Corporate Governance Report

DAIDO METAL CO.,

Last Update: July 4, 2023

Daido Metal Co., Ltd.

Chairman & President CEO & COO Seigo Hanji Contact: General Affairs Dept.

Tel: (052)205-1400 Securities Code: 7245

http://www.daidometal.com/

The corporate governance of Daido Metal Co., Ltd. (the "Company") is described below.

I. Basic Views on Corporate Governance, Capital Structure, Corporate Profile and Other Basic Information

1. Basic Views

In order for the Company to be trusted by its stakeholders including shareholders, business partners and employees, the Company has structured its Board of Directors to achieve sustainable growth and enhance corporate value from medium- to long-term perspectives. The Company introduced an Executive Officer system to improve management efficiency.

In order to enhance transparency of the management, the Company relies on Outside Directors and Outside Audit & Supervisory board members to supervise other Directors.

[Reasons for Non-compliance with the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code] Updated

- [Supplementary Principle 4-8-2] Appointment of the lead independent director
 - The Company appointed three independent outside directors at the 115th Annual Shareholders' Meeting, and believes that there are no obstacles to cooperation among the independent outside directors or to communication with senior management, and that an environment that enables the independent outside directors to fulfill their supervisory and monitoring functions has been secured. For this reason, the Company has not appointed a lead independent outside director at this time, but will continue to consider the necessity of such appointment based on the opinions of the independent outside directors.
- Analysis and evaluation of current conditions using cost of capital, etc. [Principle 5-2]

The business environment that the Group operates in is expected to change greatly in the future due to a paradigm shift in the automotive industry, and partly because of the rapid pace of such changes, it is difficult to predict market movements over the medium to long term. For this reason, the Group recognizes that it is vital to address the rapidly changing business environment accurately by formulating a medium-term management plan and resolving various issues promptly while looking ahead to future business.

Based on this recognition, the Group has currently set operating margin and ROE as quantitative targets to measure the state of achievement of the medium-term management plan. With a particular emphasis on ROE, we recognize that the most important management issue is to enhance the Group's corporate value continuously, and we are making the utmost effort to achieve this by analyzing causes and implementing countermeasures. On the other hand, although the Group grasps the cost of capital based on certain assumptions and with reference to the opinions of external organizations, under the current medium-term management plan (ended March 2023), it is not linked directly to the management indicator target figures. The Group's Corporate Planning Unit will deepen consideration further from now on, including how to reflect the cost of capital in the formulation of the next medium-term management plan and investment decisions.

[Mandatory Disclosure items as per the Corporate Governance Code] **Updated**

• [Principle 1-4] Cross-Shareholdings

The Company, being an independent company, is not affiliated with any particular corporate group, and thus it is necessary to maintain long-lasting, good relationships with business partners to continue its business.

From this perspective, the Company believes that these holdings provide certain benefits to its business. The Board of Directors will assess every year the situation of each cross-shareholdings, evaluating the financial return during the previous year against our cost of capital, considering our business relationship or our contribution to local communities or to preservation of Japanese traditional culture.

If it is recognized that there is no business relationship or a limited business relationship with the Company, the Company will consider reducing its shareholding by selling shares on the stock market, etc.

• [Principle 1-4] Standards of exercising voting rights

The Company exercises its voting rights, with the aim to maintain smooth, stable and continuous relationships with customers.

In principle, the Company agrees on proposals made by the subject companies. However, if the Company considers it necessary to clarify the purpose of the proposal, considers that the proposal impairs significantly the corporate value of the subject company or of Daido Metal, or if the proposal is a proposal made by a shareholder, then the Company will scrutinize such proposals in detail and exercise its voting rights with agreement by a majority of Management Strategy Meeting members.

The Company sets up the rules of its exercise of voting rights for each of the following categories of proposals:

- 1. Proposals for appropriation of surplus and shareholder return
- 2. Proposals for appointment of Directors and Audit & Supervisory board members
- 3. Proposals for remuneration for each Director
- 4. Other proposals (including proposals made by a shareholder)

• [Principle 1-7] Related Party Transactions

Followings are some example of transactions which the Company considers to be conflict-of-interest transactions; Transaction of Director with the Company for his/her own interest or that of third party, the Company providing guarantee for the benefit of the Director, other transactions between the Company and the third party where the interest of the Company conflicts with that of the Director.

The Company examines and approves each conflict-of-interest transaction between Directors and the Company (and its group companies) at the Board

of Directors, with the detail of transactions submitted by the Director prior to the conclusion of the transaction, in order to confirm such transactions will not be detrimental to the interests of the Company.

Operating effectiveness of such control is one of the important audit items of Accounting Auditors, and it is also audited from time to time by the Audit & Supervisory Board Members.

No single shareholder holds more than 10% of the Company for the moment. When the Company has such shareholder (Major Shareholders as prescribed in Article 163(1) of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act) in the future, the Company will examine its transaction with such shareholder at the Board of Directors in advance, to confirm it will not damage the interests of the Company or the common interests of shareholders.

• [Supplementary Principle 2-4-1] Ensuring diversity in the appointment of core human resources

In April 2023, the Group established Human Rights Policy to protect and continue to improve the human rights of all stakeholders affected by the Group's business activities, and we are striving to raise awareness internally about the importance of respecting and accepting diversity by advocating respect for diversity and inclusion.

Specifically, the company believes that ensuring the diversity of employees, including officers and managers, is a source of strength for corporate development, and aims to create a working environment in which officers and employees can demonstrate their individuality and capabilities to the full and thrive. In particular, while continuing to hire and assign to managerial positions various human resources including women, foreign nationals and mid-career employees with various career backgrounds, the Company conducts education and training and develops workplace environments positively so that employees can be active at the Company at an early stage, and promotes their development and assignment as core human resources. Details of efforts at the Company aimed at ensuring diversity, measurable targets and their results, the human resource development policy and the policy for establishment of the internal environment are available on the Company's website.

* "Efforts aimed at ensuring diversity" at the Company: https://www.daidometal.com/jp/sustainability/employees/

• [Principle 2-6] Roles of Corporate Pension Funds as Asset Owners

The Company manages a corporate pension fund, based on its strategic asset allocation, to fund the future pension benefits and lump-sum payment for its employees. On important matters regarding asset management, Asset Management Committee will receive professional advice from financial institutions, and ultimately the decisions are made by the Board of Representatives. The Company assigns personnel suitable for the Board of Representatives and Asset Management Committee, from Human Resources Planning department, Finance Department, etc., and as a representative of beneficiaries, a top official of labor union is appointed.

Our corporate pension fund secretariat has persons with financial expertise and knowledge to sufficiently monitor performance and activities of each appointed fund management companies.

• [Principle 3-1 (1)] Corporate Philosophy, Management Strategies, and Management Plans

For Corporate Philosophy, please refer to the details provided on our website.

For Management Strategies and Management Plans, please refer to the following documents.

- i) Securities Report
- ii) Business Report
- iii) Other Disclosure

The Company announces Management Strategies and Management Plans on various IR events for institutional and individual investors.

- * Corporate Philosophy (https://www.daidometal.com/company/the-code/)
- * Management Strategies and Management Plans (https://www.daidometal.com/investors/business-plan/)
- [Principle 3-1 (2)] Basic Views and Guidelines on Corporate Governance Please refer to I-1 "Basic Views" of this report.
- [Principle 3-1 (3)] Policies and Procedures in Determining the Remuneration of Senior Management, Directors

The Company considers Executive Officers as part of senior management.

- i) The Remuneration of Executive Officers
 - The Remuneration of Executive Officers as employees is determined based on the Company's rules approved by the Board of Directors.
- ii) The Remuneration of Directors
 - Please refer to "II. Business Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems regarding Decision-making, Execution of Business, and Oversight in Management 1. Organizational Composition and Operation [Director Remuneration]" in this report.
- [Principle 3-1 (4)] Policies on and Procedures for the Appointment/Dismissal of Senior Management and the Nomination of candidates for Directors and for Audit & Supervisory Board Members

The election and nomination of candidates for Director, Auditor and Executive Officer are based on the election standards established in internal regulations, take into consideration work experience, management sense, leadership, personality, ethics, health, etc., and candidates for Director are discussed and determined by the Board of Directors after receiving comments from the Nomination Committee. Candidates for Audit & Supervisory Board Members are nominated with the prior consent of the Audit & Supervisory Board.

The dismissal of Directors, Audit & Supervisory Board Members and Senior Management is also resolved at the Board of Directors, as prescribed in the Company's rules on dismissal, considering how much the behavior of the person in question damage the Company's credit and corporate value, or whether the person in question is still fit and proper vis-à-vis Company's selection criteria.

