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To Shareholders with Voting Rights:

Yuichi Nomi CEO and Representative Phil Company, Inc. 1-12, 3-chome, Tsukiji, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan

NOTICE OF

THE 18TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

1. Date and Time: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Japan time

(Reception opens at 9:30 a.m.)

2. Place: Halls A&B, Bellsalle Kudan, 3F, Sumitomo Fudosan Kudan Building,

8-10, 1-chome Kudankita, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan

3. Meeting Agenda:

Matters to be reported:1. The Business Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the

Company's 18th Fiscal Year (December 1, 2021–November 30, 2022) and results of audits by the Accounting Auditor and the Audit and Supervisory Committee of the Consolidated Financial Statements

2. Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 18th Fiscal

Year (December 1, 2021–November 30, 2022)

Proposals to be resolved:

Proposal 1: Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

Proposal 2: Election of Four (4) Directors (Excluding Directors Concurrently Serving As

Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)

Proposal 3: Election of Two (2) Directors Concurrently Serving As Audit and

Supervisory Committee Members

Proposal 4: Election of One (1) Substitute Director Concurrently Serving As an Audit

and Supervisory Committee Member

Proposal 5: Revision of the Amount of Remuneration, etc. for Directors (Excluding

Directors Concurrently Serving As Audit and Supervisory Committee

Members)

© If any changes are made to the Reference Documents to the General Meeting of Shareholders, the Business Report, the Consolidated Financial Statements, or the Non-consolidated Financial Statements, they will be posted on the Company's website (https://philcompany.jp/ir/).

- © The following items are posted on the Company's website above pursuant to laws, regulations and Article 14 of the Company's Articles of Incorporation, and are not included in the documents attached to this Notice. The documents attached to this Notice are therefore part of the documents audited by the Audit and Supervisory Committee and the Accounting Auditor for the preparation of their audit reports.
 - (1) Status of the Accounting Auditor
 - (2) Structure and Policy of the Company
 - (3) Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity
- (4) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
- (5) Non-consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity
- (6) Notes to Non-consolidated Financial Statements

Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders

Proposal 1: Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

1. Reasons for the proposal

- (1) The provisions of the Act Partially Amending the Companies Act (Act No. 70 of 2019) allowing companies to adopt a system for electronic provision of materials for general meetings of shareholders become effective on September 1, 2022. Accordingly, new provisions will be established to electronically provide information contained in the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, etc. and to allow the Company to limit the scope of matters to be included in the paper copy to be sent to shareholders who have requested it. In addition, the current provisions on internet disclosure and deemed provision of the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, etc. will become unnecessary and will therefore be deleted, and supplementary provisions related to transitional measures, etc. following the amendments will be established.
- (2) The Company decided at a meeting of its Board of Directors held on January 31, 2023 to introduce a delegation-style executive officer system. The purpose of the system is to separate the managerial decision making and supervisory functions from the business execution function to clarify where the responsibility for business execution lies as well as to establish a flexible management structure by delegating the authority to execute business. For the introduction of the delegation-style executive officer system, Article 17 (Number of Directors) of the Articles of Incorporation will be amended.

2. Details of the amendments

The details of the amendments are as follows.

(Amended parts are underlined.)

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
(Internet Disclosure and Deemed Provision of	(Deleted)
Reference Documents for the General Meeting	
of Shareholders, etc.)	
Article 14 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	

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
provided in the Ordinance of the	
Ministry of Justice.	
(Newly established)	(Measures for Electronic Provision, etc.) Article 14 The Company shall, when convening a general meeting of shareholders,
	electronically provide information contained in the reference documents
	for the general meeting of
	shareholders, etc.
	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.
Chapter 4 Directors and Board of Directors	Chapter 4 Directors and Board of Directors
(Number of Directors)	(Number of Directors)
Article 17 The Company shall have not more	Article 17 The Company shall have not more
than ten (10) Directors (excluding	than <u>five (5)</u> Directors (excluding
Directors concurrently serving as	Directors concurrently serving as
Audit and Supervisory Committee	Audit and Supervisory Committee
Members).	Members).
2. The Company shall have not more	2. The Company shall have not more
than <u>five (5)</u> Directors concurrently	than three (3) Directors concurrently
serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members.	serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members.
Committee Memoers.	Committee Members.
Supplementary Provisions	Supplementary Provisions
Article 1 (Omitted)	Article 1 (Unchanged)
(Newly established)	(Transitional Measures Related to Measures for
	Electronic Provision)
	Article 2 Article 14 (Internet Disclosure and
	Deemed Provision of Reference
	Documents for the General Meeting of
	Shareholders, etc.) of the Articles of Incorporation before the amendments
	shall remain in force with respect to a
	general meeting of shareholders to be
	general meeting of shareholders to be

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
	held on a date within six months from
	<u>September 1, 2022.</u>
	2. This Article shall be deleted after the
	lapse of three months from the date of
	the general meeting of shareholders set
	forth in the preceding paragraph.

