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Securities Code: 4390

June 10, 2022

To Our Shareholders:

4-1-1 Tsukiji, Chuo-ku, Tokyo

IPS, Inc.

President/CEO Koji Miyashita

Notice of the 31st Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

We would like to express our appreciation for your continued support and patronage.

You are cordially invited to attend the 31st Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of IPS, Inc. (the "Company"). The meeting will be held as described below.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, you may exercise your voting rights in writing or via the Internet. Please review the attached Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders and exercise your voting rights so that your vote will arrive by 6 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022 (JST). You can exercise your voting rights either by indicating your vote for or against the proposals on the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form or by entering your vote for or against the proposals on the voting website (https://soukai.mizuho-tb.co.jp/) designated by the Company.

Date and Time
 Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 10 a.m. (Reception opens at 9 a.m. (JST))
 Venue
 Yaesu First Financial Building, 1-3-7 Yaesu, Chuo-ku, Tokyo

BELLESALLE Yaesu 2nd Floor ROOM C

3. Purposes of the Meeting

Matters to be reported: Report on the Business Report, the Consolidated Financial Statements, and the

Non-consolidated Financial Statements, as well as the audit results of the Consolidated Financial Statements by the Accounting Auditor and Audit & Supervisory Board for the 31st Fiscal Year (from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022)

Matters to be resolved:

Proposal No. 1: Dividends of Surplus

Proposal No. 2: Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

Proposal No. 3: Election of Six Directors

Proposal No. 4: Provision of Retirement Benefits for Retiring Directors

When attending the meeting on the day, please submit the attached voting right exercise form to the venue reception desk.

- Should the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, the Business Report, the Non-consolidated Financial Statements, and the Consolidated Financial Statements require revisions, such revisions will be posted on the Company's website (https://ipsism.co.jp/ir/meeting/).
- You can view the General Meeting of Shareholders through a livestream on the Internet. Please visit the "IR" page of the Company's website to view the livestream.

https://ipsism.co.jp/ir/

Opening date and time: Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 10 a.m. (JST) (scheduled)

Guidance on the Exercise of Voting Rights, etc.

- Web disclosure matters

Of the documents to be provided with this Notice, "Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements" and "Notes to the Non-consolidated Financial Statements" are posted on the Company's website (https://ipsism.co.jp/ir/meeting/) in accordance with laws and regulations and Article 15 of the Articles of Incorporation and are therefore not included in this notice.

- Handling of duplicate exercise of voting rights in writing and via the Internet
 If you exercise your voting rights both in writing and via the Internet, the exercise of your voting rights via the
 Internet will be treated as valid.
- Handling of duplicate exercise of voting rights via the Internet
 If you exercise your voting rights more than once via the Internet, the last vote will be treated as valid.
- Exercise of voting rights via the Internet
 Please refer to the "Instructions for the Exercise of Voting Rights" and "Instructions for the Exercise of Voting Rights via the Internet, Etc." described on the following pages.

Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders

Proposals and Reference Information

Proposal No. 1: Dividends of Surplus

The Company's basic policy for return to shareholders is to continue to pay appropriate dividends reflecting the results of operations achieved while securing internal reserves necessary for future business development and enhancing its financial strength. Based on this policy, the Company proposes to pay dividends of surplus for the fiscal year under review as follows.

- (1) Type of dividend To be paid in cash.
- (2) Matters concerning the allotment of dividend property and the total amount thereof 25 yen per share of common stock of the Company. Total amount: 310,252,625 yen
- (3) Effective date of dividends of surplus June 29, 2022

Proposal No. 2: Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

- 1. Reason for the proposal
- (1) The provisions of Article 2 of the current Article of Incorporation shall be reorganized and consolidated to clarify the scope of their business purpose corresponding to future social change and expansion of business activities.
- (2) Since the revised provisions provided for in the proviso to Article 1 of the Supplementary Provisions of the Act Partially Amending the Company Act (Act No. 70 of 2019) are to be enforced on September 1, 2022, the Company proposed to make the following changes to the current Article of Incorporation in preparation for the introduction of the system for providing information materials for the shareholders' meeting in electronic format.
- ① Article 15, paragraph 1 in "Proposed Amendments" below will stipulate that the Company shall take measures for providing information that constitutes the content of reference materials for the shareholders' meeting in electronic format.
- ② Article 15, paragraph 2 in "Proposed Amendment" below will establish the provision to make it possible to limit the items to be stated in the paper-based document to be delivered to shareholders who requested.
- ③ Since the provisions for Internet Disclosure and Deemed Provision of Reference Materials for the Shareholders' Meeting (Article 15 of the current Articles of Incorporation) will no longer be required, they will be deleted.
- ④ Accompanying the aforementioned establishment and deletion of provisions, supplementary provisions regarding the effective date, etc. will be established.
- (3) Other parts of the current Article of Incorporation shall be reviewed overall, such as clarifying the number of substitute Auditors and unifying the numbers into half-width characters.