- [Principle 3-1 (5)] Explanations of the rationale for the Appointment/Dismissal of Senior Management, and the Nomination of candidates for Directors, and for Audit & Supervisory Board Members
 - The Appointment/Dismissal of Executive Officers
 Rationale for Appointment/Dismissal of each Executive Officer is provided to the Board of Directors in accordance with the Company's rules on selection/dismissal.
 - ii) The Nomination and appointment of candidates for Director and for Audit & Supervisory Board Please refer to "Notice of Convocation of the 115th Annual Shareholders' Meeting" on the Company's website.
 - * Notice of Convocation of the 115th Annual Shareholders' Meeting ($\underline{\text{https://ssl4.eir-parts.net/doc/7245/tdnet/2296707/00.pdf\#page=57})$
- [Supplementary Principle 3-1-3] Sustainability initiatives

With the aim of enhancing corporate value through ESG management, the Company has clarified the issues that it must address, such as "responding to climate change (energy conservation and rationalization)," "manufacturing and development of products towards natural energy, and "development of products that contribute to the environment," and disclosed them in its medium-term management plan. In April 2021, the Company established a "Sustainability Committee" chaired by the President to deliberate and discuss solutions to issues related to sustainability (CSR, ESG, SDGs), including the identification of materialities and the creation of processes for value creation.

In June 2022, our company announced its support for the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate- related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), and in line with the recommendations of the TCFD, our company disclosed important information on climate change on its website.

With regard to investment in human capital too, we respect diversity, character and individuality, and promote the realization of workplaces and the development of an environment where employees can demonstrate their individuality and abilities to the full. In particular, we perceive the "human resources" who promote our business strategy to be important capital and are implementing efforts in human resource development systematically. We are disclosing these efforts on the Company's website, etc.

As investments in intellectual property, we are developing technologies and products that can contribute to global society and focusing on R&D activities to

continue growing perpetually based on the technology development policy presented in the medium-term management plan (announced in May 2021). Please refer to the securities report for specific R&D activities.

- * "Medium-term management plan": https://www.daidometal.com/investors/business-plan/
- * "Efforts aimed at ensuring diversity": https://www.daidometal.com/jp/sustainability/employees/
- * "Information Disclosure Based on TCFD Recommendations": https://www.daidometal.com/sustainability/tcfd/
- * "Securities Report 115": https://ssl4.eir-parts.net/doc/7245/yuho_pdf/S100R3AW/00.pdf#page=30
- [Supplementary Principle 4-1-1] The Scope of Matters to Be Resolved at the Board of Directors and Matters Delegated to the Management

The Company has "Rules on the Board of Directors" which stipulates the matters to be resolved at the Board of Directors, and also matters to be delegated to the Directors, to enable an appropriate supervision of each department and a prompt decision-making.

Delegation is made to Chief Officer in a comprehensive way, and to each Director individually. The Company monitors the balance between a scope of supervision of each Director and the speed of decision-making. If the delegated area becomes too large for the expansion of the business, or for the revision of delegated area, the Company revises the scope of matters to be resolved at the Board of Directors and the matters to be delegated to the Directors and Executive Officers as necessary.

• [Principle 4-9] Standards for Independence of Outside Officers

• [Supplementary Principle 4-10-1] Use of optional mechanisms

The Company has established independence standards of Outside Officers, based on those established by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, but stricter standards. An outside director or an outside Audit & Supervisory board member who is deemed to have independence from the Company as required by this standards is registered as an independent outside director or as an independent outside Audit & Supervisory board member. For more details, please refer to [Standards for Independence of Outside Officers of DAIDO METAL CO., LTD.] on the Company's website.

* Standards for Independence of Outside Officers of DAIDO METAL CO., LTD. https://www.daidometal.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Standards-for-Independence-of-Outside-Officers.pdf

The Company has established an optional Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee consisting of two independent Outside Directors and an Inside Director

Please refer to this report (II. Business Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems regarding Decision-making, Execution of Business, and Oversight in Management - 1. Organizational Composition and Operation, Committee's Name, Composition, and Attributes of Chairperson) for details of the composition of the committees, the view on their independence, authorities and roles, etc.

• [Supplementary Principle 4-11-1] Views on the Balance between Knowledge, Experience, and Skills of the Board of Directors as a Whole, and on Diversity and Board Size

At present, five inside directors and three outside directors have been appointed, and the Company believes that it maintains an appropriate scale as a system for strategic and flexible decision-making.

The Board of Directors is comprised of those who are familiar with management, production, sales, technology, finance, etc., including members with rich international experience, a female Outside Director and a female Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member. The Company's Board of Directors will continue to discuss and pursue the need for greater diversity.

We have prepared a skill matrix listing the expertise and experience of each Director so please refer to this report (V. Other - 2. Other Matters Concerning Corporate Governance System).

- [Supplementary Principle 4-11-2] Concurrent positions held by Directors and Audit and Supervisory Board Members at other listed companies

 Directors and Audit and Supervisory Board Members concurrently serving as officers at other listed companies are disclosed in Business Report (attached to
 Notice of Convocation of the Annual Shareholders' Meeting) and in Securities Reports. Judging from status of their concurrent assignment, our Directors
 and Audit & Supervisory Board members are considered to be in a position to perform their duty properly.
- [Supplementary Principle 4-11-3] Analysis and evaluation of effectiveness of the Board of Directors The Company assesses the effectiveness of the Board of Directors, and use the result of the assessment to further improve the Board.

In January 2023, the Company reported on improvements based on the results of that year's evaluation, and in April 2023, received opinions from a total of ten Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members, including external Directors and Members, regarding the role of the Board of Directors and its management structure in fiscal 2022, the results of which were reported at the Board in May 2023.

The result confirmed that the running of the Board of Directors provides enough time for discussion to enable swift decision making. However, there is still room for further improvement in matters such as the training of directors aimed at acquiring the required knowledge and deliberation on internal diversity in the discussions of the Board of Directors so the management system will continue to be reviewed.

We will further refine the assessment, and make use of the result to make our Board of Directors more effective.

• [Supplementary Principle 4-14-2] Training policy for Directors and Audit and Supervisory Board Members

The Company provides training to newly appointed Directors and Audit and Supervisory Board Members, and seminars are held from time to time. On top of that, when new laws or regulations are introduced, internal seminars are organized with external specialist lecturers.

In fiscal 2022, all Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members underwent training, including online courses on the themes of human rights and sustainability.

• [Principle 5-1] Policy for Constructive Dialogue with Shareholders

In order to achieve sustainable growth and mid-/long-term realization of corporate value, the Company considers it important to have constructive dialogue with shareholders.

Our structure for promoting constructive dialogue with shareholders is as follows.

- (i) Appointing a member of the management or a director who is responsible for overseeing and ensuring that constructive dialogue takes place. In the Company, the director in charge of public relations and investor relations is responsible for all dialogue with shareholders.
- (ii) Measures to ensure positive cooperation between internal departments such as investor relations, corporate planning, general affairs, corporate finance, accounting and legal affairs with the aim of supporting dialogue

 The General Affairs Department (hereinafter referred to as "IR Department") is taking the lead in developing an internal system to further promote
 - The General Affairs Department (hereinafter referred to as "IR Department") is taking the lead in developing an internal system to further promote constructive dialogue with shareholders, in coordination with other related departments.
- (iii) Measures to promote opportunities for dialogue aside from individual meetings (e.g., general investor meetings and other IR activities)
 We have periodical IR meeting with institutional investors and analysts where our top Management will present Company's mid-/long-term vision and latest financial results. Our IR department also carries out individual session with such investors and analysts. With regard to private investors, the Company is present in various IR events organized by Stock Exchanges or by Securities companies. For our current IR related activities, please read III. Implementation of Measures for Shareholders and Other Stakeholders 2. IR Activities.
- (iv) Measures to appropriately and effectively relay shareholder views and concerns learned through dialogue to the senior management and the board In addition to management's direct communication with shareholders, IR Department provides feedback to all directors as necessary, on the opinions and other aspects of the dialogue with shareholders by sharing the reports of meetings.
- (v) Measures to control insider information when engaging in dialogue

IR Department is a contact department regarding dialogue with shareholders and investors, and unify management of insider information (unpublished important facts) to prevent the leakage of the insider information to shareholders and investors.

(vi) State of implementation of dialogue with shareholders

The state of implementation of dialogue between the Company's management and shareholders is posted on the Company's website.

2. Capital Structure

Foreign Shareholding Ratio	From 10% to less than 20%
----------------------------	---------------------------

[Status of Major Shareholders] Updated

Name / Company Name	Number of Shares Owned	Percentage (%)
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)	4,570,100	9.61
Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)	2,118,520	4.45
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited	1,978,000	4.16
Mizuho Bank, Ltd.	1,977,008	4.16
MUFG Bank, Ltd.	1,822,218	3.83
Daido Metal Yueikai Employee Stock-Ownership Plan	1,796,200	3.77
Daido Metal Employee Stock Purchase Plan	1,765,220	3.71
Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	1,107,479	2.33
The Seri Wathana Industry Co, Ltd. 703000	1,000,000	2.10
Marubeni-Itochu Steel Inc.	886,000	1.86

Controlling Shareholder (except for Parent Company)	
Parent Company	None

C1	E14:	T Table	1.4.4
Supplementary	EXDIADATION	UJEDO	пипски

3. Corporate Attributes

Listed Stock Market and Market Section	Tokyo Stock Exchange Prime Market and Nagoya Stock Exchange Premier Market
Fiscal Year-End	March
Type of Business	Transportation Equipment
Number of Employees (consolidated) as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	More than 1000
Sales (consolidated) as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	From JPY100 billion to less than JPY 1 trillion
Number of Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	From 10 to less than 50

4. Policy on Measures to Protect Minority Shareholders in Conducting Transactions with Controlling Shareholder

5. Other Special Circumstances which may have Material Impact on Corporate Governance

^{* &}quot;Financial results briefing materials": https://www.daidometal.com/investors/ir-library/finance/

[&]quot;Status of Major Shareholders" is based on shareholder registry as of March 31, 2023.

