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June 12, 2025
(The start date of the electronic provision measures is June 5, 2025)

Attention All Shareholders

Noriyuki Matsuoka Representative Director and President MATSUOKA CORPORATION 4-14 Takara-machi, Fukuyama, Hiroshima

CONVOCATION NOTICE FOR THE 69th ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Dear Shareholder,

Thank you for your continued support and interest in Matsuoka Corporation (the "Company").

You are hereby notified that the 69th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held as described below.

We have implemented electronic provision measures for your convenience. The relevant information regarding the convocation of the 69th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders can be accessed through the following websites.

1. Our company website:

You can visit our official website at the following URL https://www.matuoka.co.jp/ir/library/



2. Tokyo Stock Exchange website:

The information is also available on the Tokyo Stock Exchange website. Please visit the following URL



https://www2.jpx.co.jp/tseHpFront/JJK010010Action.do?Show=Show

To access the details, search for our company by entering company name or security code. Then, select "Basic Information" and navigate to "Browse Documents/PR Information."

Please note that if you wish to exercise your voting rights by written form or via the internet, we kindly ask you to refer the document titled "Instructions for Exercising Voting Rights" below. Thereafter, please review the shareholder meeting reference materials provided through the electronic provision measures and proceed to exercise your voting rights accordingly no later than 6 p.m., Thursday, June 26, 2025 (JST).

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Details

1. Date and Time Friday, June 27, 2025 at 10 a.m. (JST)

2. Venue Koyo Room, 3F, FUKUYAMA NEW CASTLE HOTEL

8-16 Sannomaru-cho, Fukuyama, Hiroshima

3. Meeting Agenda

Matters to be reported 1. The Company's 69th fiscal year (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025) business

reports including business overview, and Audit Results of the Consolidated Financial Statements by Accounting Auditor and the Audit Committee

2. Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 69th fiscal year

(April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025)

Matters to be resolved

Proposal No. 1 Appropriation of Retained Earnings
Proposal No. 2 Election of nine (9) Directors

Proposal No. 3 Election of four (4) Audit & Supervisory Board Members

Proposal No. 4 Revision of Directors' Remuneration

End

- ① If you are attending the meeting in person, please kindly submit the enclosed Voting Form at the reception desk upon your arrival at the venue.
- Please be aware that the following items are not included in the physical documents we are providing. This exclusion is in accordance with legal requirements and our company's Articles of Incorporation.

 The Audit & Supervisory Board Members and accounting auditors have audited the subject documents, including the following matters:
 - 1. In the business report: "Matters concerning the company's new share subscription rights," "Matters concerning the auditor," and "Structure and operational status to ensure proper business operations."
 - 2. The consolidated statement of changes in shareholders' equity and the consolidated notes to the financial statements.
 - 3. The statement of changes in shareholders' equity and the specific notes to the financial statements.
- ◎ If any revisions occur to the electronic versions, we will promptly publish the updated information on our company website and the Tokyo Stock Exchange website, as previously mentioned.

Reference Documents for the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders

Proposals and Reference Items

Proposal No. 1 Appropriation of Retained Earning

Regarding the appropriation of retained earnings, we maintain a target consolidated payout ratio of approximately 30% as our core dividend policy, adjusting distributions based on actual performance while balancing strategic needs for growth investments, financial stability, and retained earnings to strengthen our business foundation.

For the 69th fiscal year, in alignment with our business performance and our commitment to returning profits to shareholders, the Company intends to declare the following year-end dividend.

(Year-end dividend)

- (1) Type of dividend property Cash
- (2) Allocation of dividends and the total amount 90 yen per share of common stock of the Company Total amount of dividends: 939,369,420 yen
- (3) Effective date of payment of dividends June 30, 2025

Proposal No. 2 Election of nine (9) Directors

Terms of office for all nine (9) directors will expire at the close of this General Meeting. We hereby propose the election of nine (9) Directors.