2. Description of the amendment

•	(The underlines indicate the amended parts.)
Current Articles	Proposed Amendment
Chapter 1 General Provisions	Chapter 1 General Provisions
(Trade name) Article 1 The name of the Company is Kabushiki Kaisha I P S and written in English as I P S, Inc.	Article <u>1</u> (Trade Name) The name of the Company is Kabushiki Kaisha <u>IPS</u> and written in English as <u>IPS</u> , Inc.
(Purpose) Article 2 The Company operates the following businesses:	Article 2 (Purpose) The Company operates the following businesses, either through the Company itself, or through other companies (including foreign companies) and partnerships (including foreign partnerships) in which the Company holds shares or interests and controls or manages the businesses of said entities.
(1) Business related to advertising	(Changed and moved to (12))
(2) Advertising agency business	(Deleted)
(3) Information processing service business and	(Changed and moved to (2))
information provision service <u>business</u> (4) <u>Buying and selling</u> of communications equipment, broadcasting equipment and other	(Changed and moved to (3))
equipment, brokerage of sales and leasing business (5) Procedures for telephone subscription (6) Import and export of telephone equipment and stone (7) Telecommunications business (8) Import, export and sale of foodstuffs	(Changed) (Changed and moved to (4)) (1) Telecommunications business (Changed and moved to (10))

Current Articles	Proposed Amendment
(9) Telecommunications Service Utilization	(Changed and moved to (7))
Broadcasting Business <u>based</u> on the	
Telecommunications Service Utilization	
Broadcasting Law and customer management	
service for broadcasting companies.	
(10) Worker dispatch business	(Moved to (8))
(1 1) Training for nurses and caregivers	(Deleted)
(1 2) Mail order business and mail order business	(Changed and moved to (11))
contract	
(1 3) Telephone answering business and	(Change and moved to (6))
consulting related to this	
(1 4) Paid employment placement business	(Changed and moved to (9))
(1 5) Housework service business	(Deleted)
(Changed and moved from (3))	(2) Information processing / information
	provision service
(Changed and moved from (4))	(3) Import, export, sale and rental of
	communications equipment, broadcasting
	equipment and other equipment
(Changed and moved from (6))	(4) Import, export, sale and rental of
	telephone equipment (5) Telephone subscription <u>application</u>
(Changed and moved from (1 3))	agency (6) Telephone answering business and
(Changed and moved from (1 3))	consulting therefor
(Changed and moved from (9))	(7) Broadcasting business and customer
(Changed and moved from (9))	management services for broadcasting
	companies
(Moved from (1 0))	(8) Worker dispatch business
(Changed and moved from (1 4)	(9) Employment placement services
(Changed and moved from (8))	(10) Import, export and sale of foodstuffs
(Changed and moved from (1 2))	(11) Mail order business
(Changed and moved from (1))	(12) Advertising business
(1 6) Management of language schools and	(13) Management of language schools
other classrooms, and planning, production and	and various other schools, and planning,
sales of teaching materials	preparation and sales of teaching materials
(1 7) Sales promotion support business and	(Deleted)
agency business	(Belevea)
(1 8) Market research and commercialization	(14) Market research and
support services for domestic and foreign	entrepreneurship support business
enterprises and administrative organizations	entrepreneuromp support outsiness
(1 9) All business related to the preceding	(15) (Same as current)
	110) (Same as carrent)
items	
(Location of Head Office)	Article 3 (Location of Head Office)
Article 3 (Omit)	(Same as current)
Article <u>3</u> (Offilit)	(Same as current)

(Organizational Bodies)

Article <u>4</u> <u>In addition to the General Meeting of Shareholders and Directors</u>, the Company will have the following organizational bodies.

(Moved from Article)

(Moved from Article)

- (1) Board of Directors
- (2) Corporate Auditors
- (3) Board of Corporate Auditors
- (4) Accounting Auditors

Article 5 (Omit)

Chapter 2 Shares

(Total Number of Shares)

Article <u>6</u> The total number of Shares authorized to be issued by the Company shall be 3 9, 9 6 0, 0 0 0 shares.

(Acquisition of own shares)

Article 7 The Company may acquire its own shares based on a resolution of the Board of Directors pursuant to the provisions of Article 1 6 5, Paragraph 2 of the Companies Act.

(Number of Shares per unit)

Article 8 The number of shares constituting one unit of the Company shall be 100 shares.

(Rights of Shares constituting less than one unit) Article 9 Shareholders of the Company may not exercise any rights other than those listed below with respect to shares less than constituting less than one unit held by said shareholders.