⁻ While these companies and their joint holders mentioned below are listed on a Report of Possession of Large Volume (including Change Report), they are not included in "Status of Major Shareholders", because the Company was unable to confirm their effective shareholding as of March 31, 2023.

¹⁾ In its Change Report for a Report of Possession of Large Volume, which was provided for inspection on September 23, 2020, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited and its three joint holders state that they held 3,403,000 shares of the Company (7.16%) as of September 15, 2020.

²⁾ In its Change Report for a Report of Possession of Large Volume, which was provided for inspection on March 23, 2023, Mizuho Bank Ltd. and its two joint holders state that they held 2,684,000 shares of the Company (5.65%) as of March 15, 2023.

II. Business Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems regarding Decision-making, Execution of Business, and Oversight in Management

1. Organizational Composition and Operation

Organization Form	Company with Audit and Supervisory Board
-------------------	--

[Directors]

Maximum Number of Directors Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	10
Term of Office Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	1 year
Chairperson of the Board	President of the Board of Directors
Number of Directors Updated	8
Appointment of Outside Directors	Appointed
Number of Outside Directors	3
Number of Independent Directors	3

Outside Directors' Relationship with the Company (1)

Name	Attribute	Relationship with the Company*										
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
Toshikazu Takei	Other											
Kiyotaka Hoshinaga	Academic											
Miyuri Shirai	Academic											

- * Categories for "Relationship with the Company"
- * "o" when the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category; "\(\triangle \)" when the director fell under the category in the past
- * "•" when a close relative of the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category; "A" when a close relative of the director fell under the category in the past
- a. Executive of the Company or its subsidiaries
- b. Non-executive director or executive of a parent company of the Company
- c. Executive of a fellow subsidiary company of the Company
- d. A party whose major client or supplier is the Company or an executive thereof
- e. Major client or supplier of the listed company or an executive thereof
- f. Consultant, accountant or legal professional who receives a large amount of monetary consideration or other property from the Company besides compensation as a director/kansayaku
- g. Major shareholder of the Company (or an executive of the said major shareholder if the shareholder is a legal entity)
- h. Executive of a client or supplier company of the Company (which does not correspond to any of d, e, or f) (the director himself/herself only)
- i. Executive of a company, between which and the Company outside directors/kansayaku are mutually appointed (the director himself/herself only)
- Executive of a company or organization that receives a donation from the Company (the director himself/herself only)
- k. Others

Outside Directors' Relationship with the Company (2) **Updated**

Name	Designation as Independent Director	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons of Appointment
Toshikazu Takei	0	Mr. Takei is a Chairman of the Central Council for Financial Services Information. The Company has no transaction with the Central Council for Financial Services Information that would constitute grounds for concluding that Mr. Toshikazu Takei does not have independence from the Company.	continue to oversee and supervise the management of the Company based on such experience and insight, and provide

Kiyotaka Hoshinaga	0	Mr. Hoshinaga is the chairman, Board of Directors of Fujita Academy Incorporated Educational Institution. The Company has no transaction with Fujita Academy Incorporated Educational Institution that would constitute grounds for concluding that Mr. Hoshinaga does not have independence from the Company.	After serving as a university professor, Mr. Kiyotaka Hoshinaga served as a hospital director and university president, and is currently chairman of a university's board of directors. He has extensive knowledge and experience gained through involvement in management of a hospital and a university. In the belief that he will continue to oversee and supervise the management of the Company based on such experience and insight, and provide advice for management using his wealth of knowledge and experience, mainly in organizational management, the Company nominated him as a candidate for Outside Director. Mr. Kiyotaka Hoshinaga is involved in the management of an incorporated educational institution and the Company judges that he will appropriately fulfill his duties as an Outside Director of the Company based on the above reasons. The term of office of Mr. Hoshinaga as an Outside Director is seven years at the conclusion of the 115th Annual Shareholders' Meeting on June 29, 2023.
Miyuri Shirai	0	Ms. Miyuri Shirai holds an important concurrent position as Professor, Faculty of Business and Commerce, Keio University, but there is no business relationship between the Company and Keio University that would be judged as not being independent based on the Company's Standards for Independence of Outside Officers.	Ms. Miyuri Shirai has served as a university professor and researcher, and is currently a university professor. Over many years, she has been engaging in research on consumer behavior and marketing. Based on such experience and insight, the Company believes that she will oversee and supervise the management of the Company and provide advice on management that utilizes her abundant knowledge and experience mainly in sales fields including marketing. Although Ms. Miyuri Shirai has no experience being engaged in the management of the Company other than as an outside director, the Company judges that she will appropriately fulfill her duties as an Outside Director of the Company based on the above reasons. The term of office of Mr. Shirai as an Outside Director is one year at the conclusion of the 115th Annual Shareholders' Meeting on June 29, 2023.

Voluntary Establishment of Committee(s) Corresponding to Nomination Committee or Remuneration Committee

Established

Committee's Name, Composition, and Attributes of Chairperson

	Committee Corresponding to N Committee	Vomination Committee Corresponding to Remuneration Committee
Committee's Name	Nomination Committee	Remuneration Committee
All Committee Members	3	3
Full-time Members	0	0
Inside Directors	1	1
Outside Directors	2	2
Outside Experts	0	0
Other	0	0
Chairperson	Director	Director

Supplementary Explanation Updated

The Company receives comments from the optional Nomination Committee on the nomination of candidates for Director aimed at ensuring management objectivity and transparency, and the Board of Directors passes resolution on nominations after explaining the reasons for them. In addition, with the same aim, the Board of Directors makes decisions on the remuneration, etc., of Directors after receiving comments from the optional Remuneration Committee.

The Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee are optional advisory committees whose main members are independent Outside Directors. The Personnel Planning Unit manager is in charge of secretariat work.

The outlines of the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee are as follows.

1) Name

"Nomination Committee" and "Remuneration Committee"

2) Objective

These committees are aimed at using the knowledge of members, gathering information on management domestically and overseas widely, and contributing to ensuring the transparency of the Company's management.

3) Authorities and roles "Nomination Committee"

Deliberates on the following matters and determines the content of reports to the Board of Directors.

- (1) Verification of the composition, operation and skills of the Board of Directors
- (2) Verification of the current standards for appointing Directors
- (3) Consideration and recommendation of candidates for Outside Director
- (4) Proposal of the appointment and dismissal of Directors, etc., to be proposed at a General Meeting of Shareholders
- (5) Succession plan
- (6) Other matters concerning the nomination, etc., of Directors, etc., whose deliberation by the Nomination Committee is recognized to be necessary

State of major discussions

- * Held twice a year (fiscal 2022)
- The skills matrix of the Board of Directors
- The officer system in fiscal 2023
- · Succession planning

"Remuneration Committee"

Deliberates on the following matters and determines the content of reports to the Board of Directors.

- (1) Policy for determination of the remuneration, etc., of individual Directors
- (2) Procedures for determination of the remuneration, etc., of Directors
- (3) Remuneration levels and the percentage composition of remuneration (fixed remuneration, performance- linked remuneration, non-monetary remuneration, etc.) in the "Standards for Directors' Remuneration, etc."
- (4) Verification and operation of the design and mechanism of performance-linked remuneration
- (5) Proposals on the total amount of Directors' bonuses to be submitted to a General Meeting of Shareholders
- (6) Proposals to the Board of Directors regarding the individual remuneration of Directors
- (7) Other matters concerning the remuneration, etc., of Directors whose deliberation by the Remuneration Committee is recognized to be necessary

State of major discussions

- * Held twice a year (fiscal 2022)
- Total amount of Directors' bonuses
- Individual remuneration for Directors
- · Verification and management of the design and mechanism of performance-linked remuneration

4) Members

The members of the "Nomination Committee" and "Remuneration Committee" are elected by the Board of Directors. The members of both committees and their state of attendance are as follows.

Chair Seigo Hanji (Chairman & President CEO & COO)

Nomination Committee, attended both meetings Remuneration Committee, attended both meetings

Committee member Toshikazu Takei (independent Outside Director) Nomination Committee, attended both meetings

d both meetings Remuneration Committee, attended both meetings

Committee member Kiyotaka Hoshinaga (independent Outside Director)
Nomination Committee, attended both meetings

Remuneration Committee, attended both meetings

5) View on the independence of the committees' composition

The Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee are composed of three or more Directors selected by resolution of the Board of Directors, and the majority of members are Outside Directors, thereby ensuring independence.

[Kansayaku (Audit and Supervisory Board)]

Establishment of Kansayaku-kai (Audit and Supervisory Board)	Established
Maximum Number of <i>Kansayaku</i> (Audit and Supervisory Board Member) stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	4
Number of Kansayaku (Audit and Supervisory Board Member)	3

Cooperation among Kansayaku (Members of Audit and Supervisory Board), Accounting Auditor and Internal Audit Department **Updated**

We have so-called "three party audit" system with audit performed by 1) Kansayaku, 2) Internal Audit department, and 3) Accounting Auditor.

