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June 5, 2024

To Our Shareholders:

Shinichi Sugita, Representative Director and President
FUSO CHEMICAL CO., LTD.
5-29, Kitahama 3-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Notice of the 67th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

We are pleased to announce the 67th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company, which will be held as described below.

When convening this general meeting of shareholders, the Company takes measures for providing information that constitutes the content of Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, etc. (items for which measures for providing information in electronic format are to be taken) in electronic format, and posts this information as “Notice of the 67th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders” on each of the following websites. Please access either of those websites by using the internet address shown below to review the information.

The Company’s website:
<https://fusokk.co.jp> (in Japanese)

Website for posted informational materials for the general meeting of shareholders:
<https://d.sokai.jp/4368/teiji/> (in Japanese)

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank’s website (The Portal of Shareholders’ Meeting):
<https://www.soukai-portal.net> (in Japanese)

Scan the QR code on the voting form or access the address above and enter your ID and password.

In addition to posting items for which measures for providing information in electronic format are to be taken on each of the websites above, the Company also posts this information on the website of Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. (TSE). To access this information from the latter website, access the TSE website (Listed Company Search) by using the internet address shown below, enter “FUSO CHEMICAL” in the issue name (company name) or “4368” in the securities code, and click “Search,” and then click “Basic information” and select “Documents for public inspection/PR information.” Under “Filed information available for public inspection,” click “Click here for access” under “[Notice of General Shareholders Meeting /Informational Materials for a General Shareholders Meeting].”

TSE website (Listed Company Search):
<https://www2.jpx.co.jp/tseHpFront/JJK010010Action.do?Show=Show> (in Japanese)

If you are unable to attend on the day of the meeting, you may exercise your voting rights via the internet, etc. or in writing. Please review the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, and exercise your voting rights by 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024 (JST).

[When exercising voting rights via the internet, etc.]

Please vote by the above stated deadline for exercising voting rights.

[When exercising voting rights in writing]

Please indicate your votes for each proposal on the voting form sent out with this notice, and return it by the above stated deadline for exercising your votes.

1. Date and time: Friday, June 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (JST)

2. Venue: 4th Floor, Osaka Club
4-11, Imabashi 4-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka

3. Objectives of meeting:

Items to be reported:

1. Reports on the Business Report, the Consolidated Financial Statements, and the results of audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements by the Financial Auditor and Audit and Supervisory Committee for the 67th fiscal term (from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024)
2. Report on the Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the 67th fiscal term (from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024)

Items to be resolved:

Proposal No. 1 Appropriation of Surplus

Proposal No. 2 Election of Seven Board Directors (Excluding Board Directors Who Are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)

Proposal No. 3 Election of Two Board Directors Who Are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members

- If you are attending on the day of the meeting, you are kindly requested to submit the enclosed voting form to the reception staff.
- Of the items for which measures for providing information in electronic format are to be taken, the System to Ensure the Proper Operation of Business and the Status of Operation of the System in the Business Report, the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of the Consolidated Financial Statements, together with Non-consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity and Notes to Non-consolidated Financial Statements of the Non-consolidated Financial Statements are not included in the paper-based documents to be delivered to shareholders who have made a request for delivery of paper-based documents pursuant to the provisions of laws and regulations and Article 15 of the Company's Articles of Incorporation. Accordingly, the documents that are delivered to shareholders who have made a request for delivery of paper-based documents are part of the documents included in the scope of audits by the Audit and Supervisory Committee and the Financial Auditor when they create their respective audit reports.
- If revisions to the items for which measures for providing information in electronic format are to be taken arise, a notice of the revisions and the details of the items before and after the revisions will be posted on the website for measures for providing information in electronic format on the previous page.
- Souvenirs will not be handed out to shareholders attending on the day of the meeting. Your understanding would be much appreciated.

Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders

Proposal No. 1 Appropriation of Surplus

The Company appropriates surplus based on a basic policy of long-term stable return to shareholders taking into consideration strengthening the corporate structure and future business development.