- (1) Rights listed in each item of Article 189, Paragraph 2 of the Companies Act
- (2) Right to make a request under Article 166, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act
- (3) Right to receive an allotment of offered shares and <u>an allotment of</u> offered stock acquisition rights in accordance with the number of shares held by said shareholders

Proposed Amendment

Article 4 (Organizational Bodies)

The Company will have the following organizational bodies.

- (1) General Meeting of Shareholders
- (2) Directors
- (3) Board of Directors
- (4) Corporate Auditors
- (5) Board of Corporate Auditors
- (6) Accounting Auditors

Article 5 (Same as current)

Chapter 2 Shares

Article 6 (Total Number of Shares)

The total number of Shares authorized to be issued by the Company shall be 39,960,000 shares.

Article 7 (Acquisition of Treasury Shares)

The Company may acquire shares <u>of the Company</u> based on a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Article 8 (Number of Shares per unit)

The number of shares constituting one unit of the Company shall be 100 shares.

Article 9 (Rights of Shares constituting less than one unit)

Shareholders of the Company may exercise only the following rights with respect to shares constituting less than one unit held by said shareholders.

- (1) Rights listed in each item of Article 189, Paragraph 2 of the Companies Act
- (2) Rights referred to in Article 166, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act
- (3) Right to receive an allotment of offered shares and offered stock acquisition rights in accordance with the number of shares held by said shareholders

(Shareholder Registry Administrator) Article 1 0 (Omit)

2 (Omit)

3 Creation and maintenance of the shareholder registry and share option registry of the Company, and other business relating to the Shareholder Registers and Share Option Register, shall be entrusted to the shareholder registry administrator, and the Company shall not implement these activities.

(Share Handling Regulations)

Article 1 1 The handling of and fees related to the shares of the Company shall be in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, these Articles of Incorporation and the Share Handling Regulations determined by the Board of Directors.

Chapter 3 General Meeting of Shareholders

(Convocation)

Article 1 2 An Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company shall be convened in June of every year, and an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders shall be convened from time to time, whenever necessary.

(Record Date of Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders)

Article 1 3 The record date for exercising voting rights at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company shall be March 3 1 of each year.

(Convener and Chair)

Article 1 4 (Omit)

2 If the President is unable to act as chairman due to an accident or other reason, another director of the Company shall take its place in the order previously determined by the board of directors.

Proposed Amendment

Article 10 (Shareholder Registry Administrator.)

- (Same as current)
- (Same as current)
- <u>2</u> <u>3</u> Preparation and maintenance of the shareholder registry and share option registry of the Company and related affairs will be entrusted to the shareholder registry administrator and will not be handled by the Company.

Article 11 (Share Handling Regulations)

The handling of and fees related to the shares of the Company shall be in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, these Articles Incorporation and the Share Handling Regulations determined by the Board of Directors.

Chapter 3 General Meeting of Shareholders

Article 12 (Convocation)

An Ordinary General Meeting Shareholders of the Company shall be convened in June of every year, and an Extraordinary General Meeting Shareholders <u>may</u> be convened whenever deemed necessary.

Article 13 (Record Date of Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders)

> The record date for exercising voting rights at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company shall be March 31 of each year.

Article 14 (Convener and Chair)

- (Same as current)
- If the President is unable to act as chairman due to an accident or other reason, another director will act on his or her behalf in the order predetermined by the board of directors.

Current Articles (Disclosure on the Internet of reference documents of the General Meeting of Shareholders) Article 1 5 In convening a General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company may deem to have provide information on matters to be described or indicated in reference documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, business reports, Financial Statements, and Consolidated Financial Statements to Shareholders, in accordance with Ministry of Justice Order, by disclosing the said information to Shareholders on the Internet.

(Newly established)

(Method of Adopting Resolutions) Article <u>1 6</u> (Omit)

<u>2</u> Unless otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation, the resolution stipulated in Article <u>3 0 9</u>, Paragraph <u>2</u> of the Companies Act shall be adopted by two-thirds or more of the votes cast by shareholders who may exercise their voting rights at the relevant General Meeting of Shareholders with the attendance of shareholders holding at least one-third of the votes of shareholders entitled to vote at such shareholders meeting.

(Exercise of Voting Rights by Proxy) Article 1 7 (Omit)

<u>2</u> Shareholders or proxies must submit to the Company a document evidencing the authority of proxy for each General Meeting of Shareholders.

Proposed Amendment

(Deleted)

Article 15 (Electronic Provision Method)

- When convening the General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company will provide the information contained in the reference documents for the said meeting electronically.
- The Company need not provide all or any part of the information specified by the Ordinance of the Ministry of Justice of the matters that may be provided electronically in the documents to be delivered to the shareholders who request the issuance of paper documents by the record date of voting rights.