In other words, as part of the dual reporting line, *Kansayaku* will receive reports with regard to the internal audit schedule and the results of internal audits results of Audit Center, and also hold regular meetings with the head of Audit Center (department general manager) (generally four times per year) to confirm and verify the state of business execution based on the details of audit reports from both sides, and exchange views and information positively to ensure the effectiveness of audits. In addition, Audit Center reports a summary of internal audit results to the Board of Directors. *Kansayaku* will have periodical meeting (about 6 times per year) with the Accounting Auditor, attend the site visit and stock take of the Accounting Auditor, and exchange views and information throughout the year.

Internal Audit Department will report to Accounting Auditor its Internal Audit Plan and its result, and will check the performance of business operation and will exchange views and opinions to ascertain the effectiveness of the internal audit activity. Through the three party audit, close cooperation has been created with each other, leading to proper and effective audits.

Close cooperation is created through these three party audits, leading to proper and effective audits. *Kansayaku*, Internal Audit Department, and Accounting Auditor have a periodical meeting with Compliance Group that is in charge of formulating basic policy on the internal control system for financial reliability, to exchange views and opinions to help improve the effectiveness of audit over internal control.

Appointment of Outside Kansayaku (Audit & Supervisory Board Members)	Appointed
Number of Outside Kansayaku (Audit & Supervisory Board Members)	2
Number of Independent Kansayaku (Audit & Supervisory Board Members)	1

Name	Attribute	Relationship with the Company*												
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
Kazuo Matsuda	From another company										Δ			
Etsuaki Yoshida	Scholar													

- Categories for "Relationship with the Company"
- * "o" when the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category; "\(\triangle \)" when the director fell under the category in the past
- * "•" when a close relative of the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category; "▲" when a close relative of the director fell under the category in the past
- Executive of the Company or its subsidiary
- b Non-executive director or accounting advisor of the Company or its subsidiaries
- c Non-executive director or executive of a parent company of the Company
- d Audit & Supervisory Board member of a parent company of the Company
- e Executive of a fellow subsidiary company of the Company
- f A party whose major client or supplier is the Company or an executive thereof
- g Major client or supplier of the Company or an executive thereof
- h Consultant, accountant or legal professional who receives a large amount of monetary consideration or other property from the Company besides compensation as a *kansayaku*
- i Major shareholder of the Company (or an executive of the said major shareholder if the shareholder is a legal entity)
- j Executive of a client or supplier company of the Company (which does not correspond to any of f, g, or h) (the Audit & Supervisory Board member himself/herself only)
- k Executive of a company, between which and the Company outside directors/kansayaku are mutually appointed (the Audit & Supervisory Board member himself/herself only)
- 1 Executive of a company or organization that receives a donation from the Company (the Audit & Supervisory Board member himself/herself only)
- m. Others

Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members' Relationship with the Company (2) Updated

Name	Designation as Independent Audit & Supervisory Board Member	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons of Appointment
Kazuo Matsuda		Mr. Matsuda is an Outside Director of Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd. The Company has no transaction with Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd. that would constitute grounds for concluding that Mr. Kazuo Matsuda does not have independence from the Company.	Mr. Matsuda has rich insights on governance of the overall management of a company as he is familiar with finance and international businesses through his experience at financial institutions for many years and has experiences and knowledge which he gained through serving as a director and an executive officer for other business entities. Mr. Matsuda worked at Mizuho Bank, Ltd., the Company's business partner as well as main shareholder; however, more than 19 years has passed since he resigned from the Bank in May 2003. The Company borrows from and deposits with Mizuho Bank, Ltd. The term of office of Mr. Matsuda as an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member is 12 years at the conclusion of the 115th Annual Shareholders' Meeting on June 29, 2023.
Etsuaki Yoshida	0	Mr. Etsuaki Yoshida holds an important concurrent position as Professor in the Business School of Doshisha University, but there is no business relationship between the Company and Doshisha University that would be judged as not being independent based on the Company's Standards for Independence of Outside Officers.	Mr. Etsuaki Yoshida is well versed in finance and international business due to his many years of working at public financial institutions, and has carried out research in international finance, economics and global management as a university professor. Based on that knowledge, experience and insight, the Company judges that he will be able to audit the management of the Company. At the 115th Annual Shareholders' Meeting on June 29, 2023, he was elected as Outside Auditor of the Company.

[Independent Directors / Audit & Supervisory Board Members]

Number of Independent Directors /
Audit & Supervisory Board Members

4

Matters relating to Independent Directors/ Audit & Supervisory Board Members

The Company has established independence standards of Outside Officers, based on those established by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, but stricter standards. An outside director or an outside audit & supervisory board member who meets this standards is registered at Tokyo Stock Exchange as an independent outside director or as an independent outside audit & supervisory board member.

For more details, please refer to [Standards for Independence of Outside Officers of DAIDO METAL CO., LTD.] on the Company's website

* "Standards for Independence of Outside Officers of DAIDO METAL CO., LTD". (https://www.daidometal.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Standards-for-Independence-of-Outside-Officers.pdf)

[Incentives]

Incentive Policies for Directors

Performance-linked Remuneration

Supplementary Explanation

Please refer to "Director Remuneration: Disclosure of Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods" below.

Recipients of Stock Options

Supplementary Explanation

[Director Remuneration]

[Director Remuneration]

Partially

Supplementary Explanation **Updated**

Remuneration of Directors and *Kansayaku* (Members of Audit & Supervisory Board) is disclosed as a total for each category. Remuneration of Outside Directors and Outside *Kansayaku* is shown as a total for each category. Directors with remuneration of 100 million yen or more are disclosed individually in Securities Report.

* "The 115th Securities Report": (https://ssl4.eir-parts.net/doc/7245/yuho_pdf/S100R3AW/00.pdf#page=62)

Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods

Established

Disclosure of Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods

The Company established a decision-making policy on the details of remuneration to each Director (hereinafter referred to as "decision-making policy"), which is determined and outlined as follows.

(a) Method for determining the decision-making policy

Pursuant to the standard for Directors' remuneration, the basic policy of Directors' remuneration and its level is to attract and retain personnel suitable for the role of a Director of the Group, to serve effectively as an incentive for increasing motivation to enhance business performance, corporate value as well as morale. To help keep its business management transparent, the Company had set up a Remuneration Committee composed of three or more Directors (the majority of whom must be Outside Directors) appointed by resolution of the Board of Directors. In light of comments from the committee, the Board of Directors deliberates on and decide details of the decision-making policy.

(b) Outline of details of the decision-making policy

Directors' remuneration consists of "monthly remuneration," "bonuses," and "stock-based remuneration." However, for an Outside Director, in order to ensure independence and neutrality, the "monthly remuneration" consists of only a "fixed component."

(i) "Monthly remuneration"

"Monthly remuneration" consists of (1) a "fixed component" based on the role and responsibility associated with execution of operations of a Representative Director, or a Director concurrently serving as an Executive Officer, and (2) a "consolidated performance-linked component" paid monthly in addition to the "fixed component" and determined after taking into account the Group's consolidated performance in the previous fiscal year and the degree of contribution to the Company, as described below.

Individual payment amount of this "fixed component" will be determined by the Board of Directors based on the prescribed base payment table (fixed amount) according to the position of each Director, and by considering the comments from the Remuneration Committee. Furthermore, individual payment amount of the "consolidated performance-linked component" will be determined by the Board of Directors based on the prescribed base payment table according to the position of each Director, the amount proportionally changing in line with consolidated net sales and the ratio of profit to net sales for the previous fiscal year, along with the degree of contribution to the Company (aspects such as the presence of management sense, leadership ability, and ability to guide), and by considering the comments from the Remuneration Committee.

(ii) "Bonus"

Total payment of bonuses to be deliberated in the Shareholders' Meeting is limited in proportion to the dividend to shareholders.

After considering the comments from the Remuneration Committee, it is determined by the Board of Directors.

Furthermore, individual payment amount of the bonus will be determined by the Board of Directors based on the prescribed base payment table according to the position of each Director, and the amount proportionally changing in line with consolidated net sales and the ratio of profit to net sales for the previous fiscal year, and by considering the comments from the Remuneration Committee.

(iii) "Stock-based remuneration"

As per the Share Grant Rule created by the Board of Directors, the Company shall grant points (one point corresponds to one share of the Company) to each Director (excluding Outside Directors). Points granted to each Director consist of (1) a "performance-linked component" which is in accordance with role and responsibility as well as level of achievement of performance targets in the Midterm Business Plan and (2) a "fixed component" based on role and responsibility and determined regardless of the level of achievement of performance targets in the Midterm Business Plan.

[Supporting System for Outside Directors and/or Audit & Supervisory Board Members]

An "Audit & Supervisory Board Members Secretariat", independent of the Directors, is nominated as a department to assist the Audit & Supervisory Board Members on a regular basis.

The Secretariat serves *Kansayaku* (Audit & Supervisory Board members) with advance distribution of the Board Meeting documents, and provision of other information relevant with the Board Meeting agenda.

[Retiree from the post of President, etc.]