The Company proposes to pay a year-end dividend for the 67th fiscal term of ¥33 per share as follows based on the business performance for the fiscal year under review.

Total dividends per share for the fiscal year including the interim dividend (¥33 per share) will be ¥66 per share.

Matters regarding year-end dividends

- (1) Type of dividend property
To be paid in cash.
- (2) Matters regarding the allocation of dividend property and the total amount thereof
The Company proposes to pay a dividend of ¥33 per common share of the Company.
In this event, the total dividends will be ¥1,163,238,846.
- (3) Effective date of dividends of surplus
June 24, 2024

Proposal No. 2 Election of Seven Board Directors (Excluding Board Directors Who Are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)

The terms of office of all current seven Board Directors (excluding Board Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members; the same shall apply throughout this proposal) will expire at the conclusion of the meeting. Therefore, the Company proposes the election of seven Board Directors.

The Audit and Supervisory Committee of the Company believes that all candidates for Board Directors are qualified for this proposal.

The candidates for Board Directors are as follows:

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
1	Misako Fujioka (April 22, 1955) [Reelection]	<p>June 1988 External Board Director of the Company</p> <p>Mar. 1999 Executive Officer of Teikoku Seiyaku Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Mar. 2011 President & CEO (current position)</p> <p>June 2017 Representative Director & Chairman of the Company (current position)</p> <p>June 2020 Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of Asahi Broadcasting Group Holdings Corporation (current position)</p> <p>[Significant concurrent positions outside the Company]</p> <p>President & CEO of Teikoku Seiyaku Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of Asahi Broadcasting Group Holdings Corporation</p>	458,804 shares
<p>[Reasons for nomination as candidate for Board Director]</p> <p>Misako Fujioka presently holds a position as President & CEO of Teikoku Seiyaku Co., Ltd. and has abundant knowledge and experience in the overall management of a company. Accordingly, judging that she is capable of contributing to the development of the Company group (the "Group"), the Company continues to nominate her as candidate for Board Director.</p>			
2	Shinichi Sugita (October 5, 1955) [Reelection]	<p>Apr. 1980 Joined Fujisawa Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (currently Astellas Pharma Inc.)</p> <p>Apr. 2005 Joined the Company</p> <p>Apr. 2006 Department Manager of Planning and Development Department of Sales Development Division of Life Science Business Unit</p> <p>July 2012 Executive Officer, Division Manager of Electronic Materials Division, and Site Manager of Kyoto Plant</p> <p>Feb. 2019 Deputy Division Manager of Administration Division</p> <p>June 2019 Board Director, Division Manager of Administration Division, and in charge of Innovation Promotion Office</p> <p>June 2020 Representative Director & President (current position)</p>	12,149 shares
<p>[Reasons for nomination as candidate for Board Director]</p> <p>Shinichi Sugita has experience and expertise in the life science and electronic materials businesses, as well as knowledge which he had obtained from managerial work as a Site Manager of a plant and a Division Manager of the Administration Division. Judging that he is capable of contributing to the Group's development by utilizing these, the Company continues to nominate him as candidate for Board Director.</p>			