The Director candidates are as follows.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary significant conc	y, positions, responsibilities and current positions	Number shares of the Company held	of
1	Noriyuki Matsuoka (Jan. 24, 1957) Reelection	Jun. 2018 Jun. 2021 Jun. 2022 Apr. 2024 (Significant co Chairman, MA Chairman, JIA	Senior Managing Director of the Company Representative Director and President of the Company Chairman of MATSUOKA INDUSTRY GROUP CO., LTD. (to present) Representative Director and President, Chief Executive Officer of the Company Representative Director and President Representative Director, President CEO Representative Director and President President and CEO and COO Representative Director and President (to present) Concurrent positions) ATSUOKA INDUSTRY GROUP CO., LTD. XING DEYONG TEXTILES CO., LTD. Textiles & Garments (HK) Limited	1,241,300	

[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director]

Mr. Matsuoka has been leading the management as the head of the entire Group since taking office as Representative Director of the Company in June 2000. He brings extensive experience as a corporate leader and possesses profound insights into the apparel and garments industry. The Company recognizes his exceptional expertise and abilities that can continually enhance corporate value and drive sustainable growth. As such, he has been nominated as a candidate for the position of Director of the Company.

No.	Name (Date of birth)		ary, positions, responsibilities and neurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
2	Atsushi Watanabe (Dec. 17, 1979) Reelection	Apr. 2002 Apr. 2017 Jul. 2018 Jul. 2019 Apr. 2021 Apr. 2023 Apr. 2024 Jun. 2024	Joined the Company General manager, Sales Dept.3, Sales Division Executive Officer, Sales Dept.3 Senior Executive Officer, Sales Senior Executive Officer, General Manager, Sales Executive Officer, Deputy General Manager Executive Managing Officer Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of Sales Director, Managing Executive Officer, Business Division Head, General Manager of Business Unit 1 Director, Managing Executive Officer, Business Division Head, General Manager of Business Unit 1, Head of Sales Dept.3 (to present)	39,400

Since joining the Company in 2002, Mr. Watanabe has amassed decades of experience in sales. As the head of the sales division, he has consistently demonstrated leadership and expertise in this role. We respectfully propose his reappointment to continue supporting our Company's business development initiatives.

No.	Name (Date of birth)		ry, positions, responsibilities and acurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
3	Yasuharu Tamura (Apr. 13, 1959) Reelection	Apr. 1982 Mar. 2012 Mar. 2016 Mar. 2018 Mar. 2020 Mar. 2021 Mar. 2022 Mar. 2023 Apr. 2023 Apr. 2023 Apr. 2024 Apr. 2025	Joined KASHIYAMA CO., LTD. (currently ONWARD HOLDINGS CO., LTD.) Director, in charge of sales of western Japan, Onward Trading Co., Ltd Managing director, Head of sales, Onward Trading Co., Ltd President and CEO, Onward Trading Co., Ltd Chairman of the Board, Onward Trading Co., Ltd Managing Executive Officer in charge of Corporate Business, ONWARD HOLDINGS Chairman of the Board, Onward Trading Co., Ltd Special Advisor, ONWARD HOLDINGS Joined the Company Head of Group Corporate Planning division Director, in charge of Corporate Planning Director, Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of Administration Div., Head of Corporate Planning, and Head of HR Div. Director, Managing Executive Officer, Head of Corporate Planning (to present)	0

Mr. Tamura possesses an exceptional grasp and extensive expertise in the apparel industry, honed through years of dedicated experience. As a seasoned business executive, he brings a wealth of knowledge and insights to the forefront. We respectfully request his appointment, recognizing his unwavering commitment to achieving sustainable growth and propelling our organization towards enduring success.