Name, etc., of the advisor / consultant, who is a former president, etc. **Updated**

Name	Position	Work description	Work style and conditions (Full-time / part-time, remuneration, etc.)	Date of Resignation of The President, etc.	Term of office
_	_	_	_	_	_

Total number of advisors / consultants who are former presidents, etc. **Updated** 0

2. Matters on Functions of Business Execution, Auditing, Oversight, Nomination and Remuneration Decisions (Overview of Current Corporate Governance System) Updated

The Company adopts the management structure listed below in order to clarify the business execution responsibility through introduction of Executive Officers, to strengthen the supervision/oversight by outsider directors, to enhance audit with the nomination of outside *Kansayaku*, and to strengthen and accelerate management decision making via creation of Management Strategy Meeting and other decision making body. Motoyuki Miyo resigned as President and Chief Operating Officer on 31 March 2023. For more information, see the press release. (https://www.daidometal.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/representative-director-202302.pdf)

1) Board of Directors

Board of Directors will decide on the execution of the Company's business operation, and oversee the performance of individual Directors. Actual execution of the business operation is delegated to Executive Officers or employees. The Board of Directors is small with eight Directors to enable the Board to make prompt decisions. Board meetings will be held once a month and as and when necessity arises. Chairman and President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer, Seigo Hanji, serves as the Chair.

Meetings of the Board of Directors were held fifteen times during fiscal year 2022. The records of attendance of each officer (eight Directors and three Audit & Supervisory Board Members) are below.

<Directors>

• Seigo Hanji (Chairman & Chief Executive Officer)

Motoyuki Miyo (President and Chief Operating Officer)

Yoshiaki Sato (Director and Managing Executive Officer)

• Shigemasa Hakakoshi (Director and Managing Executive Officer)

• Tomohiro Yoshida (Director and Managing Executive Officer)

• Toshikazu Takei (Outside Director)

• Kiyotaka Hoshinaga (Outside Director)

• Miyuri Shirai (Director and Managing Executive Officer)

<Audit & Supervisory Board Members>

• Masaaki Tamaya (Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Member)

• Kuniko Tanabe (Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member)

• Kazuo Matsuda (Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member)

The major resolutions of the Board of Directors are as follows.

(1) Matters concerning basic management policies

Corporate governance, internal controls, risk management, compliance, etc.

(2) Matters concerning general management

Medium-term management plan, capital investment plan, etc.

- (3) Matters concerning the Annual Shareholders' Meeting
- (4) Matters concerning Directors and Officers

Election of Directors, etc.

(5) Matters concerning organizations and personnel

Establishment, revision and abolition of important organizations

Appointment and dismissal of Executive Officers

(6) Matters concerning finance

Approval of the balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement, etc.

(7) Matters concerning the execution of business

Determination of basic matters concerning working conditions and wages Sales of cross-shareholdings

- (8) Matters concerning shares, stock acquisition rights and bonds
- (9) Other matters

For policies on and procedures for the nomination of candidates for Directors and for Audit & Supervisory Board Members and policies and procedures in determining the remuneration of Senior Management and Directors, please refer to each category below.

- I. Basic Views on Corporate Governance, Capital Structure, Corporate Profile and Other Basic Information [Mandatory Disclosure items as per the Corporate Governance Code]
- [Principle 3-1 (3)] Policies and Procedures in Determining the Remuneration of Senior Management, Directors
- [Principle 3-1 (4)] Policies on and Procedures for the Appointment/Dismissal of Senior Management and the Nomination of candidates for Directors and for Audit & Supervisory Board Members
- 2) Management Strategy Meeting

Attended all fifteen meetings Attended all fifteen meetings Attended all fifteen meetings

Attended all twelve meetings Attended all twelve meetings Attended all fifteen meetings

Attended all fifteen meetings Attended all twelve meeting

Attended all fifteen meetings Attended all fifteen meetings Attended all fifteen meetings Other than the Board of Directors meeting, there is a "Management Strategy Meeting" held each month once or twice, where important management issues such as management policy and Midterm Business Plan are discussed with the presence of Inside Directors and full-time *Kansayaku*.

3) Audit & Supervisory Board

Audit & Supervisory Board (3 members) will audit the business execution of Directors. Audit & Supervisory Board consists of three members, one full-time and two outside members to maintain the transparency of the management, and will be held once a month and as and when deemed necessary.

4) Kansayaku Audit

(A) Kansayaku audit organization, personnel and procedures

The Company has three *Kansayaku*. One of them is Mr. Masaaki Tamaya, a Full-time *Kansayaku*, who has served as the management department of the Company and has a wealth of business experience and knowledge accumulated over many years in sales and general affairs. Ms. Kuniko Tanabe, an outside *Kansayaku*, is a qualified lawyer, and has professional experience and considerable knowledge of legal affairs. Mr. Kazuo Matsuda, an outside *Kansayaku*, has considerable knowledge and experience of corporate management through the experience in finance and international affairs at financial institutions and corporates for many years and has the experience as a Director and Executive Officer of other companies. Full-time *Kansayaku* Mr. Masaaki Tamaya and Outside *Kansayaku* Ms. Kuniko Tanabe retired at the conclusion of the 115th Annual Shareholders' Meeting on June 29, 2023. Mr. Koji Takaki, who was appointed as a new full-time *Kansayaku* at the 115th Annual Shareholders' Meeting on June 29, 2023, has a wealth of business experience and knowledge accumulated over many years in the management and finance of the Company. In addition, Mr. Etsuaki Yoshida, who was newly appointed as an Outside *Kansayaku*, has sufficient knowledge, experience and insights, being well versed in finance and international business due to his many years of working at public financial institutions, and having carried out research in international finance, economics and global management as a university professor, etc.

Kansayaku led by full-time Kansayaku will audit Directors' performance of duties based on the Code of Kansayaku Audit Standards and audit policies and plan, which has been approved by Audit and Supervisory Board. Kansayaku will, among other things, attend Board meetings and other important meetings of the Company, examine the reports received from Directors, employees, accounting auditors and others, investigate on the Company's business operation and the state of the assets, express opinion/advice/recommendation to Directors or employees, and take appropriate measures such as stopping Directors' actions if necessary. In addition, each Kansayaku cooperates in auditing the management and operations of subsidiaries, ascertaining the management status of the entire Group, and conducting audits from a different perspective in an accurate and efficient manner.

The Company has Secretariat of the Audit & Supervisory Board which is a department independent of Directors, and is expected to support *Kansayaku*'s activities on continual basis. The Secretariat is supposed to carry out the duties based on instructions by *Kansayaku*, and are authorized to conduct appropriate investigations and information collection.

The Audit and Supervisory Board has a "System to ensure the properness of the business of a corporation" in place so that it can receive advanced reports on the personnel changes and the personnel evaluation of the secretary candidate, from the officer in charge of HR and can request the officer to change the candidate if necessary.

(B) Status of Audit & Supervisory Board Members and Audit & Supervisory Board

- In principle, Audit & Supervisory Board meets once a month and as and when necessity arises. During the fiscal year under review, the Audit & Supervisory Board met a total of fifteen times, including via the Internet.
- The Audit & Supervisory Board considers the preparation of audit reports, the selection and dismissal of full-time *Kansayaku*, audit policies, and other matters related to the execution of duties by *Kansayaku*. From time to time, the Audit & Supervisory Board is considering the matters to be resolved, such as matters regarding the appointment and dismissal or non-reappointment of the Accounting Auditor and consent to the Accounting Auditor's remuneration. In addition, since the Audit & Supervisory Board meetings are held in advance of the Board of Directors meetings in principle, the Audit & Supervisory Board examines whether there are matters that should be pointed out as problems at the Board of Directors meetings, or matters that should be further explained by requesting an explanation on matters that require prior confirmation regarding matters to be resolved and reported at the Board of Directors meetings held on the following day or continuously on the same day.
- Starting with the audit of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021, since the auditor's report has been required to include KAM (key audit considerations), the Audit & Supervisory Board has exchanged opinions with the independent accounting auditors in selecting KAM.
- All Kansayaku attended a total of 15 meetings of the Board of Directors. Each Kansayaku also audits the status of the execution of duties by the executive directors through some methods such as the directors' self-checklist and departmental visits. Kansayaku communicated and exchanged information with the directors and others of two important domestic subsidiaries and two companies that recently became subsidiaries through acquisition, and received reports on the status of their business. Internal Audit Department (Audit Center) and the Internal Control and Compliance Department (Compliance Center, which belongs to Compliance Unit; hereinafter the same) also hold joint information exchange meetings on a regular basis (in principle, four times a year, but twice this fiscal year due to the impact of COVID-19 infections, etc.) to share problems and issues, and to express opinions as Kansayaku on a case-by-case basis. Kansayaku shall maintain an independent position in relation to the accounting auditors and conduct an appropriate accounting audit. Kansayaku will monitor and verify whether the accounting auditors are performing their duties. After receiving reports of quarterly review and audit results from the accounting auditors, Kansayaku will request an explanation from them if necessary. In addition, the quarterly financial results review and audit reports will be received. In addition, Kansayaku and the accounting auditors share awareness of major issues, including KAM, through exchanges of opinions, etc.
- In 2019, it was discovered that accounts receivable had accumulated at Daido Industrial Bearings Europe Limited, a consolidated subsidiary in the United Kingdom. Accordingly, the Company is working to strengthen the monitoring systems of Daido Industrial Bearings Europe Limited, Daido Metal Europe GmbH, and others. The Audit & Supervisory Board periodically checks the progress of these efforts and measures to prevent recurrence are being continued. The Audit & Supervisory Board has confirmed that the full amount of the remaining accounts receivable has been largely recovered.
- In addition to the above activities, the Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Members attend management meetings other than the Board of Directors (40 meetings in total) and other important meetings, and express their opinions as necessary. In addition, important approval documents, etc. are inspected and the status of assets of major business offices are investigated.

