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(Securities Code: 1942)

June 9, 2023

To our shareholders:

Hiroshi Yamaguchi, Chairman and Director **Kandenko Co., Ltd.** 4-8-33 Shibaura, Minato-ku, Tokyo

# Notice of the 109th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

We are pleased to announce the 109th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Kandenko Co., Ltd. (the "Company") to be held as described below.

When convening this general meeting of shareholders, the Company takes measures for providing in electronic format the information that constitutes the content of Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, etc. (matters for which measures for providing information in electronic format are to be taken). So please access either of the following websites to confirm the information.

The Company's website:

https://www.kandenko.co.jp/ir/stockholders-meeting

Website for posted informational materials for the general meeting of shareholders:

https://d.sokai.jp/1942/teiji/

TSE website (Listed Company Search):

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

(Access the TSE website by using the internet address shown above, enter "Kandenko" in "Issue name (company name)" or the Company's securities code "1942" in "Code," and click "Search." Then, click "Basic information" and select "Documents for public inspection/PR information." Under "Filed information available for public inspection," click "Click here for access" under "[Notice of General Shareholders Meeting /Informational Materials for a General Shareholders Meeting].")

If you exercise your voting rights prior to the meeting, please refer to the "Guide to Exercise Voting Rights" (Japanese only) on page 4 and page 5 and exercise your voting rights via the Internet or in writing, after examining the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders.

1. Date and Time: Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 10 a.m. (JST)

**2. Venue:** Head Office of the Company

4-8-33 Shibaura, Minato-ku, Tokyo

### 3. Purpose of the Meeting

### Matters to be reported:

Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements and Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the 109th fiscal year (from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023), and the results of the audits of the Consolidated Financial Statements by the Independent Accounting Auditor and the Board of Auditors

#### Matters to be resolved:

**Proposal No. 1** Appropriation of Surplus

Proposal No. 2 Partial Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

Proposal No. 3 Election of 12 Directors Proposal No. 4: Election of One Auditor

**Proposal No. 5:** Payment of Bonuses to Directors

- 1. If you are attending the meeting in person, please submit the enclosed voting form to the reception.
- The documents sent to the shareholder also acts as measures for providing information in electronic format under the request for issuance of documentation, and the following matters are omitted based on laws and regulations and the provisions of the Company's articles of incorporation.
  - "Accounting Auditor status," "System to secure Director's exercise of the functions conform with laws and regulations and Articles of Incorporation as well as system to secure the properness of business activities of stock company as well as business activities of such business group comprised of stock companies and subsidiaries as well as outline of operational status of such system" of the Business Report
  - "Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets" and "Consolidated Notes" in the Consolidated Financial Statements
  - "Statements of Changes in Net Assets" and "Notes to Specific Items" in the Non-consolidated Financial Statements

Accordingly, the relevant documents are a part of the Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements and Non-consolidated Financial Statements which the Auditors audited in preparing their audit reports, as well as a part of the Consolidated Financial Statements and Non-consolidated Financial Statements audited by Independent Accounting Auditor in preparing their audit reports.

- 3. When there are amendments in the measures for providing information in electronic format, it will be notified on each of the above websites.
- 4. Until now, we had sent a notification of the results of the resolution after the completion of each General Meeting of Shareholders, but taking into consideration the viewpoint of going paperless in regards to environmental loading reduction, we have decided to stop sending the documents from this general meeting. Regarding the resolution results, it will be posted on the Company website as previously posted so would appreciate your understanding.

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

### **Proposals and Reference Information**

### **Proposal No. 1** Appropriation of Surplus

The Company proposes the appropriation of surplus by means of a year-end dividend of \(\xi\$17 per share, totaling \(\xi\$3,473,942,503\), based on its dividend policy of adhering to the stable and continuous payment of dividends. It is also proposed that the effective date of the year-end dividend shall be June 30, 2023.