Article 16 (Method of Adopting Resolutions)

- 1 (Same as current)
- 2 Unless otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation, the resolution stipulated in Article 309, Paragraph 2 of the Companies Act shall be adopted by two-thirds or more of the votes cast by shareholders who may exercise their voting rights at the relevant General Meeting of Shareholders with the attendance of shareholders holding at least one-third of the votes of shareholders entitled to vote at such shareholders meeting.

Article 17 (Exercise of Voting Rights by Proxy)

- 1 (Same as current)
- Shareholders or proxies must submit a document certifying the right of representation to the Company at each meeting.

Chapter 4 Directors and Board of Directors

Article $\underline{1} \ \underline{9}$ The number of Directors of the Company shall be no more than $\underline{1} \ \underline{0}$.

(Election of Directors)

Article 2 0 (Omit)

2 (Omit)

<u>3</u> The <u>Company</u> shall not <u>take the way of</u> <u>Cumulative Vote for the resolution of the election of Directors.</u>

(Term of Office)

Article <u>2 1</u> The term of office of Directors continue until the conclusion of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders for the <u>last</u> business year <u>which ends</u> within <u>1</u> year after their election.

(Representative Director and Senior Director) Article 2 2 (Omit)

<u>2</u> By a resolution, the Board of Directors may select a Chairman of the Board and a President and Chief Executive Officer, and a certain number of Vice Presidents & Senior Managing Directors and Managing Directors.

(Newly established)

(Convocation of Board of Directors' Meetings and Chair)

Article 2 3 (Omit)

<u>2</u> If the President <u>and Chief Executive Officer</u> is unable to serve, another Director <u>of the Company shall take its place</u> in the order <u>previously determined by</u> the Board of Directors.

(Notice of Convening Board of Directors' Meetings)

Article <u>2</u> <u>4</u> Notice of Meetings of the Board of Directors will be issued to each Director and Corporate Auditor <u>3</u> days before the date of the meeting. In case of urgency, this period may be shortened.

2 (Omit)

Proposed Amendment

Chapter 4 Directors and Board of Directors

Article 19 (Same as current)

The number of Directors of the Company shall be no more than $\underline{10}$.

Article 20 (Election of Directors)

- 1 (Same as current)
- 2 (Same as current)
- <u>3</u> The <u>resolution to elect Directors</u> shall not <u>be conducted by cumulative voting.</u>

Article <u>21</u> (Term of Office)

The term of office of Directors shall expire at the close of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders for the business year ending within 1 year after their election.

Article <u>22</u> (Representative Director and Senior Directors)

- 1 (Same as current)
- By a resolution, the Board of Directors may select a Chairman, a President and one or more Vice Presidents, Senior Managing Directors and Managing Directors.
- <u>3</u> The President shall be selected from among the Representative Directors.

Article <u>23</u> (Convocation of Board of Directors' Meetings and Chair)

- 1 (Same as current)
- 2 If the President is unable to act as chairman due to an accident or other reason, another Director will act on his or her behalf in the order predetermined in the rules of the Board of Directors.

Article <u>24</u> (Notice of Convening Board of Directors' Meetings)

- <u>1</u> Notice of Meetings of the Board of Directors will be issued to each Director and Corporate Auditor <u>3</u> days before the date of the meeting. In case of urgency, this period may be shortened.
- 2 (Same as current)

(Resolutions of the Board of Directors)

Article 2 5 (Omit)

2 When all Directors manifest their intention to agree to a proposal with respect to a matter which is the purpose of the resolution at the Board of Directors meeting in writing or in an electronic or magnetic record, such proposal shall be deemed to have been passed by its resolution at the Board of Directors meeting. This, however, shall not apply in cases where a Company Auditor states objections to such proposal.

(Minutes of Board of Directors' Meetings)

Article <u>2 6</u> The minutes of the Board of Directors <u>meeting</u> will be prepared in writing or in an electronic format <u>as prescribed by law</u>, and the Directors and Corporate Auditors who attended will sign or seal the minutes or electronically sign them.

2 Minutes of paragraph 2 of the preceding article shall be made in writing or in the form of electronic or magnetic records as prescribed by law.

(Regulations of Board of Directors)

Article <u>2</u> 7 Matters concerning the Board of Directors shall be governed by laws and regulations, these Articles of Incorporation and the rules of the Board of Directors.

(Rewards)

Article <u>2</u> <u>8</u> <u>The financial</u> benefits to be received from the Company as <u>a consideration</u> for the execution of the duties, such as remunerations and bonuses, (hereinafter in this <u>Chapter referred to as "Remunerations") for Directors</u> will be determined by a resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders.

Proposed Amendment

Article <u>25</u> (Resolutions of the Board of Directors)

- (Same as current)
- When all Directors who may vote on a resolution of the Board of Directors have expressed their consent to the said resolution in writing or by electronic means, the Board of Directors will be deemed to have approved the resolution. The rule described above will not apply if an Auditor objects to the matter resolved.