No.	Name (Date of birth)		ry, positions, responsibilities and acurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
4	Makoto Baba (Feb. 25, 1957) Reelection	Apr. 1975 Jan. 1986 Jun. 2005 Apr. 2006 Jul. 2013 Jun. 2014 Jun. 2016 Jul. 2018 Jul. 2022 Apr. 2023 Jun. 2023 Apr. 2024 Apr. 2025	Joined Hachidaiya Corporation Joined the Company Director, in charge of production management Director, head of production department Director, Jiaxing Matsuoka Huawei Garment Ltd. Director, CPO Managing Director, head of production department Senior Executive Officer, in charge of PT.MATSUOKA INDUSTRIES INDONESIA Senior Executive Officer, CPO Executive Officer, CPO Director, CPO Director, Senior Executive Officer, in charge of production Director, Senior Executive Officer, Business Unit 1 in charge of production (to present)	37,000

Since joining the Company in 1986, Mr. Baba has been a key figure in our production department, providing technical guidance and management expertise in the sewing field. He has demonstrated strong leadership in improving the quality and productivity of our products. As we are launching new manufacturing lines, we seek his experience to drive quality and enhance productivity, thus contributing to the overall corporate value of our group. Therefore, we kindly request his appointment for this position.

No.	Name (Date of birth)		ary, positions, responsibilities and neurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
5	Hiroyuki Kaneko (Dec. 10, 1969) Reelection	Apr. 2005 Oct. 2016 Apr. 2017 Jul. 2018 Apr. 2021 Jun. 2021 Jun. 2022 Apr. 2023 Apr. 2024 Apr. 2025	Joined SAZABY LEAGUE, Ltd. Joined the Company Head of Accounting & Finance Dept. Executive Officer, Administration Dept. Executive Officer, Administration Headquarters Director in charge of Administration Director and CFO (in charge of administration) Director and CFO (in charge of group overall administration) Director, Senior Executive Officer, in charge of accounting and finance Director, Senior Executive Officer, head of accounting and finance (to present)	

Mr. Kaneko has been responsible for the overall administration of the Company since his joining in 2016. With his extensive expertise and considerable experience in corporate planning, finance & accounting, as well as HR & general affairs, he has consistently demonstrated his leadership capabilities. The Company recognizes Mr. Kaneko's ability to enhance the overall administrative structure and believes that he will continue to fulfill this role effectively. As such, he has been nominated as a candidate for the position of Director of the Company.

No.	Name (Date of birth)		ary, positions, responsibilities and neurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
6	Tatsunori Matsuoka (May 13, 1983) Reelection	May 2006 Jan. 2011 Jul. 2012 Jul. 2015 Jun. 2016 Jul. 2018 Apr. 2021 Apr. 2023 Apr. 2024 Jun. 2024 Apr. 2025	Joined the Company Managing Director, MK Apparels Limited Executive Officer, Head of Southeast Asia area Executive Officer, Head of overseas business Director Senior Executive Officer, Head of Business Unit 1 Senior Executive Officer, Head of Business Unit 2 Executive Officer, Head of China business Senior Executive Officer, Head of General Affairs Director, Senior Executive Officer, Head of General Affairs Director, Senior Executive Officer, Head of General Affairs&HR (to present)	80,000

Mr. Matsuoka possesses a comprehensive understanding of global business dynamics, cultivated over decades of invaluable experience in China, Bangladesh, and various other countries. His extensive background has equipped him with abundant expertise in business development and corporate management. Consequently, he has been nominated as a candidate for the position of Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions, responsibilities and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held	
7	Takashi Eshima (Oct. 22, 1971) Reelection	Aug. 1996 Joined Okano Hightech Co., Ltd. (currently OHT Inc.) Dec. 2008 Representative Director Oct. 2013 Director; General Manager, Sales Division Jan. 2015 Joined SEIWA CO., LTD., General Manager, Overall Business Management Headquarters May 2015 Director; General Manager, Overall Business Management Headquarters Jun. 2015 Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company Jun. 2017 Outside Director of the Company (to present) Aug. 2023 Vice President, Shimoe Corporation (to present) Vice President, Shimoe Corporation	0	
	[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director and expectations from the Co Mr. Eshima possesses extensive experience and a profound understanding of business mar The Company anticipates that his expertise and abilities will enhance and oversee the ma framework of the Company, ultimately benefiting minority shareholders.			
8	Yasuaki Nakagawa (Dec. 23, 1954) Reelection	Apr. 1978 Entered KASHIYAMA CO., LTD. (currently ONWARD HOLDINGS CO., LTD.) Sep. 2007 General Manager, Planning Control Division, ONWARD TRADING CO., LTD. Mar. 2008 Director; General Manager, SP Business Headquarters Mar. 2014 Director; General Manager, International Division Jun. 2019 Outside Director of the Company (to present)	0	
	[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director and expectations from the Co Mr. Nakagawa brings a wealth of experience and expertise in the apparel industry, particula field of production and quality control. The Company relies on his capabilities to oversee the management governance and safeguard the interests of minority shareholders.			