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned	
3	Haruo Masauji (March 23, 1967) [Reelection]	Apr. 1990	Joined the Company	28,480 shares
		July 2005	Department Manager of Electronic Materials Sales Development Department of Electronic Materials Business Division	
Feb. 2008	Division Manager of Electronic Materials Division of Electronic Materials Business Unit			
July 2008	Executive Officer			
July 2010	Senior Executive Officer and General Manager of Electronic Materials Business Unit			
June 2011	Board Director			
Apr. 2019	Managing Director			
June 2020	Senior Managing Director (current position) and in charge of Innovation Promotion Office			
Apr. 2024	General Manager of Life Science Business Unit (current position)			
[Reasons for nomination as candidate for Board Director] Haruo Masauji is assisting the president in the overall management while supporting the administration by utilizing his experience and expertise in the life science and electronic materials businesses. Accordingly, judging that he is capable of contributing to businesses the Company is developing, the Company continues to nominate him as candidate for Board Director.				
4	Takashi Tanimura (November 27, 1964) [Reelection]	Dec. 1989	Joined the Company	31,025 shares
		Feb. 2008	General Manager of Shanghai Branch of Qingdao Fuso Refining & Processing Co., Ltd.	
Aug. 2008	President of FUSO (THAILAND) CO., LTD.			
May 2011	Division Manager of Asia Business Development Division of Life Science Business Unit and Department Manager of Sales Department of the Company			
Apr. 2013	General Manager of Life Science Business Unit			
July 2013	Senior Executive Officer			
June 2014	Board Director			
Apr. 2019	Managing Director, in charge of Life Science Business Unit, and Department Manager of Planning and Development Office			
June 2020	Senior Managing Director (current position), in charge of Life Science Business Unit, and Planning and Development Office			
Apr. 2021	General Manager of International Division (current position)			
[Reasons for nomination as candidate for Board Director] Takashi Tanimura is assisting the president in the overall management while supporting the administration by utilizing his experience and expertise in the life science business. Accordingly, judging that he is capable of contributing to businesses the Company is developing, the Company continues to nominate him as candidate for Board Director.				

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
5	Atsushi Fujioka (May 4, 1988) [Reelection]	Nov. 2019 Joined the Company Mar. 2020 Executive Director of Teikoku Seiyaku Co., Ltd. (current position) July 2020 Executive Officer of the Company Department Manager of Planning and Development Office (current position) June 2021 Board Director Apr. 2024 Managing Director (current position) [Significant concurrent positions outside the Company] Executive Director of Teikoku Seiyaku Co., Ltd.	22,703 shares
		[Reasons for nomination as candidate for Board Director] Atsushi Fujioka has experience and expertise as a Department Manager of the Planning and Development Office. Judging that he is capable of contributing to businesses the Company is developing by utilizing them through his execution of duties as Board Director, the Company continues to nominate him as candidate for Board Director.	
6	Motoki Sugimoto (November 11, 1968) [Reelection]	Apr. 1992 Joined the Company Apr. 2010 Department Manager of Sales Development Department of Electronic Materials Business Unit July 2015 Executive Officer and Department Manager of Sales Development Department of Life Science Business Unit Apr. 2019 General Manager of Life Science Business Unit June 2019 Board Director (current position) Apr. 2024 General Manager of Electronic Materials Business Unit (current position)	3,538 shares
		[Reasons for nomination as candidate for Board Director] Motoki Sugimoto has experience and expertise in the life science and electronic materials businesses. Judging that he is capable of contributing to businesses the Company is developing by utilizing them through his execution of duties as Board Director, the Company continues to nominate him as candidate for Board Director.	

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
7	Hakaru Hyakushima (December 20, 1958) [External] [Independent] [Reelection]	<p>Apr. 1981 Joined Ministry of Finance</p> <p>July 1999 Assistant Regional Commissioner of Criminal Investigation Department of Tokyo Regional Taxation Bureau</p> <p>July 2011 Deputy Commissioner of Commissioner's Secretariat of National Tax Agency</p> <p>July 2012 Regional Commissioner of Nagoya Regional Taxation Bureau</p> <p>Apr. 2015 President of Japan Mint</p> <p>Apr. 2018 Deputy Director-General of Minister's Secretariat of Ministry of Finance</p> <p>Apr. 2019 Professor of Department of Management, Faculty of Management of Otemon Gakuin University (current position) Senior Visiting Research Fellow of Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Finance (current position)</p> <p>June 2019 Outside Director of Osaka Soda Co., Ltd. (current position)</p> <p>Oct. 2019 Part-time lecturer of Kyoto University School of Government</p> <p>June 2020 Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Sumitomo Riko Company Limited (current position)</p> <p>Mar. 2021 Trustee, Kyoto International Conference Center (current position)</p> <p>June 2022 External Board Director of the Company (current position)</p> <p>[Significant concurrent positions outside the Company] Professor of Department of Management, Faculty of Management of Otemon Gakuin University Senior Visiting Research Fellow of Policy Research Institute, Ministry of Finance Trustee, Kyoto International Conference Center Outside Director of Osaka Soda Co., Ltd. Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Sumitomo Riko Company Limited</p>	159 shares
<p>[Reasons for nomination as candidate for External Board Director and expected roles] Hakaru Hyakushima has abundant government agency experience in taxation, finance, and other fields from holding important posts at the Ministry of Finance and other organizations. Accordingly, with the expectation that he will oversee and offer advice drawn on his knowledge for decision-making of important management matters and supervision of execution of duties, etc. from a neutral and objective perspective, the Company continues to nominate him as candidate for External Board Director. Although he has no experience being involved in the management of a company in any way other than as an outside officer, for the reasons above, the Company has judged him capable of appropriately fulfilling duties as External Board Director.</p>			