Article <u>26</u> (Minutes of Board of Directors' Meetings)

The minutes of the Board of Directors and the minutes set forth in paragraph 2 of the preceding Article will be prepared in writing or in an electronic format, and the Directors and Corporate Auditors who attended will sign or seal the minutes or electronically sign them.

(Consolidated with Article 26. 1)

Article 27 (Regulations of Board of Directors)
Matters concerning the Board of Directors shall be governed by laws and regulations, these Articles of Incorporation and the rules of the Board of Directors.

Article 28 (Rewards)

<u>Property</u> benefits ("rewards, etc.") to be received from the Company as <u>compensation</u> for <u>Directors</u>, bonuses <u>and other compensation</u> for the execution of <u>Directors</u>' duties will be determined by a resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders.

(Exemption from Liability of Directors)

Article <u>2</u> <u>9</u> The Company may exempt Directors (including former directors) from liability for damages due to neglect of duties by resolution of the Board of Directors pursuant to the provisions of Article <u>4</u> <u>2</u> <u>6</u>, Paragraph <u>1</u> of the Companies Act.

<u>2</u> If non-executive Directors acted in good faith and without gross negligence in performing their duties, the Company may conclude contracts with such Directors to limit their liability under Article <u>4 2 3</u>, Paragraph <u>1</u> of the Companies Act to the amount provided therein.

Chapter 5 Corporate Auditors and Board of Corporate Auditors (Number of Company Auditors)
Article 3 0 The number of Corporate Auditors of the Company shall be 3 or more.
(Changed and moved from Article 32.1)

(Appointment Method)

Article 3 1 Corporate Auditor shall be appointed by the resolution at the General Meeting of Shareholders.

<u>2</u> The resolution for the election of Corporate Auditor shall be passed by a majority of the votes of the Shareholders present at the meeting where the Shareholders holding a majority of one third or more of the votes of the Shareholders entitled to vote at such Shareholders meeting are present. (Changed and moved from Article 32.3)

Proposed Amendment

Article <u>29</u> (Exemption from Liability of Directors)

- 1 The Company may exempt Directors (including former directors) from liability for damages due to neglect of duties by resolution of the Board of Directors pursuant to the provisions of Article 426, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act.
- If non-executive Directors acted in good faith and without gross negligence in performing their duties, the Company may conclude contracts with such Directors to limit their liability under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to the amount provided therein.

Chapter <u>5</u> Corporate Auditors and Board of Corporate Auditors

Article 30 (Number of Corporate Auditors)

- $\underline{1}$ The number of Corporate Auditors of the Company shall be $\underline{3}$ or more.
- 2 The Company may appoint up to 2 substitute Corporate Auditors in case the number of Corporate Auditors stipulated by law is insufficient.

Article 31 (Appointment Method)

1 Article 20, Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the appointment of Corporate Auditors and substitute Corporate Auditors.

(Deleted)

A resolution to appoint a substitute Corporate Auditor shall be effective until the commencement of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders for the final business year ending within 4 years after the appointment.

Current Articles (Election of Substitute Corporate Auditor) Article 3 2 Substitute Corporate Auditor may be elected by way of precaution against the cases where there is a vacancy which results in a shortfall in the number of Corporate Auditors prescribed in laws and regulations or these Articles of Incorporation. 2 The provisions of Article 3 1 Paragraph 2 apply mutatis mutandis to the method of election of Substitute Corporate Auditor. 3 The resolution concerning the election of Substitute Corporate Auditor shall be effective until the start of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders for the last business year which

(Term of Office)

election.

Article <u>3 3</u> The term of office of Corporate Auditors shall be until the conclusion of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders for the final business year ending within <u>4</u> years after their appointment.

ends within 4 years from the time of its

2 (Omit)

Article <u>3 4</u> to <u>3 5</u> (Omit)

(Resolution of Board of Corporate Auditors)

Article <u>3 6</u> Resolution <u>at</u> the Board of Corporate Auditors <u>meeting is passed</u> by a majority of the Corporate Auditors.

(Minutes of the Board of Corporate Auditors)

Article 3 7 The minutes of meetings of the Board of Corporate Auditors will be prepared in writing or electronic format as prescribed by law, the Corporate Auditors who attended will sign or seal the minutes or electronically sign them.

(Rules of the Board of Corporate Auditors)

Article 3 8 Matters concerning the Board of Corporate Auditors shall be governed by the regulations of the Board of Corporate Auditors determined by the Board of Corporate Auditors, in addition to laws and regulations, and these Articles of Incorporation.

