currently an employee, etc., of an audit corporation that is the Accounting Auditor of the Company or any of its subsidiaries
- In the case where the Outside Director has once engaged in auditing operations for the Company or any of its subsidiaries as an employee, etc., of an audit corporation that is the Accounting Auditor of the Company or any of its subsidiaries during the last three years
- In the case where a relative within the second degree of consanguinity of the Outside Director is currently serving, or has once served in the past, as an Executive of the Company or any of its subsidiaries

Note: For the purpose of this standard, Executives refer to any and all Directors (Excluding Outside Directors and Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members), Operating Officers and General Manager or above.

# Proposal No. 5 Determination of the Remuneration Amount for Directors (Excluding Directors Who Are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members)

If Proposal No. 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" is approved as originally proposed, the Company will become a company with Audit & Supervisory committee.

The remuneration amount for Directors of the Company was approved for an annual amount of up to ¥880 million at the 59th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 29, 2006 and has remained to the present. However, this is to be abolished with the transition to a company with Audit & Supervisory Committee and a new remuneration amount set for Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members). The Company proposes that the remuneration amount be the same as what has been set as the remuneration amount for Directors to date for an annual amount of up to ¥880 million (including an annual amount of up to ¥70 million for Outside Directors).

The Company deems this proposal to be appropriate with the decision made by the Board of Directors following deliberation by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, comprehensively taking into consideration factors such as the size of the Company's business, the remuneration system for Officers and payment levels, the number of current Officers and the future outlook. In addition, the determination policy concerning the contents of the remuneration, etc. for individual Directors of the Company is as described on page 39 of the Business Report (Japanese only).

Such remuneration amount, however, does not include the portion of employee salaries of Directors concurrently serving as employees.

The current number of Directors is nine (9) (including three (3) Outside Directors) and the number of Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members) covered by this proposal shall be ten (10) (including three (3) Outside Directors) if Proposal No. 2 and Proposal No. 3 are approved as originally proposed.

This proposal, however, can only take effect after the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation under Proposal No. 2 take effect.

# Proposal No. 6 Determination of the Remuneration Amount for Directors Who Are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members

If Proposal No. 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" is approved as originally proposed, the Company will become a company with Audit & Supervisory committee.

Therefore, the Company proposes that the remuneration amount for Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members to be the same as what has been set as the remuneration amount for Audit & Supervisory Board Members at the 59th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 29, 2006 for an annual amount of up to ¥75 million.

The Company deems this proposal to be appropriate with the decision made by comprehensively taking into consideration factors such as the size of the Company's business, the remuneration system for Officers and payment levels, the number of current Officers and the future outlook, as well as the advice of the Nomination and Compensation Committee.

The number of Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members covered by this proposal shall be three (3) if Proposal No. 2 and Proposal No. 4 are approved as originally proposed.

This proposal, however, can only take effect after the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation under Proposal No. 2 take effect.

# Proposal No. 7 Determination of the Amount and Details of the Performance-Linked and Share-Based Remuneration, etc. for Directors (Excluding Directors Who Are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members and Outside Directors)

1. Reasons for the proposals and reasons for justification of such remuneration plan

The remuneration of the Company's Directors currently comprises "basic remuneration" and "performance-linked remuneration" and the Company seeks approval of this approval to introduce a new performance-linked and share-based remuneration plan (hereinafter, the "Plan") for Directors (as noted below, excluding Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members and Outside Directors). The amount and details of the remuneration under the Plan are as provided in 2 below. The Company would like to delegate such details to the Board of Directors within the framework set out in 2 below.

The Plan links Directors' remuneration more clearly with the Company's performance and share value, sharing the profits and risk of share price movements with our shareholders, thereby increasing awareness of their contribution to the medium- to long-term improvement in the business performance and to the enhancement of corporate value.

Specifically, this proposal is separate from the remuneration limit requested for approval in Proposal No. 5 "Determination of the Remuneration Amount for Directors (Excluding Directors Who Are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members)" and is for payment of a new performance-linked and share-based remuneration to Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members and Outside Directors, hereinafter the same shall apply) who are in office during the 3-year period from the day following the conclusion of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders until the day on which the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders concludes in June 2024 (hereinafter, the "applicable period") in accordance with the Plan.

The purpose for introducing the Plan is as described above and the Company decided the determination policy concerning the contents of the remuneration, etc. for individual Directors at the Board of Directors meeting held on February 25, 2021 and provides an outline on page 39 of the Business Report (Japanese only). If this proposal is approved as originally proposed, the Company plans to partially amend such policy. However, even under the amended determination policy, there will be no change in the basic policy that the remuneration system should be linked to shareholders' interests so that it can function sufficiently as an incentive to continuously improve corporate value. Therefore, the introduction of the Plan, which clarifies the linkage between Directors' remuneration and stock value, is also in line with the said amended policy. Furthermore, this proposal has been decided by the Board of Directors after deliberation by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, and the Company considers the details of this proposal to be appropriate.

If Proposal No. 2 "Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation" and Proposal No. 3 "Election of ten (10) Directors (Excluding Directors Who Are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members)" are approved as originally proposed, there will be seven (7) Directors eligible for the Plan. This proposal shall become effective on the condition that the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation in Proposal 2 becomes effective.