Apr. 2000 Capgemini Ernst & Young Japan K.K. May 2006 Credit Suisse Securities (Japan) Limited Apr. 2008 Shane Corporation Ltd. May 2010 Berlitz Japan, Inc. Jun. 2012 INCJ, Ltd. Apr. 2018 Managing Director, INCJ, Ltd. Nov. 2020 Managing Director, JIC Capital, Ltd. Nov. 2023 Managing Director and Executive Officer, INCJ, Ltd. Senior Director, Renesas Electronics Corporation (to present)	No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions, responsibilities and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
(Significant concurrent positions) Senior Director, Renesas Electronics Corporation [Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director and expectations from the Company	9	(Dec. 19, 1973) New candidate	May 2006 Credit Suisse Securities (Japan) Limited Apr. 2008 Shane Corporation Ltd. May 2010 Berlitz Japan, Inc. Jun. 2012 INCJ, Ltd. Apr. 2018 Managing Director, INCJ, Ltd. Nov. 2020 Managing Director, JIC Capital, Ltd. Nov. 2023 Managing Director and Executive Officer, INCJ, Ltd. May 2025 Senior Director, Renesas Electronics Corporation (to present) (Significant concurrent positions) Senior Director, Renesas Electronics Corporation	

[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director and expectations from the Company] We are appointing Mr. Niklai as an outside director to leverage his extensive experience and insights in the financial and fund industries for the benefit of our management. We expect him to contribute to strengthening our corporate governance and to oversee management to ensure that the interests of minority shareholders are not unjustly harmed.

Notes

- 1. None of the candidates mentioned above have a particular vested interest in the Company.
- 2. Mr. Takashi Eshima, Mr. Yasuaki Nakagawa and Mr. Peter Niklai are being considered as candidates for the position of Outside Directors. Mr. Eshima and Mr. Nakagawa are registered as independent directors with the Tokyo Stock Exchange and have no conflicts of interest with the general shareholders, as required by the Exchange. If their reelection is approved, the Company plans to maintain their independent director registration with the Exchange. The Company also plans to appoint Mr. Niklai as an independent director and report this to the same Exchange.
- 3. Mr. Eshima is currently an Outside Director of the Company. His executed term of office as an outside director will reach eight (8) years at the close of this General Meeting of Shareholders. Prior to becoming an outside director, Mr. Eshima served as an independent Audit & Supervisory Board Member for a period of two (2) years.
 - Similarly, Mr. Nakagawa is serving as an Outside Director presently. His executed term of office as an outside director will have been six (6) years at the close of this General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 4. The Company has entered into agreements with the Outside Directors in accordance with Article 427, paragraph 1 of the Companies Act of Japan and Article 28, paragraph 2 of its Articles of Incorporation. These agreements are aimed at limiting the liability for damages of the outside directors to the maximum extent permitted by laws and regulations. If the reelection of Mr. Eshima and Mr. Nakagawa is approved, the Company intends to enter into similar agreements with each of them. If Mr. Niklai' appointment is approved, the Company plans to enter into a similar limited liability contract with him.
- 5. The company has secured a liability insurance contract with an insurance company that provides coverage for all directors and officers, as stipulated in Article 430-3, paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. This contract encompasses expenses related to damages and claims that may arise during the execution of their duties or from claims pursued against them. The insurance coverage extends to directors, auditors, officers, and employees responsible for specific tasks. All nominated directors are included in this insurance arrangement. The Company intends to renew the insurance contract with the same level of coverage during the next renewal period.