Proposal 2: Election of Four (4) Directors (Excluding Directors Concurrently Serving As Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)

The terms of office of all nine (9) Directors (excluding Directors concurrently serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members; the same applies hereinafter in this proposal) will expire at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

Accordingly, the Company proposes the election of four (4) Directors, reducing the number of Directors by five (5) to establish a flexible management structure following the introduction of the delegation-style executive officer system.

The Board of Directors decided to submit this proposal after receiving an objective report from the voluntary Nomination and Remuneration Committee, a majority of whose members are independent Outside Directors. The Audit and Supervisory Committee discussed this proposal and did not make any specific comments.

The candidates for Directors are as follows.

No.	Name	Current positions and responsibilities at the Company	Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings
1	Mari Kaneko [New appointment]	Director Concurrently Serving as a full-time Audit and Supervisory Committee Member	100% (18/18)
2	Yuichi Nomi [Reappointment]	CEO and Representative	100% (18/18)
3	Nobuaki Takahashi [New appointment]		
4	Daisuke Yanasawa [New appointment] [Outside]	_	_ _

Notes: 1. There are no special interests between the Director candidates and the Company.

- 2. Ms. Mari Kaneko currently serves as Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member of the Company. At the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, she will resign as Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member on the condition that she is elected Director (excluding Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) at the said meeting.
- 3. Mr. Daisuke Yanasawa is a candidate for Outside Director.
- 4. Based on the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into an agreement with Outside Directors to limit their liability for damages under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the same Act. If the election of Mr. Daisuke Yanasawa as Outside Director is approved, the Company will enter into the above agreement with him. The amount of liability for damages based on the agreement is limited to the amount stipulated by laws and regulations.
- 5. Based on Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance contract with an insurance company. The insurance

covers any damages that may result from the insured Directors and Officers being liable for the performance of their duties or being subject to a claim for the pursuit of such liability. If elected, the candidates will be insured under the insurance contract. When the existing insurance contract expires, the Company will renew it the same content.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Care	Number of shares of the Company held	
1	Mari Kaneko (August 23, 1962) [New appointment] [Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings] 18/18 (100%)	•	Joined IBM Japan Ltd Completed master's course at Department of Business Administration, Faculty of Commerce and Management, Hitotsubashi University Graduate School Registered as U.S. Certified Public Accountant Joined Fujita Rashi USA Corp. Accounting Manager Established Beni LLC Representative Joined the Company Full-time Corporate Auditor Audit and Supervisory Board Member, Phil Construction, Inc. (current position) Audit and Supervisory Board Member, Premium Garage House Inc. (current position) Director (Full-time Audit and Supervisory Committee Member), the Company (current position) Outside Auditor, MORITA HOLDINGS CORPORATION (current position) urrent positions] isory Board Member, Phil Construction, Inc. isory Board Member, Premium Garage House Inc.	12,000
		Outside Auditor,		

[Reason for nomination as a candidate for Director]

Ms. Mari Kaneko has a wide range of knowledge on finance and accounting. Serving as Corporate Auditor or Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Board Member for a long time, she has made proposals and given advice in an appropriate manner and is well-versed in the state of affairs of the Company. In addition, she has a wealth of experience and a high level of insight as a corporate manager, which she gained from her overseas corporate management experience. The Company believes that she is a suitable person to serve as CEO and Representative to exercise her leadership to incorporate diverse points of view, including the perspective of diversity, into future Board of Directors discussions and deliberations. The Company, therefore, nominates her as a candidate for Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Care	Number of shares of the Company held	
2	Yuichi Nomi (April 6, 1974) [Reappointment] [Number of years in office as Director] 13 years and 11 months (at the conclusion of this meeting) [Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings] 18/18 (100%)	Director, Phil Con	Joined Jac Co., Ltd. (currently Carchs Holdings Co., Ltd.) Established Young Leaves Co., Ltd. Representative Director Director, Re.Ra.Ku Inc. (currently MEDIROM Healthcare Technologies Inc.) Managing Director Director, the Company Director, Phil Construction, Inc. Director and Executive Vice President, the Company Executive Vice President and Representative CEO and Representative (current position) CEO and Representative, Premium Garage House Inc. (current position) Director, Phil Community Development Funding, Inc. (current position) Representative, Phil Business Succession and Community Revitalization Project, Inc. (current position) urrent positions] Entative, Premium Garage House Inc. Immunity Development Funding, Inc. Inc. (hil Business Succession and Regional Revitalization	195,100