- (1) Type of dividend property
- (2) Allotment of dividend property and their aggregate amount \$17 per share
  Total dividends: \$3,473,942,503
- (3) Effective Date June 30, 2023

# Proposal No. 2 Partial Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

### (1) Reasons for the Amendment

This is to make amendments to make it possible to prepare minutes of the General Meeting of Shareholders, Board of Directors' Meeting and Board of Auditors Meeting in electronic records.

# (2) Contents of the amendment

Details of the changes are as follows.

(Note) Underlined sections indicate the changes.

Current Articles of Incorporation	Planned Amendments				
Chapter 3	Chapter 3				
General Meeting of Shareholders	General Meeting of Shareholders				
(Minutes)	(Minutes)				
Article 18	Article 18				
The points of the process of the proceedings and the results of	The minutes for the general meeting will be created on paper or				
the general meeting will be noted in the minutes, and the	electronically as determined by laws and regulations, and the				
chairperson and the Directors in attendance will sign and affix	chairperson and the Directors in attendance will sign and affix				
a seal, and this will be stored for 10 years at the headquarters	a seal, or electronic signature.				
and the transcript kept at branch offices for 5 years.					
Chapter 4	Chapter 4				
Directors and Board of Directors' Meeting	Directors and Board of Directors' Meeting				
(Minutes)	(Minutes)				
Article 32	Article 32				
The points of the process of the proceedings and the results of	The minutes for the Board of Directors' Meeting will be				
the Board of Directors' Meeting will be noted in the minutes,	created on paper or electronically as determined by the				
and the Directors and Auditors in attendance will sign and affix	ordinances, and the Directors and Auditors in attendance will				
a seal, and this will be stored for 10 years at the headquarters.	sign and affix a seal, or electronic signature.				
Chapter 5	Chapter 5				
Auditors and Board of Auditors' Meeting	Auditors and Board of Auditors' Meeting				
(Minutes)	(Minutes)				
Article 42	Article 42				
The points of the process of the proceedings and the results of	The minutes for the Board of Auditors' Meeting will be created				
the Board of Auditors' Meeting will be noted in the minutes,	on paper or electronically as determined by the ordinances, and				
and the Auditors in attendance will sign and affix a seal, and	the Auditors in attendance will sign and affix a seal, or				
this will be stored for 10 years at the headquarters.	electronic signature.				

# Proposal No. 3 Election of 12 Directors

At the conclusion of this meeting, the terms of office of all 13 Directors will expire. Therefore, the Company proposes the election of 12 Directors.

The candidates for Director are as follows:

Candidate no.	Name		Current Position at the Company	Board of Directors' Meeting Attendance
1	Seiichi Fubasami	Newly elected	Advisor	_
2	Toshio Nakama	Reelected	President and Executive Officer	16/16 (100.0%)
3	Nobuhiro Iida	Reelected	Executive Vice President and Executive Officer	16/16 (100.0%)
4	Yuji Ueda	Reelected	Executive Vice President and Executive Officer	16/16 (100.0%)
5	Mitsuru Fujii	Reelected	Managing Director and Executive Officer	16/16 (100.0%)
6	Hiroyuki Enoki	Newly elected	Executive Managing Officer	_
7	Koichi Nakahito	Reelected	Managing Director and Executive Officer	15/16 (93.7%)
8	Hirofumi Tamogami	Newly elected	Executive Managing Officer	_
9	Hajime Saito	Reelected Outside Independent	Director	16/16 (100.0%)
10	Miwako Ando	Reelected Outside Independent	Director	15/16 (93.7%)
11	Koji Tanaka	Reelected Outside Independent	Director	12/12 (100.0%)
12	Miwa Suto	Newly elected Outside Independent	_	_