Proposed Amendment

(Changed and moved to Article 30.2)

(Consolidated with Article 31.1)

(Changed and moved to Article 31.2)

Article 32 (Term of Office)

- The term of office of Corporate Auditors shall be until the conclusion of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders for the final business year ending within 4 years after their appointment.
- 2 (Same as current)

Article 33 to 34 (Same as current)

Article <u>35</u> (Resolution of Board of Corporate Auditors)

Resolutions of the Board of Corporate Auditors shall be adopted by a majority of the Corporate Auditors.

Article <u>36</u> (Minutes of the Board of Corporate Auditors)

The minutes of meetings of the Board of Corporate Auditors will be prepared in writing or electronic format, and the Corporate Auditors who attended will sign or seal the minutes or electronically sign them.

Article <u>37</u> (Rules of the Board of Corporate Auditors)

Matters concerning the Board of Corporate Auditors shall be governed by laws and regulations, these Articles of Incorporation and the rules of the Board of Corporate Auditors established by the Board of Corporate Auditors.

Article 3 9 (Omit)

(Exemption from Liability of Corporate Auditors)

Article <u>4 0</u> The Company may exempt Corporate Auditors (including former Corporate Auditors) from liability for damages due to neglect of duties by resolution of the Board of Directors, pursuant to the provisions of Article <u>4 2 6</u>, Paragraph <u>1</u> of the Companies Act.

<u>2</u> If Corporate Auditors acted in good faith and without gross negligence in performing their duties, the Company may conclude contracts with such Corporate Auditors to limit their liability under Article <u>4 2 3</u>, Paragraph <u>1</u> of the Companies Act to the amount provided therein.

Chapter 6 Financial Auditor

Article 4 1 (Omit)

(Term of Office of Accounting Auditors)

Article <u>4 2</u> The term of office of the Accounting Auditors <u>continue</u> until the conclusion of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders for the <u>last</u> business year <u>which ends</u> within <u>1</u> year after their appointment.

<u>2</u> If no resolution providing otherwise is passed at the <u>ordinary</u> General Meeting of Shareholders set forth in the preceding paragraph, the Accounting Auditors shall be deemed to have been reappointed at <u>such ordinary</u> General Meeting of Shareholders.

(Accounting Auditors' Remuneration, etc.)

Article <u>4 3</u> Compensation, etc. for the Accounting Auditors shall be determined by the <u>Representative Director</u> with the consent of the Board of Corporate Auditors.

Chapter 7 Account

(Business Year)

Article $\underline{4}$ $\underline{4}$ The business year of the Company shall be from April $\underline{1}$ st of a given year until March $\underline{3}$ $\underline{1}$ st of the following year.

Proposed Amendment

Article 38 (Same as current)

Article <u>39</u> (Exemption from Liability of Corporate Auditors)

- 1 The Company may exempt Corporate Auditors (including former Corporate Auditors) from liability for damages due to neglect of duties by resolution of the Board of Directors, pursuant to the provisions of Article 426, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act.
- If Corporate Auditors acted in good faith and without gross negligence in performing their duties, the Company may conclude contracts with such Corporate Auditors to limit their liability under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to the amount provided therein.

Chapter 6 Accounting Auditors

Article 40 (Same as current)

Article <u>41</u> (Term of Office of Accounting Auditors)

- The term of office of the Accounting Auditors will be until the conclusion of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders for the business year ending within 1 year after their appointment.
- If no resolution providing otherwise is passed at the General Meeting of Shareholders set forth in the preceding paragraph, the Accounting Auditors shall be deemed to have been reappointed at that General Meeting of Shareholders.

Article <u>42</u> (Accounting Auditors' Remuneration, etc.)

Compensation, etc. for the Accounting Auditors shall be determined by the <u>President</u> with the consent of the Board of Corporate Auditors.

Chapter 7 Account

Article <u>43</u> (Business Year)

The business year of the Company shall be from April 1st of a given year until March 31st of the following year.

(Distribution of Surplus)

Article $\underline{4}$ $\underline{5}$ Dividends representing surplus will be paid to shareholders or registered share pledgees listed or recorded in the final shareholder registry on March $\underline{3}$ $\underline{1}$ of each year.

(Interim Dividends)

Article <u>4 6</u> By resolution of the Board of Directors, the Company may pay interim dividends to shareholders or registered share pledgees listed or recorded in the final shareholder registry on September <u>3 0</u> of each year.

(Exclusion Period for Dividends of Surplus) Article <u>4 7</u> If the dividend representing surplus is not received even after <u>3</u> years have passed from the payment due date, the Company will be exempted from the obligation to pay said dividend.

2 (Omit)

(Newly established)

Proposed Amendment

Article <u>44</u> (Distribution of Surplus)

Dividends representing surplus will be paid to shareholders or registered share pledgees listed or recorded in the final shareholder registry on March <u>31</u> of each year.