Proposal No. 3 Election of four (4) Audit & Supervisory Board Members

All four current Audit & Supervisory Board Members will complete their terms at the conclusion of this General Meeting. Accordingly, we propose the election of four Audit & Supervisory Board Member candidates. This proposal has been approved by the Audit & Supervisory Board. The candidates are as follows.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summa significant cor	ary, positions, responsibilities and accurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
1	Fumihiro Kuriyama (Nov. 3, 1952) Reelection	Apr. 1975 Jun. 2005 Dec. 2008 Feb. 2014 Jun. 2016 Jun. 2016 Jun. 2017	WORLD CO., LTD. Executive Officer, WORLD CO., LTD. President, World (Shanghai) Apparel Co., Ltd., President, World (Shanghai) Trading Co., Ltd. Advisor, Matsuoka Corporation Vice president and Director Advisor Audit & Supervisory Board Member (to present)	20,000
	-	ation as a candi	idate for Audit & Supervisory Board Members]	management

Mr. Kuriyama possesses extensive insight into the apparel industry, as well as management experience and knowledge gained over many years at other companies. Having previously been involved in the management of our group, we propose his continued appointment so that his expertise and experience may contribute to enhancing our group's audit framework.

No.	Name (Date of birth)		ary, positions, responsibilities and neurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
		Apr. 1975 Mar. 2003	Toray Industries, Inc. Assistant to president, Toray Industries (China)	
	Kenji Ueno (Apr. 3, 1951) New candidate	Wiai. 2003	Co., Ltd.	
		Jun. 2006	General Manager, Overseas Textiles Dept., Fibers & Textiles Div., Toray Industries, Inc.	
		Jun. 2008	Head of International Div. and General Manager of International Dept.	
		Jun. 2009	Director, International Div. and International Dept.	0
		Jun. 2010	Director, Fibers & Textiles Div.	
2		Jun. 2011	Executive Director, Fibers & Textiles Div.	
		Jun. 2016	Resignation of Executive Director of Toray Industries, Inc.	
		Jul. 2020	Advisor, Matsuoka Corporation	

[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members] We propose the appointment of Mr. Ueno based on his extensive expertise in the textile business, management experience and knowledge, as well as his past involvement and understanding of our group's operations, to contribute effectively to our audit framework. Considering his practical experience and proven track record as an advisor to our group, we believe he is fully qualified to perform the duties of an outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions, responsibilities and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
3	Koichiro Oka (Apr. 24, 1975) Reelection	Oct. 2004 Bar Admission Jul. 2010 Auditor, Nitto Seimo Co., Ltd. Oct. 2010 Director, Koichiro Oka Law Office (currently Setouchi Chuo Law Office) (to present) Jun. 2012 Outside Auditor, Matsuoka Corporation (to present) Jul. 2015 Outside Director, Nitto Seimo Co., Ltd. (to present) (Significant concurrent positions) Director, Setouchi Chuo Law Office	0

[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members] We propose the continued appointment of Mr. Oka to leverage his specialized knowledge and experience as a lawyer in strengthening our group's audit framework. Although he has not been involved in the company's management except as an outside director or outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member, his practical experience and proven track record in auditing our group have been thoroughly considered. We believe he is fully capable of properly fulfilling the duties of an outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summa significant con	ry, positions, responsibilities and acurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held	
4	Hisayuki Matsumoto (Aug. 2, 1971) Reelection	Apr. 1994 Oct. 2000 Apr. 2004 Oct. 2005 Jan. 2010 Oct. 2014 Jun. 2017	Kansai Kogin Credit Union Chuo Aoyama Audit Corporation CPA Registration KPMG Financial Advisory Services Co., Ltd. Representative Director, Stand by C, Inc. (to present) Certified Tax Accountant Registration Outside Auditor, Matsuoka Corporation (to present)	0	
	(Significant concurrent positions) Representative Director, Stand by C, Inc. [Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member.				