[Reason for nomination as a candidate for Director]

Mr. Yuichi Nomi achieved a dramatic growth of the Company's business by turning the Phil Park aerial shop into a business model and implementing other management reforms. As CEO and Representative, he has always exercised leadership and led the Company to be listed on the Mothers Section and then on the Prime Market of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. The Company believes that his wealth of experience cultivated as CEO would be conducive to a further increase in corporate value if he specializes in and concentrates on building new business models, collaborating with other companies, and developing future corporate managers while paying close attention to the continuity of the Company's business. The Company, therefore, nominates him as a candidate for Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth)		Career summary, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions		
	Nobuaki Takahashi (August 16, 1977) [New appointment]	April 2001 June 2003 June 2005 January 2006 March 2007 October 2015 January 2017	Joined ORIX Corporation Joined Actus Management Services, K.K. Established the Company Director Representative Director CEO and Representative Representative Director Director, Phil Construction, Inc.	1,444,300	
3		February 2017 Director, the Company February 2020 Established PHALs, Inc. Representative Director (current position) [Significant concurrent positions] Representative Director, PHALs, Inc.			

[Reason for nomination as a candidate for Director]

As a founding member of the Company, Mr. Nobuaki Takahashi created the management philosophy and the business foundation. After the establishment of the Company, he has constantly given advice and made proposals to increase shareholder value. In addition, he has hands-on experience in facilitating growth and building governance structures at other companies as an investor and corporate manager. He thus has known the social significance of the existence of the Company since its foundation and has a wealth of experience as an investor and corporate manager. As the business environment surrounding the Company is changing substantially, the Company believes that adopting his advice is instrumental in the Company's sustainable growth and corporate value increase. The Company, therefore, nominates him as a candidate for Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth)		Career summary, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions			
4	Daisuke Yanasawa (February 19, 1974) [New appointment] [Outside]	External Director, Director, placole l Director, Real Kan	rector, KAYAC Inc. TOW CO., LTD Inc. makura Estate Inc. INCLUSIVE, INC.	Company held 0		

[Reason for nomination as a candidate for Director and expected roles]

Mr. Daisuke Yanasawa has a wealth of experience and a high level of insight as a founder and corporate manager of a listed company. He has advocated for "regional capitalism" and given shape to the concept in actual corporate management. He thus has a deep knowledge of community development and regional revitalization, which the Company has been driving forward. His extensive experience among other factors is expected to be instrumental in the Company's sustainable growth and corporate value increase. The Company, therefore, nominates him as a candidate for Outside Director.

Proposal 3: Election of Two (2) Directors Concurrently Serving As Audit and Supervisory Committee Members

Ms. Mari Kaneko and Ms. Hiroko Nishino, Directors concurrently serving as Audit Supervisory Committee Members, will resign at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, the Company proposes the election of two (2) Directors concurrently serving as Audit Supervisory Committee Members. Mr. Naoto Matsumoto will replace Ms. Mari Kaneko, and Mr. Takayuki Satoh will replace Ms. Hiroko Nishino. If elected, the candidates will serve the remaining terms of office of the resigning Directors concurrently serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members, pursuant to the provisions of the Company's Articles of Incorporation.

The Audit and Supervisory Committee has approved this proposal.

The candidates for Director concurrently serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members are as follows.

No.	Name	Current positions and responsibilities at the Company	Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings
1	[New appointment] Naoto Matsumoto [Outside] [Independent]		_
2	[New appointment] Takayuki Satoh [Outside] [Independent]	Outside Director	100% (18/18)

Notes: 1. There are no special interests between the Director candidates and the Company.