Candidate no.	Name (Date of birth)		mary, position and responsibility in the Company, icant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
1	Seiichi Fubasami (July 25, 1960)  Newly elected	Apr. 1985 June 2013 June 2014 Apr. 2015 Apr. 2016 Apr. 2016 June 2017 June 2019 Apr. 2020 June 2022	Joined Tokyo Electric Power Company, Incorporated General Manager, Planning Dept., Business Reform Unit of Tokyo Electric Power Company, Incorporated Corporate Officer, Secretary General, Business Planning Division of Tokyo Electric Power Company, Incorporated Managing Executive Officer of Tokyo Electric Power Company, Incorporated Director of TEPCO Power Grid, Incorporated (until Mar. 2020) Director of TEPCO Fuel & Power, Incorporated (until Mar. 2020) Director of TEPCO Energy Partner, Incorporated (until Mar. 2020) Executive Vice President of the Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc. (until June 2022) Director of Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, Inc. (until June 2022) Representative Executive President of TEPCO Renewable Power, Inc. (until Mar. 2022) Joined the Company as Advisor (current	0
	and accounting and has mastery of Tokyo Electric Power Company Power, Inc. and we have determine	of business act of business rela Holdings, Inc. a ned that his exp	position)  r  ivities related to corporate management, ESG and cotted to new businesses. He was also the Executive Vias well as Representative Executive President of TEF perience, insight and such that he has gained thru this ment of our corporate value over the medium to long	ce President of PCO Renewable s will contribute to
2	Toshio Nakama (February 25, 1960)  Reelected	Apr. 1982 Oct. 2014 June 2015 June 2017 June 2020	Joined the Company Senior Executive Officer, Division Manager of Kitakanto & Hokushinetsu Sales Division, and General Manager of Saitama Branch Managing Director and Executive Officer Executive Vice President and Executive Officer President and Executive Officer (current position)	41,689
	marketing, and operation and ma	f business active nagement. The will contribute t	or rities related to corporate management, ESG and con Company has judged that his experience and insight to the Company's sustainable growth and enhanceme	, etc. gained as

Candidate no.	Name (Date of birth)		mary, position and responsibility in the Company, ficant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
3	Nobuhiro Iida (November 30, 1961)  Reelected  Tenure as Director (as of the conclusion of this meeting) 3 years	Apr. 1985 Oct. 2018 June 2020 June 2022 July 2022	Joined the Company Executive Managing Officer, Division Manager of Minamikanto & Tokai Sales Division, and Branch Manager of Kanagawa Branch Managing Director and Executive Officer Executive Vice President and Executive Officer Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, and Division Manager of Sales Division in charge of Overall Operations and Cost Management Division (current position)	19,120
	Reasons for nomination as candid Nobuhiro Iida has knowledge of and overseas business. The Comp	business activity bany has judged contribute to the	or ties related to corporate management, sales and mark d that his experience and insight, etc. gained as Exec e Company's sustainable growth and enhancement of	utive Vice President
4	Yuji Ueda (January 26, 1960)  Reelected  Tenure as Director (as of the conclusion of this meeting) 5 years	Apr. 2016  July 2017  June 2018  June 2021  July 2021	Managing Director of TEPCO Energy Partner, Inc. Joined the Company as Executive Managing Officer and Deputy Executive General Manager of Sales Division and in charge of Group Business Managing Director and Executive Officer Executive Vice President and Executive Officer Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Overall Operations, Group Business Department and International Business Division (current position)	20,793
	Reasons for nomination as candid Yuji Ueda has knowledge of busi and overseas business. The Comp TEPCO Energy Partner, Inc. and	ness activities i bany has judged as Executive V	or related to corporate management, sales and marketind that his experience and insight, etc. gained as a Ma Vice President and Executive Officer, etc. of the Comand enhancement of our corporate value over the m	naging Director of pany will
5	Mitsuru Fujii (October 31, 1962)  Reelected	Apr. 1985 Oct. 2018 June 2021 July 2021	Joined the Company Executive Managing Officer and Head of Power Distribution Unit, Social Infrastructure Division Managing Director and Executive Officer Managing Director, Executive Officer and Acting Division Manager of Social Infrastructure Division (in charge of Safety & Environment Division) (current position)	15,894
	and management. The Company	usiness activiti has judged that	or les related to ESG and compliance, sales and market this experience and insight, etc. gained as Managing mpany's sustainable growth and enhancement of our	Director and

