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June 8, 2022

#### To Those Shareholders with Voting Rights

Masataka Ushio President and Representative Director **Ichikawa Co., Ltd.** 2-14-15 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo

#### NOTICE OF THE 98th ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Please be informed that the 98<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of Ichikawa Co., Ltd. (the "Company") will be held as described below.

If you will not be attending the meeting, you can exercise your voting rights in writing or by electromagnetic means (the Internet). Please review the attached Reference Documents for General Meeting of Shareholders and exercise your voting rights by 5:15 p.m. of Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

**1. Date and Time:** Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (Reception opens at 9:00 a.m.)

2. Place: Kujaku-no-ma, Ochanomizu Hotel Juraku 2F

2-9, Kandaawaji-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

#### 3. Agenda of the Meeting:

#### Matters to be reported:

- (1) Business Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the 98<sup>th</sup> Fiscal Term (from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022), and results of audits of the Consolidated Financial Statements by the Accounting Auditor and the Board of Corporate Auditors
- (2) Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the 98<sup>th</sup> Fiscal Term (from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

#### Proposals to be resolved:

**Proposal 1:Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation** 

**Proposal 2:Election of Eight Directors** 

**Proposal 3:Election of One Substitute Corporate Auditor** 

#### 4. Notice on Exercise of Voting Rights

In the event you are unable to attend the meeting, you may designate a shareholder who has voting rights as your proxy to attend the meeting, in accordance with provisions of Article 17 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Company. In such case, you may designate only one proxy, and the proxy is required to submit a document certifying said individual's appointment of proxy.

#### O Notice

Please be advised that in the event the Reference Documents of General Meeting of Shareholders, Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements or Non-consolidated Financial Statements require modification, such modifications will be posted on the Company's website (https://www.ik-felt.co.jp).

#### **Reference Documents of General Meeting of Shareholders**

#### Proposals and references

#### **Proposal 1:** Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

#### 1. Reasons for the proposal

The amended provisions stipulated in the proviso of Article 1 of the supplementary provisions of the "Act Partially Amending the Companies Act" (Act No. 70 of 2019) will be enforced on September 1, 2022. Accordingly, in order to prepare for the introduction of the system for electronic provision of materials for general meetings of shareholders, the Articles of Incorporation of the Company shall be amended as follows.

- (1) The proposed Article 15, Paragraph 1 provides that information contained in the reference documents for the general meeting of shareholders, etc. shall be provided electronically.
- (2) The purpose of the proposed Article 15, Paragraph 2 is to establish a provision to limit the scope of matters to be included in the paper copy to be sent to shareholders who have requested it.
- (3) The provisions related to the internet disclosure and deemed provision of the reference documents for the general meeting of shareholders, etc. (Article 15 of the current Articles of Incorporation) will become unnecessary and will therefore be deleted.
- (4) In line with the above establishment and deletion of the provisions, supplementary provisions related to the effective date, etc. shall be established.

#### 2. Details of amendments

The details of the amendments are as follows.

(Amended parts are underlined.)

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Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
(Internet Disclosure and Deemed Provision of	<deleted></deleted>
Reference Documents for the General Meeting of	
Shareholders, Etc.)	
Article 15. The Company may, when convening a general meeting of shareholders, deem that it has provided information to shareholders pertaining to matters to be described or indicated in the reference documents for the general meeting of shareholders, business report, non-consolidated financial statements, and consolidated financial statements, by disclosing such information through the Internet in accordance with the provisions provided in the Ordinance of the Ministry of	
Justice.	
<u>vasitee.</u>	(Measures for Electronic Provision, Etc.)
<newly established=""></newly>	Article 15. The Company shall, when convening a general meeting of shareholders, provide information contained in the reference documents for the general meeting of shareholders, etc. electronically.
<newly established=""></newly>	2. Among the matters to be provided electronically, the Company may choose not to include all or part of the matters stipulated in the Ordinance of the Ministry of Justice in the paper copy to be sent to shareholders who have requested it by the record date for voting rights.