Article 45 (Interim Dividends)

By resolution of the Board of Directors, the Company may pay interim dividends to shareholders or registered share pledgees listed or recorded in the final shareholder registry on September <u>30</u> of each year.

Article <u>46</u> (Exclusion Period for Dividends of Surplus)

- <u>1</u> If the dividend representing surplus is not received even after <u>3</u> years have passed from the payment due date, the Company will be exempted from the obligation to pay said dividend.
- 2 (Same as current)

(Supplementary provision)

- 1. The deletion of Article 15 (Internet Disclosure and Deemed Provision of Reference Documents for General Meetings of Shareholders, etc.) of the current Articles of Incorporation and its replacement by Article 15 (Electronic Provision Method) will become effective as of the date of enforcement of the amended provisions of the Supplementary Provisions to Amendment of the Companies Act (Act No. 70 of 2019) (hereinafter, the "Effective Date").
- 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, Article 15 of the current Articles of Incorporation shall still be effective for a General Meeting of Shareholders which is held within 6 months from the Effective Date.
- 3. This Supplementary Provision shall be deleted after 6 months have passed from the Effective Date or 3 months have passed from the date of the General Meeting of Shareholders set forth in the preceding paragraph, whichever is later.

Proposal No. 3: Election of Six Directors

The terms of office of all six Directors will expire at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, the election of six Directors is proposed.

The candidates for 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
	Koji Miyashita	May 1985 Joined Recruit Co., Ltd. (currently Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.) Oct. 1991 Assumed the position of President/CEO upon the establishment of the Company (current position)	
1.	February 3, 1965	(Significant concurrent positions outside the Company) Shinagawa Lasik & Aesthetics Center Corporation (Director) InfiniVAN, Inc. (Director) ISMO Pte. Ltd. (Director and Chief Executive Officer)	4,955,000
	The Company propose	n as a candidate for Director s the election of Mr. Miyashita as Director because he has been in char ness as President/CEO for many years.	ge of the
2.	Masako Uemori July 4, 1969	June 1994 Joined the Company, Section Manager of Sales Promotion Department Sept. 2001 Department Manager of Sales Promotion Department Sept. 2007 Director June 2018 Senior Managing Director (current position) (Currently, Senior Managing Director and Unit Director of Business Promotion Unit of the Company) (Significant concurrent positions outside the Company) Shinagawa Lasik & Aesthetics Center Corporation (President)	195,000
	The Company propose	n as a candidate for Director st the election of Ms. Uemori as Director because she has contributed to pany group by mainly overseeing the business activities of overseas sub- ctor of the Company.	
3.	Shigeki Nakahara November 9, 1959	Apr. 1983 Joined Mitsui & Co., Ltd. Sept. 2014 Supervisor of Kyushu Chemical Products May 2016 Director of Nisso BASF Agro Co., Ltd. Nov. 2019 Mitsui & Co., Ltd. Mar. 2020 Deputy Unit Director of Administration Unit of the Company May 2020 Department Manager of Administration Department June 2020 Director (current position) Feb. 2021 Unit Director of Administration Unit (current position) Apr. 2022 Deputy Unit Director of Business Promotion Unit (current position) (Currently, Director, Unit Director of Administration Unit, and Deputy Unit Director of Business Promotion Unit, and Deputy Unit Director of Business Promotion Unit of the Company) (Significant concurrent positions outside the Company) KEYSQUARE, INC. (President) InfiniVAN, Inc. (Director)	0
	ne administration		

Candidate No.	Name Date of birth	Career su and sig	Number of the Company's shares owned	
		Apr. 1984	Joined Japan Associated Finance Co., Ltd. (currently JAFCO Group Co., Ltd.)	
		July 1998	Established Nippon Technology Venture Partners. Representative Director (current position)	
		Mar. 2007	Director of Water Direct Co., Ltd. (currently Premium Water Holdings Co., Ltd.) (current position)	
		June 2012	Outside Director of Plat'Home Co., Ltd. (current position)	
		June 2015	Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company (retired in Oct. 2017)	
	Kazutaka Muraguchi	June 2017	Outside Director of Dentas Co., Ltd. (current position)	
	November 20, 1958	Nov. 2017	Outside Director of BroadBand Tower, Inc.	2,000
	*Candidate for	Nov. 2018	Outside Director of JESCO Holdings, Inc. (current position)	2,000
	Outside Director	Jan. 2019	Director of BroadBand Tower, Inc. (current position)	
		June 2021	Outside Director of LAC Co., Ltd. (current position)	
4.		June 2021	Outside Director of the Company (current position)	
		` ~	concurrent positions outside the Company)	
			ive Director of Nippon Technology Venture Partners	
			Premium Water Holdings Co., Ltd.	
			ector of Plat'Home Co., Ltd.	
			ector of Dentas Co., Ltd.	
			BroadBand Tower, Inc.	
			ector of JESCO Holdings, Inc. ector of LAC Co., Ltd.	

Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director and expected roles, etc.

Mr. Muraguchi worked for JAFCO Group Co., Ltd., the largest venture capital firm, and is Representative Director of Nippon Technology Venture Partners, an independent venture capital firm. He has a wealth of experience and knowledge related to the listing of shares of many companies. Therefore, the Company proposes his election as Outside Director to utilize his experience and knowledge in the management of the Company. It is expected that he will continue to use his knowledge to make appropriate recommendations for the Company's overall business operations.

In addition, in the election of Outside Directors, the Company has determined that they will be able to secure sufficient independence to perform their duties as Outside Directors from positions independent from the management of the Company. This determination was made based on their career and relationship with the Company.

Candidat e 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.	Akiko Yukimaru January 7, 1977 *Candidate for Outside Director	Apr. 2000 Joined the Legal Training and Research Institute of Japan (54th term) Oct. 2001 Judge of the Tokyo District Court July 2004 Sent to Georgetown's Law School for a year as an overseas research member of the Supreme Court of Japan Feb. 2008 Resigned as judge Registered as an attorney Yoshioka Tsuji Sogo Law Office Apr. 2019 Yokohama Sogo Law Office (current position) June 2021 Outside Director of the Company (current position) (Significant concurrent positions outside the Company) Yokohama Sogo Law Office	0
	Ms. Yukimaru has a v	on as a candidate for Outside Director and expected roles, etc. wealth of experience and legal knowledge cultivated over many year ne Company proposes her election as Outside Director to utilize he	
	knowledge. It is expect for the Company's over In addition, in the elect sufficient independent management of the Company. She has not she is able to appropria	eted that she will continue to use her knowledge to make appropriate	be able to secure condent from the tionship with the pany believes tha

Planning, Accounting and Finance areas as Unit Director of the Corporate Planning Unit of the Company.

Note 1. There is no special interest between any of the candidates and the Company.

- 2. Mr. Muraguchi and Ms. Yukimaru are candidates for Outside Director. The term of office of Mr. Muraguchi and Ms. Yukimaru as Outside Directors of the Company will be one year at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 3. The Company has entered into agreements with Mr. Muraguchi and Ms. Yukimaru to limit their liability for damages under Article 423, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act. The limit of liability for damages under such agreements is the minimum liability amount prescribed in Article 425, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act. If their election is approved, the Company plans to continue the above limited liability agreement with them.
- 4. The Company has submitted notification to the Tokyo Stock Exchange that Mr. Muraguchi and Ms. Yukimaru have been designated as independent officers based on the judgment that they are sufficiently independent to avoid a conflict of interest with general shareholders in light of the independence standards set by the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
- 5. The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance contract with an insurance company, under which the Company's directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members are insured. The insurance contract shall cover the insured's losses, excluding claims for damages arising from willful misconduct or gross negligence, which are to be borne by the insured. If each candidate is elected as director and assumes office, they will be included as insured persons of such insurance policy. The Company plans to renew it with the same conditions the next time.

Skill matrix of each director candidate

		Attribute		Experience, knowledge, etc. of each director					
Name	Position	Gender	Independence	Company manage- ment	Finance	Legal/ Risk	Digital/ Tech- nology	Sales/ Marketing	Global perspec- tive
Koji Miyashita	President/ CEO	М		0			0	0	0
Masako Uemori	Senior Managing Director	F		0				0	0
Shigeki Nakahara	Director	М		0		0		0	0
Kazutaka Muraguchi	Outside Director	М	0	0	0				0
Akiko Yukimaru	Outside Director	F	0			0			
Masamitsu Kawabuchi	Director	М		0	0				0

Note 1. The above "Position" is the one each candidate is expected to assume if elected at the General Meeting of Shareholders.

^{2.} The items checked do not represent the full knowledge or experience of each Director.

^{3.} M: male F: female

Proposal No. 4: Provision of Retirement Benefits for Retiring Directors

Yoshimitsu Ito will retire from the position of Director upon the expiration of his term of office at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders. The Company proposes that retirement benefits will be presented within a reasonable amount in accordance with certain standards set by the Company to reward him for his services during his term of office. The Company also requests that the Board of Directors be entrusted with deciding the specific amount, timing, and method of the presentation. The Company believes that retirement benefits for retiring Directors are reasonable because the amount prescribed in the regulations on retirement benefits for directors (and other officers) is allocated annually for the purpose of providing long-term incentives in accordance with the decision policy on the content of individual remuneration for Directors prescribed in advance by the Board of Directors of the Company and is paid in accordance with the regulations on retirement benefits for directors (and other officers).

Career summary of the retiring Director is as follows.

Name	Brief Personal History		
Yoshimitsu Ito	June 2019	Director to the present day	