5) Internal Audit

To ensure independence, Internal Audit Center, which is the Internal Audit Department (3 members) is a department which reports directly to COO (Chief Operating Officer). Internal Audit Department performs internal audit on compliance with various laws and regulations, audit on operations against assigned duties, and audit on internal control system's development/operation/improvement. In addition, in order to ensure its expertise, the Company has joined The Institute of Internal Auditors - Japan and has established an environment in which employees affiliated with Internal Audit Center can receive training on professional and up-to-date internal audit methods as required. Internal audits by this kind of Audit Center have as their scope all divisions including overseas subsidiaries. Internal Audit activities are based on the risk-based annual audit policy and audit plan approved by the COO. In addition, internal audits cover all business operations including overseas operations. They cover business audits, theme audits, internal control audits, fraud discovery audits and other types of audit. In addition, Audit Center prepares audit reports promptly after audits are conducted and has established a dual reporting line system under which it submits those reports to the CEO and COO for confirmation and approval, and also reports the results directly to the Audit & Supervisory Board. Further, Internal Audit Department delivers the report to the person in charge of the audited department and asks them to report how to address the audit exceptions. It then confirms the progress of improvements.

Kansayaku will receive report from Internal Audit Department with regard to internal audit schedule and the result of internal audit. In other

words, as part of the dual reporting line, *Kansayaku* will receive reports with regard to the internal audit schedule and the results of internal audits results of Audit Center, and also hold regular meetings with the head of Audit Center (department general manager) (generally four times per year) to confirm and verify the state of business execution based on the details of audit reports from both sides, and exchange views and information positively to ensure the effectiveness of audits. In addition, Audit Center reports a summary of internal audit results to the Board of Directors. *Kansayaku* will have periodical meeting (about 6 times a year) with Accounting Auditor, attend the site visit and stock take of Accounting Auditor, and exchange views and information throughout the year. Internal Audit Department will report to Accounting Auditor its Internal Audit Plan and its result, and will check the performance of business operation and will exchange views and opinions to ascertain the effectiveness of the internal audit activity. Through the three party audit, close cooperation has been created with each other, leading to proper and effective audits. *Kansayaku*, Internal Audit Department, and Accounting Auditor have a periodical meeting with Compliance Group that is in charge of formulating basic policy on the internal control system for financial reliability, to exchange views and opinions to help improve the effectiveness of audit over internal control.

6) Accounting Audit

Certified Public Accountants in charge of the accounting audit of the Company are Messrs. Masaki Okuda and Yasuhiko Goto, who are designated limited liability partners and managing partners of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC.

Support members of the Company's accounting audit are nine Certified Public Accountants and 25 other members.

The continuous period of auditing by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC. is 40 years.

7) Limiting Liability Agreement

As expected in Article 427, paragraph (1) of Companies Act, the Company enters into agreements with outside directors and *Kansayaku* to the effect that, if they have acted in good faith and without gross negligence in performing their duties, their liability under Article 423, paragraph (1) is limited to the Minimum Liability Amount as set forth in Article 425, paragraph (1).

3. Reasons for Adoption of Current Corporate Governance System

Current Corporate Governance System allows clarifying Executive Directors' responsibility, who also acts as department heads. It strengthens audit/supervision functionality through outsider Directors, and it also enhances decision making function through setting up of Business Strategy Meeting.

III Implementation of Measures for Shareholders and Other Stakeholders

1. Measures to Vitalize the General Shareholder Meetings and Smooth Exercise of Voting Rights Updated

Supplementary Explanations								
Early Notification of General Shareholder Meeting	The notice of Convocation of the Annual Shareholders' Meeting is sent three weeks before the Annual Shareholders' Meeting. Prior to the shipping date, the notice is posted on the Company's website, the website of the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the website of the Nagoya Stock Exchange. In 2023, the Company released the notice on June 1 in Japanese and on June 8 in English. The dispatch date was June 8.							
Allowing Electronic Exercise of Voting Rights	Implemented.							
Participation in Electronic Voting Platform and other efforts aimed at improving the environment for institutional investors' exercise of voting rights	Registered at the electronic voting platform operated by ICJ, Inc.							
Providing Convocation Notice in English	The English translation of the notice of Convocation of the Annual Shareholders' Meeting was posted on the website of the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the website of the Nagoya Stock Exchange on the shipping date. The notice was posted on the Company's website as well.							
Other	The result of exercise of voting rights is posted on the Company's website promptly after the Annual Shareholders' Meeting.							

2. IR Activities Updated

	Supplementary Explanations	Explanation by a representative
Preparation and Publication of Disclosure Policy	The Company has established a "Disclosure Policy," which is available in both Japanese and English on the Company's website. Japanese: https://www.ir.daidometal.com/management/disclosure.html English: https://www.daidometal.com/sustainability/disclosure-policy/	
Regular Investor Briefings for Individual Investors	The Company participates in IR events or seminars targeting individual investors, organized by Nagoya Stock Exchange, or by Securities Companies. (The Company participates in IR event or seminars organized by Nagoya Stock Exchange about twice a year.)	No
Regular Investor Briefings for Analysts and Institutional Investors	Briefings to institutional investors are made by our CEO twice a year to present the Company's financial results (annual and semi-annual). The Company also presents itself to analysts in the Seminar organized by Nagoya Stock Exchange.	Yes
Posting of IR Materials on Website	IR materials posted on the Corporate Website include Summary of Financial Results (Kessan Tanshin), Financial Results Briefings material (includes Q&A in Japanese only), Quarterly Securities Report (Shihanki hokokusho), Securities Report (Yukashoken Hokokusho), Notice of convocation of Annual Shareholders' Meeting, Report to Shareholders (Japanese only), Corporate Report, Corporate Brochure, etc. Japanese: https://www.ir.daidometal.com/library/ English: https://www.daidometal.com/investors/	
Establishment of Department and/or Manager in Charge of IR	The department in charge of IR is the General Affairs Center of the Corporate Planning Unit.	
Other	One on One sessions are held from time to time with Institutional Investors and Securities Companies.	

3. Measures to Ensure Due Respect for Stakeholder

	Supplementary Explanations
Stipulation of Internal Rules for Respecting the Position of Stakeholders	Company's basic policy with regard to the respect for the Stakeholders, including but not limited to shareholders, is reflected in our "Code of Conduct", "Corporate Philosophy", "Principles", "Environmental Policy", and are posted on our website.
Implementation of Environmental Activities, CSR Activities etc.	ISO14001 certification obtained for all plants (except for recently built plants). The Company publishes a CSR Report.
Development of Policies on Information Provision to Stakeholders	With regard to timely disclosure of corporate information, information disclosure team will assess the necessity of disclosure, and ask for prior approval of Board meeting where necessary

IV. Matters Related to the Internal Control System Updated

1. Basic Views on Internal Control System and the Progress of System Development

The Company's systems for ensuring proper business operations are as follows:

(1) Retention and Control of Information on the Performance of Duties by Directors

- The General Affairs Department is designated as the department responsible for retention and control of information on the performance of duties by Directors.
- 2) The General Affairs Department implements a system to retain and control information on the performance of duties by Directors including the "Regulations of the Board of Directors" and the "Rules on Confidential Information Management." It may give directions to the departments in charge on the correct measures for the retention and control of such information.
- 3) The information on the performance of duties of Directors set forth in the preceding paragraph is as follows: a. Minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors, minutes of meetings of the Management Strategy Committee, etc.
 - b. Midterm Business Plan and short-term business plans, etc.
 - c. Important contracts relating to acquisitions, investments, etc.
 - d. Other important information designated by the Board of Directors, such as documents regarding decisions and approvals.

(2) Regulations and Other Systems regarding Risks of Loss by the Company

- 1) The Risk Management Committee is designated as the committee responsible for regulations and other systems regarding risks of loss by the Company.
- 2) The Risk Management Committee develops a system to properly manage risk based on the "Rules on Risk Management."
- 3) The Risk Management Committee sets risk items to be monitored from a management standpoint and reports to the Board of Directors accordingly.
- 4) The Risk Management Committee designates departments to implement control measures to mitigate each risk item, and to report the status (result) of the risk to the Board of Directors.
- 5) The Risk Management Committee, having the Information Management Subcommittee in place as a subordinate unit, exists to reinforce the platform by determining company-wide policies on information management.