- 2. The candidates above are candidates for Outside Director concurrently serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members.
- 3. Based on the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into an agreement with Mr. Takayuki Satoh to limit his liability for damages under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the same Act. If the election of Mr. Takayuki Satoh as Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member is approved, the Company will continue the above agreement. If the election of Mr. Naoto Matsumoto as Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member is approved, the Company will enter into the above agreement with him. The amount of liability for damages based on the agreement is limited to the amount stipulated by laws and regulations.
- 4. The Company has registered Mr. Takayuki Satoh as an independent Director with the Tokyo Stock Exchange, as stipulated in the Securities Listing Regulations of the said Exchange. If the proposal for the election of Mr. Naoto Matsumoto and Mr. Takayuki Satoh is approved, the Company will designate them as independent Directors.
- 5. Based on Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance contract with an insurance company. The insurance covers any damages that may result from the insured Directors and Officers being liable for the performance of their duties or being subject to a claim for the pursuit of such liability. If elected, the candidates will be insured under the insurance contract. When the existing insurance contract expires, the Company will renew it the same content.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Care	Number of shares of the Company held	
1	Naoto Matsumoto (March 23, 1980) [New appointment] [Outside] [Independent]	Representative Di Director, Kobe Un External Director	Joined Future Venture Capital Co., Ltd. General Manager of Kansai Investment Department General Manager of Head Office Investment Department (concurrently General Manager of Kansai Investment Department) Executive Officer, General Manager of West Japan Investment Department Director, General Manager of West Japan Investment Department Representative Director and President, General Manager of Investment Department Representative Director and President Outside Director, DIGITAL ALLIANCE HOLDINGS CO., LTD (current position) Representative Director and President, ABAKAM, Inc. (current position) Director, Kobe University Capital, Inc. (current position) External Director, Smartvalue Co., Ltd. (Member of the Nominations Committee and the Remuneration Committee) (current position) Irrent positions] DIGITAL ALLIANCE HOLDINGS CO., LTD rector and President, ABAKAM, Inc. Iniversity Capital, Inc.	0

[Reason for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member and expected roles]

Mr. Naoto Matsumoto has a wealth of experience and a high level of insight as a corporate manager of a listed company. He incubates startups to revitalize regional economies, and has a deep knowledge of community development and regional revitalization, which the Company has been driving forward. The Company expects him to supervise and monitor the management based on his extensive experience among other factors. The Company, therefore, nominates him as a candidate for Outside Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Care a	Number of shares of the Company held	
2	Takayuki Satoh (October 10, 1969) [New appointment] [Outside] [Independent] [Number of years in office as Outside Director] 3 years (at the conclusion of this meeting) [Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings] 18/18 (100%)	Standing Audit & External Audit &	Joined Union Bank of Switzerland (currently UBS) Tokyo Branch Joined Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLP (U.S. San Francisco Office) Registered as an attorney-at-law (Tokyo Bar Association) Established Satoh Business Law Office Representative (current position) Outside Auditor, ACE Insurance (currently Chubb Insurance Japan) Outside Auditor, State Street Trust and Banking Co., Ltd. Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member, MIXI, Inc. Outside Auditor, Meiko Electronics Co., Ltd. External Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Zenken Corporation (current position) Outside Director, the Company (current position) Outside Auditor, TORICO Co., Ltd. (current position) Standing Audit & Supervisory Board Member, AI inside Inc. (current position) urrent positions] attoh Business Law Office Supervisory Board Member, AI inside Inc. Supervisory Board Member, Zenken Corporation TORICO Co., Ltd.	0

[Reason for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member and expected roles]

Mr. Takayuki Satoh has professional work experience as a U.S. Certified Public Accountant, and has a substantial level of knowledge on finance and accounting. He also has expertise and a wealth of experience in law and compliance, cultivated through his job as an attorney-at-law. The Company expects him to take advantage of his extensive experience and high level of insight in audit and supervision. The Company, therefore, nominates him as a candidate for Outside Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member.