	(Supplementary Provisions)
<newly established=""></newly>	Article 1. The amendment to Article 15 of the Articles of Incorporation shall come into effect on September 1, 2022, the date of enforcement of
	the amended provisions stipulated in the proviso of Article 1 of the supplementary provisions of the Act Partially Amending the Companies Act (Act No. 70 of 2019) (the "Effective Date").
<newly established=""></newly>	Article 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, Article 15 of the Articles of Incorporation (Internet Disclosure and Deemed Provision of Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, Etc.) shall
<newly established=""></newly>	remain in force with respect to a general meeting of shareholders to be held on a date within six months from the Effective Date.  Article 3. These supplementary provisions shall be
Sterry established	deleted after the lapse of six months from the  Effective Date or the lapse of three months from the date of the general meeting of shareholders set forth in the preceding paragraph, whichever is later.

#### **Proposal 2:** Election of Eight Directors

The terms of office of all seven Directors will expire at the conclusion of this Meeting. Accordingly, the election of eight Directors, including three Outside Directors is proposed, with an increase in the number of Outside Directors by one to further strengthen oversight of management.

In consideration of its scale of business, the Company has defined in the current Articles of Incorporation that the number of Directors of the Company shall not exceed ten.

The Board of Directors of the Company consists of talented personnel who have an in-depth knowledge of operations of the rare and extremely specialized field of paper manufacturing equipment, and are capable of appropriately monitoring the execution of operations. Regarding this proposal, pursuant to the clauses stipulated in the management structure regulations that are based on resolutions by the Board of Directors, the Nominating and Compensation Committee consisting of Outside Directors, Outside Corporate Auditors, and the Representative Director nominated candidates that possess good character and the necessary knowledge for each of the positions. The proposal was resolved at a Board of Directors meeting as a matter to be discussed during the General Meeting of Shareholders, and has accordingly been submitted as a proposal for this General Meeting of Shareholders. Regarding the candidates for Director, we have endeavored to select candidates with a good balance of specialized knowledge, experience, and capabilities, as well as taken diversity into consideration.

Regarding the candidates for Independent Outside Directors, the Company has formulated its requirements for independence based on the external requirements defined in the Companies Act, as well as on the standards defined by the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

No.	Name		Current position within the Company	Term of office as Director	Attendance at Board of Directors meetings	
1	Reappointment  Masataka Ushio		President, Representative Director Chief Executive Officer	17 years	100% (19/19)	
2	Reappointment	Takanobu Yazaki	Director, Managing Executive Officer	6 years	100% (19/19)	
3	Reappointment	Yoshikazu Shiba	Director, Managing Executive Officer	6 years	100% (19/19)	
4	Reappointment Wataru Kobori		Director, Managing Executive Officer	4 years	100% (19/19)	
5	New appointment	Hiroyuki Toyama	Executive Officer	-	-	
6	Reappointment Outside Director Independent Officer	Akira Nozaki	Outside Director	7 years	100% (19/19)	
7	Reappointment Outside Director Independent Officer	Hiroki Nagaoka	Outside Director	4 years	100% (19/19)	
8	New appointment Outside Director Independent Officer	Ryota Honjo	-	-	-	

Reappointment Reappointed candidate for Director

New appointment Newly appointed candidate for Director

Outside Director Candidate for Outside Director

Independent Officer Candidate for Independent Officer

### Candidate 1: Masataka Ushio [Reappointment]

		nary, position and responsibility within the Company icant concurrent positions held)		
	April 1975 June 2003 April 2004	Joined Mitsubishi Trust and Banking Corporation Full-time Corporate Auditor of E-net Co., Ltd. Joined the Company, General Manager of Planning		
Date of birth:	June 2004 June 2005	Headquarters Executive Officer, General Manager of Marketing Department Director, Managing Executive Officer		
April 1, 1953	April 2006	Director, Executive Officer, General Manager of Sales Headquarters		
Term of office as a Director: 17 years (at the	April 2007 April 2008	Director, Executive Officer in charge of Sales Director, Executive Officer in charge of Planning and General Affairs		
conclusion of this Meeting)	June 2008	Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Planning and General Affairs		
Attendance at Board of	June 2012	Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Planning and Sales		
Directors meetings: 100% (19/19)	June 2012	Director, Senior Managing Officer in charge of Planning and Sales		
Number of shares of	June 2013 President, Representative Director, Chief Executive Officer (to present)			
the Company held:		•		
17,300 shares	Reasons for being a candidate for Director  Mr. Masataka Ushio has extensive knowledge in the financial and monetary fields, accumulated through decades of working at a major financial institution. After joining the Company, he has capitalized on that experience and knowledge, and has displayed excellent capabilities in the overall management of the Company. Since			
	June 2013, as the President and Representative Director of the Company, he has led the Group with his outstanding leadership skills. As his contribution is expected to strengthen the effectiveness of the decision-making and supervising functions of the Board of Directors, he has been nominated again as a candidate for Director.			