Candidate no.	Name (Date of birth)		mary, position and responsibility in the Company, ficant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
	Hiroyuki Enoki	Apr. 1986 July 2012 July 2016	Joined the Company General Manager of the Secretarial Division Executive Officer, General Manager of Labor Division, as well as in-charge of Human Resource Development	
	(January 9, 1963)	Oct. 2018	, eas	
6		July 2019	Executive Managing Officer and Head of Management Planning Unit, Corporate Division, General Manager of Labor and Human Resources Division	6,800
	Newly elected	July 2020	Executive Managing Officer and Head of Corporate Division	
		Apr. 2023	Executive Managing Officer and Division Manager of Social Infrastructure Division (current position)	
	resources and labor. The Compar	ny has judged tl	es related to corporate management, ESG and complete hat his experience and insight, etc. gained as Head of sustainable growth and enhancement of our corporate	f Corporate
	Koichi Nakahito	Apr. 2018	Executive General Manager of Tokyo Branch of TEPCO Power Grid, Incorporated	
	(November 6, 1963)	Oct. 2020	Joined the Company as Executive Managing Officer, Deputy Executive General Manager of Social Infrastructure Division and Deputy Executive General Manager of Strategy & Technology Development Division	
7	Reelected	June 2021 July 2021	Managing Director and Executive Officer Managing Director, Executive Officer, Deputy Executive General Manager of Social Infrastructure Division (in charge of Strategy &	10,118
	Tenure as Director (as of the conclusion of this meeting)  2 years		Technology Development Division) (current position)	
	technology development/DX/IT.	of business acti The Company etc. will contrib	or ivities related to operation and management, new but has judged that his experience and insight, etc. gained the Company's sustainable growth and enhand	ed as Managing

Candidate no.	Name (Date of birth)		nary, position and responsibility in the Company, cant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned
8	Hirofumi Tamogami (December 13, 1963)  Newly elected	Apr. 1986 July 2013 June 2015 Oct. 2018 July 2020	Joined the Company General Manager of Management Planning Division Executive Officer, Deputy Executive General Manager of Higashikanto Sales Division, and Branch Manager of Ibaraki Branch (in charge of Ibaraki Power Distribution Branch) Executive Officer and Head of Corporate Unit, Sales Division Executive Managing Officer, Division Manager of Higashikanto Sales Division and Branch Manager of Chiba Branch (current position)	11,800
	sales and marketing, technology of gained as Division Manager of Hi	of business activelevelopment/DX		and insight, etc. nd such will
9	Hajime Saito (July 7, 1956)  Reelected Outside Independent  Tenure as Director (as of the conclusion of this meeting) 4 years	June 2009  Apr. 2011  June 2011  Apr. 2015  May 2015  Apr. 2016  June 2019	Executive Managing Director of Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. Deputy President & Executive Officer of Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. Deputy President and Deputy President & Executive Officer of Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. Advisor of Mizuho Capital Co., Ltd. Deputy President of Mizuho Capital Co., Ltd. President of Mizuho Capital Co., Ltd. (until April 2019) Director of the Company (current position)	0
	Reasons for nomination as an out. The Company has judged that Ha human resources and labor, and n Financial Group, Inc. and Mizuho enhancement of our corporate val	jime Saito, with ew business, as Securities Co. ue over the med ts him to give a	his expertise in corporate management, finance an well as his experience and insight gained as a direct Ltd., will contribute to the Company's sustainable flium to long term.  dvice and supervise management from an independ	tor of Mizuho growth and