(Reference)

If Proposals 2 and 3 are approved at this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders as proposed, the composition of the Board of Directors and knowledge, experience, and skills each Director has will be as follows.

					e, experience	, and skills		
Name	Position	Corporate management	Finance and accounting / M&A	Legal affairs and risk Governance	Business strategy / Marketing	IT	Global	ESG / Sustainability
Mari Kaneko	CEO and Representative	0	0	0			0	0
Yuichi Nomi	Director	0			0	0		0
Nobuaki Takahashi	Director	0	0		0		0	0
Daisuke Yanasawa [Outside]	Director	0			0	0		0
Yasushi [Outside] Kawano [Independent]	Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member)		0	0				
Naoto [Outside] Matsumoto [Independent]	Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member)	0	0	0	0			
Takayuki [Outside] Satoh [Independent]	Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member)		0	0		0		

Proposal 4: Election of One (1) Substitute Director Concurrently Serving As an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member

To prepare for the event that the number of Directors concurrently serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members falls below the number required by laws and regulations, the Company proposes the election of one (1) substitute Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member.

The effectiveness of the election under this proposal may be cancelled by a resolution of the Board of Directors with the consent of the Audit and Supervisory Committee, provided that such cancellation comes before the candidate assumes office as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member.

The Audit and Supervisory Committee has approved the submission of this proposal.

The Candidate for substitute Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member is as follows.

Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions, responsibilities and significant concurrent positions		Number of shares of the Company held
(Date of birth) Hiroko Nishino (October 21, 1976) [Outside] [Independent] [Number of years in office as Outside Director] 1 year (at the conclusion of this meeting)	October 2003 May 2013 February 2016 November 2017 December 2017 February 2022 November 2022	Registered as an attorney-at-law (Daini Tokyo Bar Association) Joined Asahi Koma Law Offices (currently Nishimura & Asahi) Partner, Daichi Law Offices (current position) Corporate Auditor, the Company Audit and Supervisory Board Member, FOODCONNECTION Inc. (current position) Supervisory Officer, Nisshin Private Residential Reit, Inc. (current position) Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member), the Company (current position) Outside Director, NEIS Co., Ltd. (current position)	Company held 700
	Partner, Daichi Law Offices Outside Director, NEIS Co., Ltd.		

[Reason for nomination as a candidate for substitute Outside Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member and expected roles]

Ms. Hiroko Nishino is a qualified attorney-at-law and has expertise in law that covers a variety of fields. She is expected to take advantage of her extensive experience and high level of insight in audit and supervision of the Company. The Company believes that she is fully capable of carrying out her duties appropriately. The Company, therefore, nominates her as a candidate for substitute Outside Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member.

Notes: 1. There are no special interests between the candidate and the Company.

- 2. Ms. Hiroko Nishino is a candidate for substitute Outside Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member.
- 3. Based on the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into an agreement with Ms. Hiroko Nishino to limit her liability for damages under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the same Act. If Ms. Hiroko Nishino assumes office as Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member, the Company will

- enter into the above agreement with her again. The amount of liability for damages based on the agreement is limited to the amount stipulated by laws and regulations.
- 4. The Company has registered Ms. Hiroko Nishino as an independent Director with the Tokyo Stock Exchange, as stipulated in the Securities Listing Regulations of the said Exchange. If Ms. Hiroko Nishino assumes office as Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member, the Company will designate her as an independent Director.
- 5. Based on Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance contract with an insurance company. The insurance covers any damages that may result from the insured Directors and Officers being liable for the performance of their duties or being subject to a claim for the pursuit of such liability. If Ms. Hiroko Nishino assumes office as Director concurrently serving as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member, she will be insured under the insurance contract.

Proposal 5: Revision of the Amount of Remuneration, etc. for Directors (Excluding Directors Concurrently Serving As Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)

The 17th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, held on February 22, 2022, adopted a resolution setting the maximum amount of annual remuneration for Directors (excluding Directors concurrently serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members; the same applies hereinafter in this proposal) at 500,000 thousand yen (of which not more than 50,000 thousand yen is for Outside Directors), and the resolution remains effective. Due to the decrease in the number of Directors following the introduction of the delegation-type executive officer system, the Company proposes revising the maximum amount of annual remuneration for Directors to 200,000 thousand yen (of which not more than 50,000 thousand yen is for Outside Directors). The amount of remuneration, etc. for Directors does not include the employee salary portion for Directors concurrently serving as employees. The Company considers the amount of remuneration for Directors reasonable because the Board of Directors determined the amount after receiving an objective report from the voluntary Nomination and Remuneration Committee, a majority of whose members are independent Outside Directors. If Proposal 2 "Election of Four (4) Directors (Excluding Directors Concurrently Serving As Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)" is approved as proposed, the Company will have four (4) Directors (of which one (1) is an Outside Director). The Audit and Supervisory Committee discussed this proposal and did not make any specific comments.