- Notes:
1. There is no special interest between any of the candidates and the Company.
 2. Hakaru Hyakushima is a candidate for External Board Director.
 3. Hakaru Hyakushima is currently an External Board Director of the Company. At the conclusion of the meeting, his tenure as an External Board Director of the Company will have been two years.
 4. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into an agreement with Hakaru Hyakushima to limit his liability for damages under Article 423, paragraph (1) of the same Act to the minimum liability amount provided for by Article 425, paragraph (1) of the same Act. If he is elected, the Company plans to renew the aforementioned agreement with him.
 5. The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance contract with an insurance company as provided for in Article 430-3, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, which provides that the Company shall cover any damages that may arise from a director being held liable for the performance of his/her duties or being subject to a claim for such liability (however, excluding such performance of an illegal act with full knowledge of its illegality). Each candidate, if elected, will become insured

parties under this insurance policy. In addition, the premiums for the policy are fully borne by the Company, including the special contract, and the Company plans to renew this insurance policy with the same content at the time of the next renewal.

6. Hakaru Hyakushima satisfies the requirements for an independent officer as provided for by Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc., and the criteria for determining independence set forth by the Company. The Company has submitted notification of his status as an independent officer. If he is elected, the Company plans to once again submit notification of his status as an independent officer. The criteria for determining independence set forth by the Company are included on page 12.
7. Number of shares under the name of officer's shareholding association of the Company is included in the above-mentioned "Number of the Company's shares owned."

Proposal No. 3 Election of Two Board Directors Who Are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members

The terms of office of Board Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members Yoshiki Kinoshita and Sayaka Eguro will expire at the conclusion of the meeting.

Therefore, the Company proposes the election of two Board Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members.

The consent of the Audit and Supervisory Committee has been obtained for this proposal.

The candidates for Board Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members are as follows:

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
1	Sayaka Eguro (May 25, 1980) [External] [Independent] [Reelection]	Dec. 2008 Registered as an attorney-at-law with the Dai-Ichi Tokyo Bar Association Joined Soga, Uryu & Itoga Dec. 2009 Dispatched to the National Policy Unit, Cabinet Secretariat May 2012 Joined City-Yuwa Partners (current position) June 2015 External Board Director of the Company June 2018 External Board Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member June 2020 Retired as External Board Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member June 2022 External Board Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member (current position) [Significant concurrent positions outside the Company] Counsel, City-Yuwa Partners	-
[Reasons for nomination as candidate for External Board Director and expected roles] Sayaka Eguro has expertise as an attorney-at-law and knowledge related to international businesses. Accordingly, with an expectation that she will oversee and offer advice drawn on her knowledge for decision-making of important management matters and supervision of execution of duties, etc. from a neutral and objective perspective as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member, the Company continues to nominate her as candidate for External Board Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member. Although she has no experience being involved in the management of a company in any way other than as an outside officer, for the reasons above, the Company has judged her capable of appropriately fulfilling duties as External Board Director.			