- \* If this proposal is approved as originally proposed, the Company plans to introduce a similar performance-linked and share-based remuneration plan for Operating Offices with whom the Company has executed a delegation contract.
- 2. Amount and details of remuneration, etc. under the Plan, etc.
  - (1) Outline of the Plan

The Plan is a share-based remuneration scheme whereby a trust is established with cash contributed by the Company (hereinafter, the "Trust"), which then acquires the Company's shares, with the Company's shares delivered to each Director through the Trust in an amount equivalent to the number of points the Company grants to each Director.

The timing for Directors to receive such shares is, in principle, when the Director retires.

(1)	Eligible persons of the Plan	Directors of the Company (excluding Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members and Outside Directors.)
(2)	Applicable period	From the day following the conclusion of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders until the day on which the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders concludes in June 2024
(3)	Maximum amount of cash to be contributed by the Company as funds to acquire the Company's shares necessary to deliver to eligible persons under (1) during the applicable period (three years) under (2)	Total ¥264 million
(4)	Method for acquiring the Company's shares	Through disposal of treasury stock or acquisition through the stock exchange market (including off market transactions)
(5)	Maximum number of total points to be granted to eligible persons under (1)	8,800 points per year
(6)	Criteria for granting points	Grant points according to measures such as position and level of achievement of performance targets
(7)	Period of delivery of the Company's shares to the eligible persons under (1)	In principle, on retirement

# (2) Maximum amount of cash contributed by the Company

The initial trust period for the Trust is taken to be approximately three years and the Company will contribute cash to a maximum total of \(\frac{\text{\$\frac{4}}}{264}\) million for funds to acquire the Company's shares necessary to deliver to the Directors in accordance with the Plan during the applicable period as remuneration for Directors in office during the applicable period and the Trust is established with the Directors who acquire the beneficiary rights as beneficiaries as outlined in (3) 3) below. The Trust shall use the cash entrusted by the Company to fund the acquisition of the Company's shares through disposal of the Company's treasury stock or acquisition through the stock exchange market (including off market transactions).

Note: The cash actually entrusted in the Trust by the Company shall be an amount to fund the acquisition of the Company's shares noted above as well as a forecast amount necessary to cover expenses such as trust fees and trust administrator remuneration. In addition, if the Company introduces a performance-linked and share-based remuneration plan similar to the Plan for Operating Offices with whom the Company has executed a delegation contract as outlined above, the necessary funds to acquire the Company's shares to deliver to Operating Officers in accordance with that plan shall be entrusted together.

In accordance with a decision of the Company's Board of Directors, the applicable period may be extended at any time for periods of up to five years while the trust period for the Trust will also be extended accordingly (this included the effective extension of the trust period with the transfer of trust assets to a trust with the same purpose as the Trust established by the Company, hereinafter the same shall apply) and the Plan may continue. In this case, the Company shall make additional contribution to the Trust of cash to a maximum amount calculated by multiplying the number of years in the applicable period for the extended portion by \mathbb{\text{\text{\$\text{\$Y8\$}}}} million as the funds for additional acquisition of the Company's shares necessary to deliver to Directors in accordance with the Plan during the extended portion of such

applicable period, and the granting of points and delivery of the Company's shares will continue as outlined in (3) below.

In addition, even if there is no extension to the applicable period as noted above and the Plan does not continue, if there are Directors who have not yet retired who have already been granted points when the trust period expires, the trust period for the Trust may be extended until such Directors retire and the delivery of the Company's shares is completed.

# (3) Calculation method and maximum number of the Company's shares to be delivered to Directors

# 1) Method of granting points to Directors, etc.

The Company shall grant points to each Director in accordance with the share delivery regulations prescribed by the Company's Board of Directors according to factors such as position and level of achievement of the performance targets on the point grant date prescribed in the share delivery regulations during the trust period.

However, the maximum total number of points to be granted by the Company to Directors is 8,800 points per year, while a condition of granting points is the achievement of the values for the prescribed performance targets (performance targets prescribed by the Board of Directors such as consolidated operating profit margin).

# 2) Delivery of the Company's shares corresponding to the number of granted points

Directors shall receive delivery of the Company's shares corresponding to the number of points granted in 1) above in accordance with the procedures outlined in 3) below. However, if a Director resigns due to personal reasons, all or part of the points granted up until then shall lapse, and the delivery of the Company's shares matching such lapsed points shall not be received.

One point equates to one of the Company's shares. However, in the event of a share split, consolidation of shares or allotment of shares without contribution in relation to the Company's shares, adjustment shall be made corresponding to the share split ratio or reverse share split ratio, etc.

## 3) Delivery of the Company's shares to Directors

Each Director shall in principle acquire beneficiary rights of the Trust through prescribed procedures on retirement and shall receive delivery of the Company's shares under 2) above from the Trust as a beneficiary of the Trust.

However, a certain portion of the Company's shares may be sold with proceeds realized in the Trust for the purpose of the Company to withhold funds to pay taxes such as withholding taxes, so cash may be delivered in lieu of the Company's shares. In addition, if the Company's shares held in the Trust are converted to cash due to the settlement such as a subscription to a tender offeror the Company's shares held in the Trust, cash may be delivered in lieu of the Company's shares.

## (4) Exercise of voting rights

Pursuant to the instructions of the trust administrator who is independent from the Company and Officers, the voting rights associated with the Company's shares held in the Trust shall not be exercised without exception. This will assure the neutrality of the Company's management in relation to exercise of voting rights of the Company's shares held in the Trust.

# (5) Handling of dividends

Dividends on the Company's shares held in the Trust shall be received by the Trust, and shall be appropriated towards payment for acquisition of the Company's shares and trust fees for the trustee associated with the Trust, etc.