Candidate no.	Name (Date of birth)		mary, position and responsibility in the Company, ficant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned		
10	Miwako Ando (November 7, 1957)  Reelected Outside Independent  Tenure as Director (as of the conclusion of this meeting) 2 years	July 2016  Mar. 2017  Apr. 2017  June 2019  June 2021  Apr. 2023 <significant attorney-at-l<="" td=""><td>Public Prosecutor of Supreme Public Prosecutors Office Retired from Public Prosecutor Professor of Graduate School of Law of Hosei University (until Mar. 2023) Registered as Attorney-at-Law (current position) Director of the Company (current position) Part-time lecturer, Faculty of Law, Hosei University (current position) Concurrent Positions outside the Company&gt; aw</td><td>0</td></significant>	Public Prosecutor of Supreme Public Prosecutors Office Retired from Public Prosecutor Professor of Graduate School of Law of Hosei University (until Mar. 2023) Registered as Attorney-at-Law (current position) Director of the Company (current position) Part-time lecturer, Faculty of Law, Hosei University (current position) Concurrent Positions outside the Company> aw	0		
	Reasons for nomination as an outside Director and overview of expected role  Although Miwako Ando has not been involved in corporate management, the Company believes her knowledge of Es and compliance, and human resources and labor, as well as her experience and insight gained as a prosecutor and lawyer, will contribute to the sustainable growth of the Company and the enhancement of its corporate value over the medium to long term.  Furthermore, the Company expects her to give advice and supervise management from an independent and objective standpoint based on her above-mentioned experience, expertise, etc.					

Candidate no.	Name (Date of birth)		mary, position and responsibility in the Company, ficant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's shares owned				
		Apr. 2007 Apr. 2009	Executive Officer, General Manager, Hitachi Works and Vice President of Power Systems Group, Hitachi, Ltd. Executive Officer, President of Power Systems Group, General Manager of Renewable Energy					
Koji Tanaka	Koji Tanaka	Apr. 2011	& Smart Grid Division, Hitachi, Ltd.  Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, Hitachi,					
	Koji Ianaka (January 22, 1952)	Jan. 2014	Ltd. Chairman and Outside Director, Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems, Ltd. (until March 2018)					
		June 2014	Outside Director, Hitachi Metals, Ltd. (until June 2015)					
		May 2016	President, The Institute of Electrical Engineers of Japan (IEEJ) (until May 2017)	0				
	Reelected Outside	June 2016	Director, Hitachi Chemical Company, Ltd. (until June 2017)					
11	Independent	Apr. 2017	Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, CEO,					
	Tenure as Director (as of the		Nuclear Energy Business Unit, Hitachi, Ltd.					
	conclusion of this meeting)	Apr. 2018	Advisor, Hitachi, Ltd. (until April 2020)					
	1 year	June 2018	Director, Hitachi Chemical Company, Ltd. (until June 2019)					
		June 2018	Director, Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. (until June 2019)					
		June 2018	Chairman of the Board, Outside Director, Hitachi Transport System, Ltd. (until June 2020)					
		June 2022	Director of the Company (current position)					
	Reasons for nomination as an ou	tside Director a						
			management, new business, technology development	nt/DX/IT, and				
	overseas business as his experien	ice and insight	gained as Representative Executive Officer and Executive Officer	cutive Vice				
	President of Hitachi, Ltd. The Co	ompany has jud	ged that he will contribute to the Company's sustain	able growth and				
	enhancement of our corporate va							
			advice and supervise management from an independ	lent and objective				
	standpoint based on his above-mentioned experience, expertise, etc.							