(3) System to Ensure Efficient Performance of Duties by Directors

- 1) The Corporate Planning Department is designated as the department responsible for a system to ensure efficient performance of duties by Directors.
- 2) Each department in charge formulates management plans such as the Midterm Business Plan, short-term management plans, capital investment plans and financial plans based on the Company's management policy, leading to the allocation of management resources.
- 3) Each responsible department compiles a progress report, and reports to a meeting of the Board of Directors.
- 4) The Corporate Planning Department develops (establishes/revises) rules such as the "Rules for Organization," the "Rules for Segregation of Duties" and the "Rules for Authorities" as necessary, which contribute to the efficient and appropriate organization and efficient performance of duties.
- 5) At least once every quarter, executive Directors report if their own duties were performed efficiently, and if their decisions were made appropriately at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

(4) System to Ensure that Performance of Duties by Directors and Employees Conforms to Laws and Regulations and Articles of Incorporation

- 1) The Corporate Ethics Committee is designated as the committee responsible for a system to ensure that performance of duties by Directors and employees conforms to laws and regulations and Articles of Incorporation.
- 2) The Corporate Ethics Committee drafts the "Code of Conduct" and the "Standards of Conduct" in compliance with the internal rules of the Company, etc., and revises their contents as necessary after obtaining approval from the Board of Directors.
- 3) Based on the "Rules on Operation and Management of Standards of Conduct," the Corporate Ethics Committee deliberates on rules and other important matters related to compliance, and instructs the department in charge on the necessary measures.
- 4) The Corporate Ethics Committee instructs the Compliance Department to collect information on any events of noncompliance or suspected non-compliance, analyze the causes, fully implement measures to prevent recurrence and to provide employees with regular compliance education/training in order to keep them informed and aware of compliance.
- 5) The Corporate Ethics Committee reports to the Board of Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board on the status of the initiatives to achieve and improve compliance on a regular basis, based on reports from the Compliance Department.
- 6) The General Affairs Department assumes the role of company-wide control on "Attitude to Anti-Social Forces" included in the "Standards of Conduct," in order to assume a resolute attitude toward any forces/groups threatening the healthy activities of the Group.
- 7) The General Affairs Department assumes the role of company-wide control, which endeavors to collect information on any anti-social forces and suspicious groups, in close collaboration with external institutions (related government offices/associations/lawyers, etc.). The General Affairs Department centrally manages such information, including internal distribution of information, and raises awareness of employees.

(5) System to Ensure Appropriate Business Operations in the Group

- 1) The Compliance Department and Corporate Planning Department are designated as the departments responsible for "Internal Control System" of the Group, and promote design and operation of the "Internal Control System" at the group companies.
- 2) The Compliance Department keeps the group companies informed and aware of the "Code of Conduct" and "Standards of Conduct," and also promotes development of necessary rules, regulations, procedures, etc. for appropriate and effective operation and assessment of a compliance system at the group companies.
- 3) The Corporate Planning Department reviews "Group Companies Management Rules" as necessary in order to ensure the effectiveness/efficiency of business operations between the Company and its group companies, and keeps the group companies as a whole informed and aware of the rules.
- 4) The Corporate Planning Department understands the organizational structure, performance of duties, financial conditions, etc. of each group company and makes the group companies report monthly on these specific situations, etc. through "Monthly Reports" and other reports.
- 5) The Risk Management Committee establishes policies concerning a system for managing risks of loss at the group companies, and the group companies develop and operate their rules based on such policies. The group companies periodically report their progress and situation to the Risk Management Committee
- 6) The Corporate Ethics Committee instructs the Compliance Department to collect information on any events of noncompliance or suspected non-compliance of the group companies, analyze the causes, fully implement measures to prevent recurrence and to provide officers and employees of the group companies with regular compliance education.
- 7) The Corporate Ethics Committee reports to the Board of Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board of the Company on the status of the initiatives to achieve and improve compliance of each group company on a regular basis, based on reports from the Compliance Department.
- 8) Each responsible department reports the status of development and operation of each system of "Internal Control System" of the group companies when they make periodical report to the Board of Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board.

(6) System to endure the reliability of financial reporting by the Group

- 1) The Compliance Center is specified as a unit responsible for a system to ensure the reliability of financial reporting by the Group.
- 2) The Compliance Center will build a system to ensure the reliability of financial reporting by the Group in conformity to an internal control reporting system stipulated in the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, and will continue to develop internal controls, assess internal control operation, and improve internal controls.

(7) Assigning Employees to Assist the Duties of Audit & Supervisory Board Members of the Company, System to Ensure Independence of Such Employees and the Effectiveness of Instruction from the Audit & Supervisory Board Members

- 1) The Corporate Planning Department is designated as the department responsible for assigning employees to assist the duties of Audit & Supervisory Board Members and for the independence of such employees.
- A "Secretariat of the Audit & Supervisory Board," independent of the Directors, is established as a department to assist the Audit & Supervisory Board Members on a regular basis.
- 3) The Audit & Supervisory Board may receive reports on the transfer and appraisals of employees who assist the "Secretariat of the Audit & Supervisory Board" in advance, and if necessary, may request changes to the officer in charge of Human Resource.
- 4) Employees who are in charge of "Secretariat of the Audit & Supervisory Board" perform their duties full time in accordance with instructions from Audit & Supervisory Board Members.

(8) System to Ensure Directors and Employees of the Group Report to Audit & Supervisory Board Members

- The General Manager of Compliance Department is designated as the person responsible for reporting to Audit & Supervisory Board Members.
- 2) Directors and employees swiftly report the following matters to Audit & Supervisory Board Members, in addition to statutory reporting matters, when they occur:
 - a. Cases discussed/reported in the management meeting, etc. in which Audit & Supervisory Board Members are not present;
 - b. Cases that are likely to cause significant damage to the Company;
 - c. Results of internal audits on the group companies performed by the Audit Department;
 - d. Status of whistleblowing and content of the information; and
 - e. Other matters which the Audit & Supervisory Board considers necessary to be reported in the course of performing its duties.
- 3) "Rules on Whistleblowing, and Report and Consultation" stipulates whistleblowing and who to inform inside and outside the Company, and all employees throughout the Company in Japan are kept informed of development and operation of the whistleblower system. In addition, officers and employees of the group companies in Japan are kept informed of whistleblowing and the person to inform outside the Company in order to collect information on any events of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance.
- 4) Officers and employees of the group companies, or those who have received reports or consultation from officers and employees of the group companies, report to Audit & Supervisory Board Members in an appropriate manner about any and all information useful for the performance of duties by Audit & Supervisory Board Members.
- 5) If any compliance issue is found in a whistleblower report, the General Manager of Compliance Department reports the status of improvement/corrective measures and preventive measure at a "Corporate Ethics Committee," and reports to the Board of Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board along with the investigation results.
- 6) The Company assures that employees (including officers and employees of the group companies) who have reported to the Audit & Supervisory Board Members will not be dismissed or treated unfairly as a result of their disclosure.

(9) Other Systems to Ensure Effective Audit to be Performed by Audit & Supervisory Board Members

- The Compliance Department is designated as the department responsible for a system to ensure effective performance of audit by Audit & Supervisory Board Members.
- 2) The Company maintains a system that allows Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Audit & Supervisory Board to have regular meetings with the Representative Director, confirming the management policies of the Representative Director, and to exchange opinions regarding the issues to be addressed by the Group, risks surrounding the Group, status of improvements in the audit environment, significant matters in performing audits and other matters.
- 3) The Company pays necessary expenses in advance or on request where necessary for the performance of duties by the Audit & Supervisory Board Members of the Company.

(10) Outline of Operation to Ensure the Appropriateness of Business Operations

With regard to retention and control of information on performance of duties by Directors, the Group provides basic concepts in the "IT Security Guidelines" and strives to maintain appropriate retention and control of internal documents such as minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors, in accordance with "Rules on Document Control" and "Rules on Confidential Information Management" by specifying the retention period and control method. With regard to the risk of loss, the "Risk Management Committee" is held twice a year, where risks to the Group, including the associated companies, are identified. Measures are taken to reduce such risks and the results are reported to the Board of Directors. In order that the Directors perform their duties in an efficient way, the Company formulates annual management policies, single-year management plans and short-term management plans based on the Midterm Business Plan, and implement them throughout the Group. The Company verifies the level of achievement at divisional and departmental meetings as well as at policy management report meetings.

Moreover, in order to ensure that performance of duties by Directors and employees of the Company conforms to laws and regulations and Articles of Incorporation, the Company has implemented a system whereby any events of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance occurring within the group companies are reported to the Company. The events reported are compiled by the Company and reported to the Board of Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board.

In addition, the company has implemented a system to requires the group companies to apply for/report on budgets, capital investment, risk control, compliance status, etc., and in FY2022, we worked to strengthen the system further by checking the development of risk control rules by overseas group companies and the state of their operation, and assisted them in revising it as required, etc.

Amid unstable supply of raw materials and soaring raw materials prices caused by COVID-19 and the Ukraine crisis, among other factors, the Company strove to lower costs by reducing materials consumption more intensely and ensure stable procurement in bolstered collaboration with suppliers, etc. in light of deliberations by the Risk Management Committee.

At the same time, the Group continued to negotiate with customers on proposed price revisions and respond to price hike requests flexibly in consideration of soaring prices.

2. Basic Views on Eliminating Anti-Social Forces

The Company provides in "Attitude to Anti-Social Forces" of "Standards of Conduct" that assume a resolute attitude toward any forces/groups threatening the sound activities of the Group.