### Candidate 2: Takanobu Yazaki [Reappointment]

		ry, position and responsibility within the Company ant concurrent positions held)		
	September 1985	Joined the Company		
	June 2005	President, Ichikawa Europe GmbH		
	June 2012	General Manager of Global Sales, the Company; President,		
		Ichikawa North America Corp.; CEO, Ichikawa China Co., LTD.		
	April 2014	General Manager of Global Sales, the Company; CEO, Ichikawa China Co., LTD.		
Date of birth:	June 2014	Executive Officer, General Manager of Global Sales, the		
October 28, 1961		Company; CEO, Ichikawa China Co., LTD.		
	April 2015	Executive Officer, in charge of Sales (adjunct) and General		
Term of office as a		Manager of Global Sales, the Company; CEO, Ichikawa China		
Director:		Co., LTD.		
6 years (at the	April 2016	Executive Officer, in charge of Sales and General Manager of		
conclusion of this		Global Sales, the Company		
Meeting)	June 2016	Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Sales and		
		General Manager of Global Sales		
Attendance at Board of	April 2017	Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Sales		
Directors meetings:	April 2018	Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Sales and		
100% (19/19)		General Manager of Global Management		
	April 2019	Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Sales		
Number of shares of	January 2020	Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Global		
the Company held:	I 2021	Operations  Discovery Control of Color		
8,600 shares	June 2021	Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Global		
		Operations and Ichikawa Techno Fabrics Co., Ltd. (to present)		
	D	to a condidate for Director		
		ing a candidate for Director		
	Since joining the Company, for many years, Mr. Takanobu Yazaki has been actively involved in the operations of the Global Sales Department, including fulfilling			
		iments. By capitalizing on that extensive experience and his		
		tht, he can contribute greatly to the Board of Directors. As his		
		expected to strengthen the effectiveness of the decision-making and		
	supervising functions of the Board of Directors, he has been nominated again as a			
	candidate for Di	rector.		

### Candidate 3: Yoshikazu Shiba [Reappointment]

	Career summary, position and responsibility within the Company (Other significant concurrent positions held)			
Date of birth: February 12, 1963  Term of office as a    Director:    6 years (at the conclusion of this Meeting)  Attendance at Board of Directors meetings:    100% (19/19)	June 1987 April 2010 February 2012 June 2014 June 2016 June 2017 April 2018 June 2018 February 2021 April 2022	Joined the Company General Manager, Technology Department General Manager of Technology Executive Officer, General Manager of Technology Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Technology Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Production and Technology Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Production and Technology Collaboration Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Production Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Production Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Production and Technology Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Technology and Production and Head of Research and Development Laboratory (to present)		
Number of shares of the Company held: 7,000 shares	Since joining th operations of Te on that extensive the Board of effectiveness of	ing a candidate for Director e Company, Mr. Yoshikazu Shiba has been actively involved in the exhnology Department and Production Department. By capitalizing e experience and his perceptive insight, he can contribute greatly to Directors. As his contribution is expected to strengthen the the decision-making and supervising functions of the Board of s been nominated again as a candidate for Director.		