Candidate no.	Name (Date of birth)		mary, position and responsibility in the Company, ficant concurrent positions outside the Company	Number of the Company's share owned
		Apr. 1988	Owned	
		Oct. 1991	Joined HAKUHODO Inc. (until Apr. 1990) Joined Arthur Anderson (currently KPMG AZSA LLC) (until Aug. 1996)	
		Apr. 1995	Registered as certified public accountant (current position)	
		Oct. 1996	Joined Schroders PTV Partners KK (until Oct. 1997)	
		Nov. 1997	Joined Bain & Company Inc.	
		Jan. 2001	Partner of Bain & Company Inc. (until Mar. 2006)	
		Apr. 2006	Representative Director of PLANET PLAN & CO. (current position)	
		Apr. 2008	Specially-appointed professor, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University (until Mar 2018)	
		May 2012	Outside Director, ZIGExN Co., Ltd. (until June 2021)	
	Miwa Suto (August 17, 1963)	June 2016	Director of Consumer Product Safety Association (current position)	
	June 2016	Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee), A.D.Works Group Co., Ltd. (until June 2020)		
		June 2017	Director of the Japan Volleyball Association (current position)	
	Newly elected	Mar. 2018	Outside auditor of ASICS Corporation (until Mar. 2020)	
12	Outside Independent	Apr. 2019	Specially-appointed professor, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University (current position)	
		Mar. 2020	Outside director (Audit and Supervisory Committee) of Asics Corporation (current	
		June 2021	position) Outside Director of Katitas Co., Ltd. (current position)	
		June 2021	Director of the Japanese Olympic Committee (current position)	
		Mar. 2023	Outside Director of KOSÉ Corporation (current position)	
			Concurrent Positions outside the Company>	
		_	lic accountant	
		_	ve Director of PLANET PLAN & CO.	
			etor (Audit and Supervisory Committee) of Asics	
		Corporation	ctor of KOSÉ Corporation	
			ctor of Kose Corporation	
F	Reasons for nomination as an		and overview of expected role	<u> </u>
			nd insight with her expertise in corporate manageme	nt, finance and
		-	d as a certified public accountant. She also has vast e	
		-	r of PLANET PLAN & CO., as well as Outside Dire	-
	_		td. and others, and will contribute to the sustainable	growth of the
		-	value over the medium to long term.	
			advice and supervise management from an independent	ent and objective
S	tandpoint based on her above	-mentioned exper	rience, expertise, etc.	

Notes: 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into an agreement with Hajime Saito, Miwako Ando, and Koji Tanaka to limit their liability for damages under Article 423, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act to the minimum liability amount provided for by Article 425, paragraph (1) of the same Act. Further,

- pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, the Company also plans to enter into an agreement with Miwa Suto to limit her liability for damages under Article 423, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act to the minimum liability amount provided for by Article 425, paragraph (1) of the same Act.
- 2. The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance policy with an insurance company as provided for in Article 430-3, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act. The policy covers losses, etc. incurred by a Director, who is an insured person, due to claims for damages or shareholders' derivative suits from a third party. Furthermore, new candidates for Director assume office as Director, they will be included as insured persons in this policy.

### **Proposal No. 4:** Election of One Auditor

At the conclusion of this meeting, Toru Yukimura will resign as Auditor. Therefore, the Company proposes the election of 1 Auditor.

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

The candidate for Auditor is as follows:

Name (Date of birth)	Career su	mmary, position in the Company, and significant concurrent positions outside the company	Number of the Company's shares owned
Shoichiro Kashiwabara (December 14, 1958)  Newly elected	Apr. 1981 Oct. 2014 June 2015 June 2016 June 2017 Oct. 2018 Apr. 2023	Joined the Company Senior Executive Officer (management planning, general affairs and human resources & welfare) Managing Director and Executive Officer Senior Managing Director and Executive Officer Executive Vice President Executive Vice President and Executive Officer Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, Division Manager of Corporate Division, Head of Management Planning Unit, and in charge of Overall Operations and Internal Control Division (current position)	39,711

Reasons for nomination as candidate for Auditor

Shoichiro Kashiwabara has knowledge of business activities related to corporate management, ESG and compliance, finance and accounting, and purchasing. The Company has judged that his experience and insight, etc. gained as Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, etc. will contribute to the auditing of the Company.

Notes:

- 1. If Shoichiro Kashiwabara assumes the office of Auditor, the Company plans to enter into an agreement with him to limit his liability for damages under Article 423, paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to the minimum liability amount provided for by Article 425, paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, paragraph 1 of the same Act.
- 2. The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance policy with an insurance company as provided for in Article 430-3, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act. The policy covers losses, etc. incurred by an Auditor, who is an insured person, due to claims for damages or shareholders' derivative suits from a third party. Furthermore, if new candidates for Auditor assume office as Auditor, they will be included as insured persons in this policy.