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, position and responsibility in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
2	Kei Takeuchi (July 28, 1961) [External] [Independent] [New election]	<p>Apr. 1987 Joined Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Apr. 2016 Executive Officer President and CEO of Osaka Gas Chemicals Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Apr. 2018 Senior Executive Officer of Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.</p> <p>June 2019 Director, Senior Executive Officer</p> <p>Apr. 2023 Advisor (current position) Director and Chair of Osaka Gas Liquid Co., Ltd. (current position)</p> <p>June 2023 Vice President of Japan Boiler Association (current position)</p> <p>July 2023 Board Chair of International Science Club of Osaka (ISCO) (current position)</p> <p>Feb. 2024 Director of The Japan Institute of Energy (current position)</p> <p>[Significant concurrent positions outside the Company] Advisor of Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. Director and Chair of Osaka Gas Liquid Co., Ltd. Vice President of Japan Boiler Association Board Chair of International Science Club of Osaka (ISCO) Director of The Japan Institute of Energy</p>	–
<p>[Reasons for nomination as candidate for External Board Director and expected roles] Kei Takeuchi has abundant experience in business operations and knowledge of chemicals from having served as a General Manager responsible for energy-related business at Osaka Gas Co., Ltd. as well as President and CEO of Osaka Gas Chemicals Co., Ltd. Accordingly, with the expectation that he will provide advice on management and supervise business execution as a Board Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member, the Company nominates him as a candidate for External Board Director.</p>			

- Notes:
1. There is no special interest between any of the candidates and the Company.
 2. Sayaka Eguro and Kei Takeuchi are candidates for External Board Director.
 3. Sayaka Eguro is currently an External Board Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member of the Company. At the conclusion of the meeting, her tenure since assuming office in this position will have been two years. Sayaka Eguro has been a non-executive officer of the Company (External Board Director and External Board Director who is Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) in the past.
 4. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into an agreement with Sayaka Eguro to limit her liability for damages under Article 423, paragraph (1) of the same Act to the minimum liability amount provided for by Article 425, paragraph (1) of the same Act. If Sayaka Eguro is reelected, the Company plans to renew the aforementioned agreement with her. In addition, if the election of Kei Takeuchi is approved, the Company plans to enter into the same limited liability agreement with him.
 5. The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance contract with an insurance company as provided for in Article 430-3, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, which provides that the Company shall cover any damages that may arise from a director being held liable for the performance of his/her duties or being subject to a claim for such liability (however, excluding such performance of an illegal act with full knowledge of its illegality). Each candidate, if elected, will become insured parties under this insurance policy. In addition, the premiums for the policy are fully borne by the Company, including the special contract, and the Company plans to renew this insurance policy with the same content at the time of the next renewal.
 6. Sayaka Eguro satisfies the requirements for an independent officer as provided for by Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc., and the criteria for determining independence set forth by the Company. The Company has submitted notification of her status as an independent officer. If she is elected, the Company plans to once again submit notification of her status as an independent officer. Kei Takeuchi satisfies the requirements for an independent officer as provided for by Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc., and the criteria for determining independence set forth by the Company. If he is elected, the Company plans to submit notification of his status as an independent officer. The criteria for determining independence set forth by the Company are included on page 12.
 7. Number of shares under the name of officer's shareholding association of the Company is included in the above-mentioned "Number of the Company's shares owned."

[Reference] Director skills matrix

If the candidates for Board Director in Proposal No. 2 and Proposal No. 3 are approved as originally proposed, the skills and experience, etc. of the Board Directors of the Company will be as follows. Note that the ratio of External Board Directors is more than one-third (four out of ten) in the Company's Board of Directors.