### Candidate 4: Wataru Kobori [Reappointment]

		ry, position and responsibility within the Company ant concurrent positions held)		
	April 1988	Joined the Company		
	April 2013	General Manager, Technology Department		
	April 2015	Head of Research and Development Laboratory and General Manager, Technology Department		
Date of birth:	June 2015	Executive Officer, Head of Research and Development Laboratory and General Manager, Technology Department		
September 22, 1965	June 2016	Executive Officer, Head of Research and Development Laboratory		
	June 2017	Executive Officer in charge of Technology (adjunct), Head of		
Term of office as a		Research and Development Laboratory, and in charge of		
Director:		Technology Management Department		
4 years (at the	April 2018	Executive Officer in charge of Technology and Asia Business		
conclusion of this		Department (adjunct)		
Meeting)	June 2018	Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Technology and Asia Business Department (adjunct)		
Attendance at Board of	January 2020	Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Japan		
Directors meetings:	_	Operations		
100% (19/19)	June 2020	Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Japan Operations and Technology		
Number of shares of	February 2021	Director, Managing Executive Officer in charge of Japan		
the Company held: 3,600 shares		Operations (to present)		
	Reasons for be	ing a candidate for Director		
		e Company, for many years, Mr. Wataru Kobori has been actively		
		operations of the Technology Department including Research and		
		aboratory. By capitalizing on that extensive experience and his		
		ght, he can contribute greatly to the Board of Directors. As his		
	contribution is expected to strengthen the effectiveness of the decision-making and			
	supervising functions of the Board of Directors, he has been nominated again as a			
	candidate for Director.			

### Candidate 5: Hiroyuki Toyama [New appointment]

	Career summary, position and responsibility within the Company (Other significant concurrent positions held)					
<b>Date of birth:</b> November 19, 1964	April 1988 April 2017 April 2018 June 2020	Joined The Chiba Bank, Ltd. Joined the Company, General Manager, Personnel Department General Manager of Business Planning Executive Officer, General Manager of Business Planning and				
Term of office as a Director: - Attendance at Board of	April 2021 April 2022	General Manager of General Affairs  April 2021 Executive Officer, General Manager of Business Planning and General Manager of Personnel Affairs				
Number of shares of the Company held:  1,600 shares	Reasons for being a candidate for Director  Mr. Hiroyuki Toyama has extensive knowledge in the financial and monetary fields, accumulated through decades of working at a financial institution. After joining the Company, he has been actively involved in the operations of the General Affairs Department, mainly in personnel affairs and corporate planning. By capitalizing on that extensive experience and his perceptive insight, he can contribute greatly to the					
	Board of Directors. As his contribution is expected to strengthen the effectiveness of the decision-making and supervising functions of the Board of Directors, he has been nominated as a candidate for Director.					

#### Candidate 6: Akira Nozaki [Reappointment] [Outside Director] [Independent Officer]

## Career summary, position and responsibility within the Company (Other significant concurrent positions held)

April 1988 Registered as an attorney (Daiichi Tokyo Bar Association)
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March 2003 Representative, Nozaki Law Office (to present)

June 2005 Corporate Auditor, the Company

April 2006 Corporate Auditor, Throw Group Co., Ltd (currently ipet

Insurance Co., LTD)

September 2006 Corporate Auditor, MACROMILL, INC. June 2011 Corporate Auditor, NEC Fielding, Ltd.

June 2015 Director, J-OIL MILLS, Inc.
June 2015 Director, the Company (to present)

June 2017 Corporate Auditor, J-OIL MILLS, Inc. (to present)

### Date of birth:

November 20, 1957

# Term of office as an Outside Director:

7 years (at the conclusion of this Meeting)

## Attendance at Board of Directors meetings:

100% (19/19)

# Number of shares of the Company held:

7,800 shares

### Reasons for being a candidate for Outside Director and overview of expected role

By capitalizing on the extensive specialized knowledge and experience that he has accumulated over the years in the legal field, Mr. Akira Nozaki actively gives his opinions and suggestions at Board of Directors meetings of the Company. Furthermore, he actively comments as a member of the Nominating and Compensation Committee, thereby increasing the transparency and fairness of the election or dismissal of and compensation for officers. The Company has deemed that he is qualified to conduct the oversight of management as the Group aims to achieve sustained growth and the realization of corporate value. Therefore, he has been nominated again as a candidate for Outside Director. Although he has not been directly involved in corporate management, for the reasons above, it is deemed that he is capable of appropriately carrying out the duties of an Outside Director.

#### **Submission of Appointment as Independent Officer**

The Company has appointed Mr. Akira Nozaki as an Independent Officer as prescribed by the Tokyo Stock Exchange and has submitted a notification of the appointment to the said Exchange. If his reappointment is approved, he will continuously be an Independent Officer.

#### **Liability Limitation Agreement**

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has concluded an agreement with Mr. Akira Nozaki to limit his liability for damages under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. The limit of the liability is the amount set by laws and regulations. If Mr. Akira Nozaki is reelected, the Company plans to continue the same agreement with him.