### **Proposal No. 5:** Payment of Bonuses to Directors

The Company proposes to pay bonuses to 13 Directors (including four outside Directors) in office at the end of the current fiscal year, at the total amount of \(\xi\$112,000,000, taking into consideration the business results for the fiscal year under review, among others.

The amounts of the bonuses to Directors are deemed to be appropriate, since the Nomination and Remuneration Committee has conducted a review and inspection of the consistency of the Policy for the Determination of the Details of Remuneration for each Director, the Board of Directors has passed its resolution based on the results of that review and inspection.

[Reference (1)] The Company's policy on the nomination of candidates for Directors and Auditors

The Company has determined the diversity and size of its Board of Directors in consideration of its business characteristics and the need to ensure the effectiveness of its governance function.

The Company's policy in nominating candidates for director and candidates for auditor, regardless of their gender, nationality, etc., is to select individuals with extensive experience, insight, etc., that will contribute to the sustainable growth of the Company and the enhancement of its corporate value over the medium to long term. These individuals shall be determined by the Meeting of the Board of Directors after deliberation and review by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

Furthermore, for outside Directors and outside Auditors, the Company will nominate one or more persons for each with management experience at other companies, provided that such persons contribute to the supervision and auditing of the directors' business execution from an independent and objective standpoint.

If Proposal 3 and Proposal 4 are approved, the following skills matrix indicates the knowledge, experience, and abilities of Directors and Auditors.

	Name	Corpo- rate manage- ment	ESG / Compli- ance	Finance/ Account- ing	Human resources and labor	Sales / Market- ing	Opera- tion and manage- ment	Purchas- ing	New Business	Technology develop- ment / DX / IT	Overseas Business
	Seiichi Fubasami	•	•	•					•		
	Toshio Nakama	•	•			•	•				
	Nobuhiro Iida	•				•		•			•
	Yuji Ueda	•				•			•		•
	Mitsuru Fujii		•			•	•	•			
	Hiroyuki Enoki	•	•		•						
Director	Koichi						_		_		
	Nakahito						•		•	•	
	Hirofumi										
	Tamogami	•			•	•				_	
	Hajime Saito	•		•	•				•		
	Miwako Ando		•		•						
	Koji Tanaka	•							•	•	•
	Miwa Suto	•		•						•	
	Shoichiro										
	Kashiwabara	•	•	•				•			
	Hidekazu					_					
Auditor	Tanaka					_	_				
	Sumihito										
	Okawa										
	Takashi										
	Suetsuna			ļ							
	Shoichi Muto		•				•			•	

Notes: The above matrix is marked with ● for up to four of the particularly specialized skills each person possesses and the skills expected of them as Directors and Auditors.

#### [Reference (ii)] Independence Criteria for Outside Directors and Outside Auditors of the Company

The Company determines an outside Director or an outside Auditor is independent if none of the criteria below is satisfied.

- (1) A person who executes business of the Company or its subsidiaries or a person who was someone who executed that business
- (2) A person who executes business of a major shareholder of the Company (shareholder who has 10% or more voting rights, including indirectly held voting rights) or a person who executes business of a company where the Company is a major shareholder
- (3) A person who executes business of a major lender of the Company (lender of the borrowings that exceed 1% of the total consolidated assets of the most recent fiscal year)
- (4) A person who executes business of a major business partner of the Company (dealings with an amount that exceeds 1% of consolidated revenue of the most recent fiscal year) or a person who executes business for a company whose major partner is the Company
- (5) A representative partner or employee of an independent accounting auditor of the Company
- (6) A person who has received substantial economic benefits or donations from the Company (more than ¥10 million, excluding director's remuneration) or a person who belongs to an association that has received such benefits or donations from the Company
- (7) A person who executes business for a company which has a relationship involving cross-assumption of office of outside officers
- (8) A person who has a relative (guardian or relatives by a collateral line up to the second degree) that fits the criteria in (1) through (6) (limited to officers and vital employees)
- (9) A person who satisfies (2) through (8) in the past five years