Name	Position in the Company	Gender	External	Independent	Committee		Major skills/experience/etc. of the Board Directors							
					Audit and Supervisory	Personnel Remuneration Advisory	Corporate management	Sustainability ESG	Technology Research Manufacturing	Sales Marketing	Global business	Financial accounting	Personnel and labor affairs	Legal affairs Risk management
Misako Fujioka	Representative Director and Chairman	Woman				○	○	○					○	○
Shinichi Sugita	Representative Director and President	Man				○	○		○	○		○	○	
Haruo Masauji	Senior Managing Director	Man					○		○	○				
Takashi Tanimura	Senior Managing Director	Man					○		○		○			
Atsushi Fujioka	Managing Director	Man					○	○			○			
Motoki Sugimoto	Board Director	Man							○	○	○			
Hakaru Hyakushima	Board Director	Man	○	○			○					○		○
Fumiaki Hirata	Board Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member	Man	○	○	◎	◎	○		○	○				
Sayaka Eguro	Board Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member	Woman	○	○	○	○		○			○		○	○
Kei Takeuchi	Board Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member	Man	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○			

* Chairpersons of each committee are marked with ◎.

[Reference] Criteria for Determining Independence of External Officers

The Company will deem that an external officer does not have a possible conflict of interest with general shareholders in the event none of the following items apply after examining to the extent reasonably possible, and will submit notification as an independent officer stipulated by Tokyo Stock Exchange.

- (1) An executive (*1) of the Company or the Company's subsidiary (collectively the "Group") or someone who was an executive of the Group in the past ten years
- (2) A party for which the Group is a major counterparty (*2) or an executive thereof
- (3) A major counterparty of the Group (*3) or an executive thereof
- (4) A consultant, accounting professional or legal professional who is receiving a large amount of money or other assets (*4), in addition to remuneration for officers from the Group (if the recipient of these assets is an organization such as a corporation or an association, a person belonging to such organization)
- (5) A person who is a certified public accountant belonging to the auditing firm that is the Financial Auditor of the Group
- (6) A current major shareholder of the Group (directly or indirectly holding 10% or more of the voting rights of the Company) or if the major shareholder is a corporation, an executive of such corporation
- (7) An executive of a company of which the Group is a major shareholder (directly or indirectly holding 10% or more of the voting rights)
- (8) An executive of a major financial institution (*5) from which the Group has borrowed funds, or a parent company or subsidiary thereof
- (9) A person who is receiving a donation or subsidy that exceeds a certain amount (¥10 million per year on average over the past three years) from the Group (if such person is an organization such as a corporation or an association, an executive of such organization)
- (10) An executive of a company, its parent company or subsidiary that is accepting directors (whether full-time or part-time) from the Group
- (11) A person who has fallen under (2) to (10) above over the past three years
- (12) A spouse or a relative within the second degree of a person who falls under (1) to (11) above (limited to an important person (*6))
 - (*1) An "executive" refers to an executive stipulated in Article 2, paragraph (3), item (vi) of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Companies Act, which includes employees as well as executive directors. (Does not apply to audit & supervisory board members)
 - (*2) A "party for which the Group is a major counterparty" refers to a counterparty that provides goods or services for the Group and has received payment from the Group accounting for 2% or more of such counterparty's annual consolidated net sales for the most recent fiscal year.
 - (*3) A "major counterparty of the Group" refers to a counterparty for which the Group provides goods or services and has a trading amount accounting for 2% or more of the Group's annual consolidated net sales for the most recent fiscal year.
 - (*4) A "large amount of money or other assets" refers to: (i) if such entity is an individual, an amount of ¥10 million or more annually paid by the Group other than remuneration for officers in the most recent fiscal year, (ii) if such entity is an organization such as a corporation, an amount of profit in terms of money or other assets accounting for 2% or more of the total revenue of such organization in the most recent fiscal year.
 - (*5) A "major financial institution" refers to a financial institution from which the aggregate amount of borrowings as at the end of the most recent fiscal year exceeds 2% of the Company's consolidated total assets.
 - (*6) An "important person" refers to (i) for executives, a director, executive officer, and operating officer; (ii) for auditing firms and law offices, a certified public accountant or attorney belonging respectively thereto, as well as a counselor or officer belonging to other corporations, and any other person objectively and reasonably deemed to be in positions of similar importance.