#### Candidate 7: Hiroki Nagaoka [Reappointment] [Outside Director] [Independent Officer]

## Career summary, position and responsibility within the Company (Other significant concurrent positions held)

July 1977 Joined Sanwa Tokyo Marunouchi Office (currently Deloitte

Touche Tohmatsu LLC)

March 1979 Registered as Certified Public Accountant

November 1990 Head of Shizuoka Office, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC

June 2004 Member of Management Council (resigned in November 2015)

June 2004 Assistant to Executive Manager of Tokyo Office and Head of

Eastern Japan Regional Offices

June 2007 Assistant to Head of Eastern Japan Block

October 2010 Head of Total Service Division

October 2013 In charge of Middle Market Promotion

July 2016 Corporate Advisor, Paramount Bed Holdings Co., Ltd. (to present)

June 2018 Director, the Company (to present)

## **Date of birth:** July 9, 1953

### Term of office as an Outside Director:

4 years (at the conclusion of this Meeting)

# Attendance at Board of Directors meetings:

100% (19/19)

# Number of shares of the Company held:

1,700 shares

## Reasons for being a candidate for Outside Director and overview of expected role

By capitalizing on his extensive auditing experience and professional insight into finance and accounting, which he has accumulated over the years as a certified public accountant, Mr. Hiroki Nagaoka actively gives his opinions and suggestions at Board of Directors meetings of the Company. Furthermore, he actively comments as a member of the Nominating and Compensation Committee, thereby increasing the transparency and fairness of the election or dismissal of and compensation for officers. The Company has deemed that he is qualified to conduct the oversight of management as the Group aims to achieve sustained growth and the realization of corporate value. Therefore, he has been nominated again as a candidate for Outside Director. Although he has not been directly involved in corporate management, for the reasons above, it is deemed that he is capable of appropriately carrying out the duties of an Outside Director.

#### Submission of Appointment as Independent Officer

The Company has appointed Mr. Hiroki Nagaoka as an Independent Officer as prescribed by the Tokyo Stock Exchange and has submitted a notification of the appointment to the said Exchange. If his reappointment is approved, he will continuously be an Independent Officer.

#### **Liability Limitation Agreement**

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has concluded an agreement with Mr. Hiroki Nagaoka to limit his liability for damages under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. The limit of the liability is the amount set by laws and regulations. If Mr. Hiroki Nagaoka is reelected, the Company plans to continue the same agreement with him.

#### Candidate 8: Ryota Honjo [New appointment] [Outside Director] [Independent Officer]

		nary, position and responsibility within the Company icant concurrent positions held)
	April 1972 April 2001	Joined ITOCHU Corporation Chief Executive Representative for ASEAN & South-West Asia, ITOCHU Corporation; Chairman and Managing Director, ITOCHU Hong Kong Ltd.
	June 2002	Executive Officer, ITOCHU Corporation
	June 2004	President and Representative Director, ITOCHU Management Consulting Co., Ltd.
D ( 011 (1	June 2005	President and Representative Director, JAPAN FOODS CO., LTD.
<b>Date of birth:</b> July 17, 1948	June 2015	Chairman of the Board
Term of office as an		being a candidate for Outside Director and overview of expected
Outside Director:	role	
-	insight into o	onjo has extensive experience as a corporate executive and broad verall corporate management in addition to international experience an markets. The Company has deemed that he is qualified to conduct
Attendance at Board of Directors meetings:	sustained gro nominated as that he is capa	of management and provide advice as the Group aims to achieve with and the realization of corporate value. Therefore, he has been a candidate for Outside Director. For the reasons above, it is deemed able of appropriately carrying out the duties of an Outside Director. ment is approved, he is also expected to participate in increasing the
Number of shares of the Company held:	transparency	and fairness of the election or dismissal of and compensation for nember of the Nominating and Compensation Committee.
	The Company prescribed by	of Appointment as Independent Officer by intends to appoint Mr. Ryota Honjo as an Independent Officer as by the Tokyo Stock Exchange and submit a notification of the both to the said Exchange. If his appointment is approved, he will be a new Difficer.
	If his appoints 1 of the Com Ryota Honjo t	ment is approved, pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph panies Act, the Company plans to conclude an agreement with Mr. to limit his liability for damages under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the ct. The limit of the liability is the amount set by laws and regulations.