[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members] We respectfully request the continued appointment of Mr. Matsumoto to leverage his specialized knowledge and experience, cultivated as a Certified Public Accountant and Tax Accountant, within our Group's audit system. Considering not only the practical experience mentioned above but also his track record in auditing our Group to date, we have determined that Mr. Matsumoto is fully capable of properly fulfilling the duties of an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member.

Notes:

- There are no special interests between the Company and any of the candidates for Audit & Supervisory Board Member.
- 2. Mr. Kenji Ueno, Mr. Koichiro Oka, and Mr. Hisayuki Matsumoto are candidates for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member. Mr. Oka and Mr. Matsumoto have been designated as Independent Officers pursuant to the rules of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. If reappointed, their designation will be maintained. Mr. Ueno will also be designated as an Independent Officer if appointed.
- 3. Mr. Oka and Mr. Matsumoto currently serve as Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members. Their respective tenures will be 13 years and 8 years at the conclusion of this General Meeting.
- 4. Pursuant to Article 36, Paragraph 2 of the Articles of Incorporation, the Company has entered into liability limitation agreements with Mr. Fumihiro Kuriyama, Mr. Oka, and Mr. Matsumoto in accordance with Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. These agreements will be continued upon their reappointment. A similar agreement will be executed with Mr. Ueno if appointed.
- 5. The company has secured a liability insurance contract with an insurance company that provides coverage for all directors and officers, as stipulated in Article 430-3, paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. This contract encompasses expenses related to damages and claims that may arise during the execution of their duties or from claims pursued against them. The insurance coverage extends to directors, auditors, officers, and employees responsible for specific tasks. All nominated Audit & Supervisory Board Members are included in this insurance arrangement. The Company intends to renew the insurance contract with the same level of coverage during the next renewal period.

For reference. The candidates for Proposal No.2 and Proposal No.3 are expected to bring valuable expertise, specialized skills, and relevant experience to their roles as follows.

	Name	Roles	Manage ment	Sales	Producti on, technolo gy, and quality control	Overse as busines s	Finance and account ing	HR, legal, and complian ce	Sustaina bility, ESG	ICT DX
Di rec tor s	Noriyuki Matsuoka	Representative Director	0	0	0	0				
	Atsushi Watanabe	Director		0		0				0
	Yasuharu Tamura	Director	0	0				0	0	
	Makoto Baba	Director			0	0			0	
	Hiroyuki Kaneko	Director					0		0	0
	Tatsunori Matsuoka	Director				0		0	0	
	Takashi Eshima	Outside Director	0		0					0
	Yasuaki Nakagawa	Outside Director		0	0	0				
	Peter Niklai	Outside Director	0			0	0			
Au dit ors	Fumihiro Kuriyama	Full-time Auditor	0	0		0				
	Kenji Ueno	Full-time Outside Auditor		0	0	0				
	Koichiro Oka	Independent Auditor	0				0	0		
	Hisayuki Matsumoto	Independent Auditor					0	0		0

Note: The above statement does not cover the full expertise of each individual, but rather outlines the desired expertise and experience to bring to the Company.

Proposal No. 4 Revision of Directors' Remuneration.

Monetary remuneration for the Company's Directors (base salary and bonuses, excluding employee salaries for Directors who also serve as employees) has been capped at 240 million yen annually since the resolution adopted at the 45th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 30, 2001. In light of the increase in the number of Directors, changes in economic conditions and the business environment, we propose to revise the annual remuneration cap to 300 million yen, excluding employee salaries for Directors who also serve as employees. Of this amount, remuneration for Outside Directors shall be limited to 30 million yen annually.

The Company resolved a policy on individual remuneration for Directors at the Board of Directors meeting held on February 12, 2021, as outlined on pages 14–15 of the Business Report. This proposal is consistent with that policy, based on a recommendation from the Nomination and Compensation Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Accordingly, we believe this proposal is both necessary and appropriate.

As of today, the Company has nine Directors, including two Outside Directors. If Proposal No. 2 is approved as originally proposed, the number of Directors will remain nine, including three Outside Directors.

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