- The General Affairs Department assumes the role of company-wide control, which endeavors to collect information on any anti-social forces and suspicious groups, in close collaboration with external institutions (related government offices/associations/lawyers etc.). The General Affairs Department centrally manages such information, including internal distribution of information, and raises awareness of employees.
- Rules of Action, which lists the items to observe in performing the duty following "Standards of Conduct", is distributed to all staff of the Group, to inform "Attitude to Anti-Social Forces".

V Other

1. Adoption of Anti-Takeover Measures

Adoption of Anti-Takeover Measures

Not Adopted

Supplementary Explanation Updated

Fundamental Policies on the Governance of the Company

(1) Details of Fundamental Policies

The fundamental policies on persons who exercise control over financial and business decisions of the Company are as follows:

The Company has developed business strategies for sales, production, technology, new business development, etc. from medium- to long-term perspectives, and aims to achieve stable development and growth. The circumstances surrounding our business, however, have been changing dramatically, and therefore short-term business decisions are equally important to ensure sustainable growth in the future.

In order to ensure stable growth and improve sustainable corporate value, the Company promotes "Raise Up 'Daido Spirit' - Ambitious, Innovative, Challenging -" as its Midterm Business Plan for six years from FY2018 to FY2023.

Together with our various stakeholders including business partners such as customers and suppliers, employees and their families, local residents and others, the Company will respond to short-term changes in a flexible manner, and achieve sustainable business growth with medium- to long-term perspectives in mind. The Company believes that returning a sustainable level of profits to shareholders would be beneficial to all, rather than distributing from a short-term perspective or out of tentative profits.

The Company would therefore like to have its shares held in a balanced manner by those stakeholders, customers, suppliers, employees and their families, and local residents, who support our objective of sustainable growth with medium- and longterm perspectives.

(2) Initiatives to Achieve Fundamental Policies

- 1) Specific initiatives for the achievement of fundamental policies
- a. Effective use of the Company's assets to achieve sustainable growth based on medium- and long-term perspectives
 - The Company has in the past, and still now, been effectively utilizing its assets in order to achieve sustainable growth based on medium- and long-term perspectives.
 - In order for the Company to achieve sustainable growth through management from a medium- to long-term perspective, it is necessary to establish and develop a base network for production, sales and technology to respond to future trends and market changes, to improve productivity of domestic and overseas subsidiaries to the levels achieved by the Company, and to maintain world leading technologies for products, design, manufacturing, production and development. For those purpose, the Company will invest effectively and efficiently in new business creation, upskilling initiatives, strengthening of the management foundation, research and development for mainly new products and production technologies, enhancement of "monozukuri (craftsmanship)," utilization and introduction of advanced technologies through industry-government-academia cooperation, corporate protection through intellectual property rights, etc. while considering the balance between such investments and dividends to our shareholders.
- b. Promotion of shareholding by employees
- The Company promotes the holding of shares by employees by paying incentives to members of the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- The Company introduced a "trust-type employee stock purchase incentive plan (E-Ship®)" in FY2019. This was intended to achieve the performance targets in the Midterm Business Plan as well as to encourage the Company's employees to contribute to the enhancement of the Company's corporate value over the medium to long term and to increase employee benefits. However, the plan was terminated in April 2023 because all shares held in the trust dedicated to the Daido Metal Yoeikai Employee Stock-Ownership Plan were sold this time.
- The Company continues to implement other measures to grow the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- c. Improve local communities' recognition of the Company
 - The Company interacts with local communities and tries to improve the recognition of the Company by attending social programs and inviting local residents to factory tours at major business locations.
- 2) Preventive measures against shareholders who do not share our fundamental policies

The Company takes the following measures in order to prevent any inappropriate parties from controlling the decisions on finance and business of the Company (hereinafter referred to as "hostile acquisition"):

Firstly, the Company communicate proactively through Investor Relations activities in order to increase the appreciation of the value of the Company in the market, as well as effectively utilizing the Company's assets to the fullest extent, thus achieving sustainable growth through business management based on the above-mentioned medium- and long-term perspectives, increasing the corporate value, and enabling us to distribute appropriate profits to our shareholders

Next, the Company will identify beneficial owners of its shares on a continuous basis and, if a hostile acquirer appears, will check and assess the objective of the acquirer and negotiate with the acquirer in consultation with external specialists. If the hostile acquirer is considered to be incompatible with the Company's fundamental policies, the Company will take appropriate countermeasures.

Also, the Company does not exclude the option of taking preventive measures against a possible hostile takeover bid, and will continue to study effective measures available in reference to laws and regulations, guidance issued by authorities and the behavior of other companies, while respecting the common interests of our shareholders.

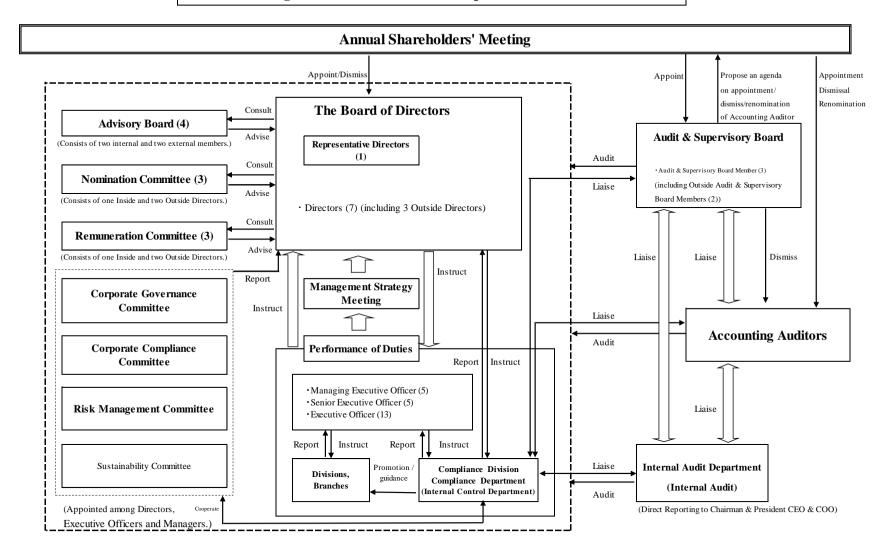
(3) Assessment of Above Efforts and its Basis

It is clear that the above efforts are consistent with the fundamental policies, do not conflict with the common interests of shareholders, and are not intended to secure the positions of the Company's officers. The Company also considers that the countermeasures and measures for the prevention of a hostile acquisition are appropriate because they are put in motion only when the acquisition is against the Company's fundamental policies.

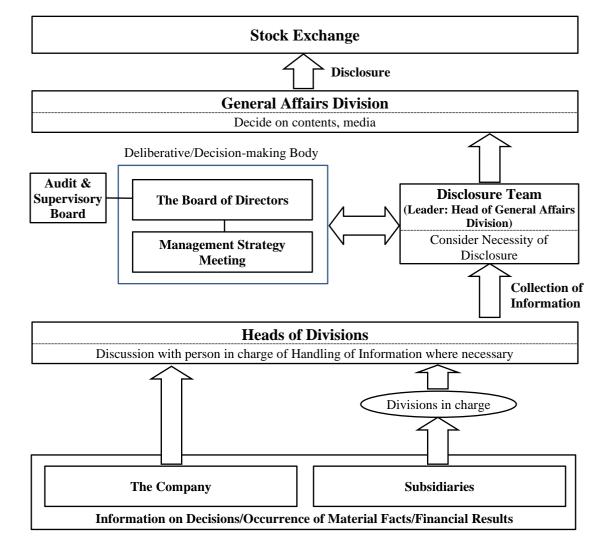
2. Other Matters Concerning Corporate Governance System Updated

- (1) As for "Organizational Structure for Corporate Governance" please refer to page 18.
- (2) As for "Diagram for Timely Disclosure" please refer to page 19.
- (3) Please refer to page 20 for the "Skill matrix."

Organizational Structure for Corporate Governance



<Diagram for Timely Disclosure>



Skill matrix

			Main areas of specialist experience / areas where contributions are expected in particular								
Attribute		Name	General management	Technological development	Manufacturing (Production)	Sales, procurement	Personnel, general affairs	Finance	Legal affairs, compliance	Global experience	
		Seigo Hanji	0			0	0		0	0	
Director -		Yoshiaki Sato	0	0	0				0	0	
	Inside	Shigemasa Hakakoshi	0	0	0		0			0	
		Arihiro Yoshida	0	0	0	0				0	
		Tomomitsu Furukawa	0	0	0		0			0	
	Outside	Toshikazu Takei	•					•		•	
		Kiyotaka Hoshinaga	•				•			•	
		Miyuri Shirai	•			•				•	
Auditor	Full-time	Koji Takaki				•		•			
	Outside	Kazuo Matsuda	•					•		•	
		Outside	Etsuaki Yoshida						•		•

^{*} The main areas of specialist experience of Inside Directors are indicated by \circ , and areas where contributions are expected in particular from Outside Directors, Full-time Auditors and Outside Auditors are indicated by \bullet .

* The expertise and experience described above do not represent the full knowledge of each individual.