- (Notes) 1. No conflict of interest exists between the Company and the above candidates.
  - 2. The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance contract to insure all of its Directors. The contract will cover damages that may arise due to insured Directors assuming liability for their execution of duties, or receiving a claim for the pursuit of such liability. If this proposal is approved as originally proposed and the candidates are appointed as Directors, each of them will be insured under the said insurance contract, which is to be renewed in June 2022.

#### **Reference** Skills Matrix for Directors and Corporate Auditors

The expertise and experience possessed by the Directors and Corporate Auditors, if Proposal 2 is approved as originally proposed at this General Meeting, are as shown in the matrix below.

Please note that it does not list all the expertise possessed by each of these persons.

	Position	Corporate planning	Legal / Compliance	Finance / Accounting	Human resource management	Sales / Marketing	Technology / Production / Quality assurance / R&D	Global
	President and							
Masataka Ushio	Representative							
	Director							
Takanobu Yazaki	Director					•		•
Yoshikazu Shiba	Director					•	•	
Wataru Kobori	Director					•	•	
Hiroyuki Toyama	Director	•		•	•			•
Akira Nozaki	Independent Outside Director		•					
Hiroki Nagaoka	Independent Outside Director			•				
Ryota Honjo	Independent Outside Director	•		•				•
Tomohiro	Corporate							•
Mochizuki	Auditor							
	Independent							
Masato Denawa	Outside		•					
	Corporate Auditor							
m. 1 . 01 . 1	Independent							
Takako Okada	Outside			•				
	Corporate Auditor							

<sup>\*</sup> The positions shown in the matrix are those to be approved by the Board of Directors and the Board of Corporate Auditors after the close of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

#### **Proposal 3:** Election of One Substitute Corporate Auditor

To prepare for cases where the number of Corporate Auditors falls below the number required by laws and regulations, the election of one Substitute Corporate Auditor is proposed.

The effectiveness of the election of Substitute Corporate Auditor under this proposal may be cancelled based on resolution of the Board of Directors, provided such cancellation is done prior to the assumption of office and with the consent of the Board of Corporate Auditors.

The Board of Corporate Auditors has previously given its approval to this proposal.

The candidate for Substitute Corporate Auditor is as follows:

#### Shinichi Oshima [Candidate for Substitute Outside Corporate Auditor] [Independent Officer]

## Career summary and position within the Company (Other significant concurrent positions held)

April 2001 Joined UBS Warburg Securities Japan Co., Ltd. (currently UBS

Securities Japan Co., Ltd.)

January 2006 Joined Pinnacle Inc.

September 2013 Representative Director, Best Move, Inc. (to present)

December 2018 Representative Director, QT Japan Co., Ltd. (currently Chinoh.Ai

Co., Ltd.)

#### Date of birth: July 29, 1976

# Number of shares of the Company held:

#### Reasons for being a candidate for Substitute Outside Corporate Auditor

Mr. Shinichi Oshima has extensive experience and broad insight as a corporate manager who has founded and developed his own companies, and it is expected that he can perform audit appropriately from an objective and fair standpoint. Therefore, he has been nominated as a candidate for Substitute Outside Corporate Auditor. For the reasons above, it is deemed that he is capable of appropriately carrying out the duties of an Outside Corporate Auditor.

#### **Submission of Appointment as Independent Officer**

Mr. Shinichi Oshima is a candidate for Substitute Outside Corporate Auditor. If his election is approved and he assumes the office of Outside Corporate Auditor, the Company plans to newly appoint him as an Independent Officer and submit a notification of the appointment to the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

#### **Liability Limitation Agreement**

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company plans to conclude an agreement with Mr. Shinichi Oshima to limit his liability for damages under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, when he assumes the office of Corporate Auditor. The limit of the liability is the amount set by laws and regulations.

- (Notes) 1. No conflict of interest exists between the Company and the above candidate.
  - 2. The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance contract to insure all of its Corporate Auditors. The contract will cover damages that may arise due to insured Corporate Auditors assuming liability for their execution of duties, or receiving a claim for the pursuit of such liability. If the candidate is appointed as Outside Corporate Auditor, he will be insured under the said insurance contract.