Securities Code: 5108 Bridgestone Corporation 1-1, Kyobashi 3-chome, Chuo-ku Tokyo, Japan

March 1, 2018

# Re: Notice of the 99th Annual Shareholders' Meeting

Dear Shareholders:

You are cordially invited to attend Bridgestone Corporation's 99th Annual Shareholders' Meeting, as described in this letter.

If for some reason you cannot attend the meeting, you may exercise your voting rights in writing (by mailing) or via an electromagnetic method (through the Internet, etc.). Please review the Reference to Exercise of Voting Rights provided below, then (1) indicate your vote of approval or disapproval on the enclosed Exercise of Voting Rights form and return the form to us, or (2) exercise your voting rights on the Web site (https://www.web54.net) or otherwise by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2018.

Very truly yours,

Masaaki Tsuya Member of the Board CEO and Representative Executive Officer Concurrently Chairman of the Board

#### The 99th Annual Shareholders' Meeting

1. Date and time: Friday, March 23, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Location: "Hiten", the Main Banquet Hall, Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa

3-13-1, Takanawa, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

\*No gifts will be provided to the shareholders attending the meeting.

3. Purpose of the meeting

Matters to be reported:

- 1. Business Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the 99th Fiscal Year (January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017), as well as Audit Reports of the Accounting Auditor and the Audit Committee for the Consolidated Financial Statements
- 2. Financial Statements for the 99th Fiscal Year (January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017)

Matters to be resolved:

**Proposal 1** Appropriation of Surplus

**Proposal 2** Election of Twelve (12) Members of the Board

The details of the respective proposals are as per "Reference to Exercise of Voting Rights" provided below.

- 4. Other matters related to the Annual Shareholders' Meeting
- (1) Handling of the duplicated exercises of voting rights by the same shareholder

If any shareholder has exercised his/her voting rights multiple times via the Internet, etc., only the final execution shall be deemed as his/her effective exercise of voting rights.

If any shareholder has exercised his/her voting rights both via the Internet, etc., and by sending the Exercise of Voting Rights form, only the latter one to arrive at the Company shall be deemed effective, provided, however, that only the exercise of voting rights via the Internet, etc., shall be deemed effective if both arrive at the Company on the same day.

(2) Conditions for the exercise of voting rights by proxy

Each shareholder is allowed to exercise his/her voting rights through a proxy, who shall be one of the shareholders with voting rights of the Company.

Such shareholder or his/her proxy shall submit a document certifying the proxy right (e.g., power of attorney) to the Company.

(3) Handling of requests for the Exercise of Voting Rights form by shareholders who have approved in advance the sending of Notices of Annual Shareholders' Meetings via an electromagnetic method

If you have approved the sending of Notices via an electromagnetic method and wish the delivery of an Exercise of Voting Rights form, please contact the dedicated phone service, which is stated in the <u>Inquiries on Electronification of the Notice</u> described on page 13 (Transfer Agent Business Center, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited).

#### Note:

The Business Report, the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Financial Statements and the Audit Reports are enclosed in the "Business Report for the 99th Fiscal Period."

The following matters that are not stated in the "Business Report for the 99th Fiscal Period" are provided to the shareholders by posting relevant information on the Company's Web site (<a href="https://www.bridgestone.com/">https://www.bridgestone.com/</a>) in accordance with the relevant provisions of the laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation.

Business Report: "Stock Acquisition Rights",

"Independent Auditors" and

"Systems to Ensure the Propriety of Business Operations ('Internal Control

Systems')"

Consolidated Financial Statements: "Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity" and

"Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements"

Non-consolidated Financial Statements: "Non-consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity" and

"Notes to Non-consolidated Financial Statements"

#### Notes:

- 1) Attendees are asked to return their Exercise of Voting Rights forms to the receptionist on the day of the meeting.
- 2) Attendees are asked to beat the rush to the venue for the meeting as the reception area is expected to be overcrowded just before opening of the meeting.
- 3) If you exercise your voting rights on the Web site (<a href="https://www.web54.net">https://www.web54.net</a>), please refer to "Exercise of Voting Rights via the Internet, etc." described on page 13.
- 4) Attendees are asked to bring this Notice of the 99th Annual Shareholders' Meeting and the attached documents to the venue on the day of the meeting.

### Guidance:

Should any revision be needed with regard to the Reference to Exercise of Voting Rights, the Business Report, the Consolidated Financial Statements and/or the Financial Statements, the Company will publish such revision on the Company's Web site (<a href="https://www.bridgestone.com/">https://www.bridgestone.com/</a>).

## **Reference to Exercise of Voting Rights**

### Proposals and Reference Information

# **Proposal 1** Appropriation of Surplus

It is proposed to disburse the year-end dividend as appropriation of the surplus for the year according to the schedule shown below in view of the year's closing results, and the interest of promoting corporate strength, future business development and other aspects.

# (1) Disbursement of dividends to shareholders and total amount thereof

It is proposed that a total amount of 60,138,376,800 yen (eighty (80) yen per share) be disbursed. Accordingly, the fiscal year's total dividend, including the interim dividend, would be one hundred and fifty (150) yen per share.

(2) Effective date of the disbursement of dividends from surplus

It is proposed to set the effective date for the disbursement of dividends to be March 26, 2018.

#### **Proposal 2** Election of Twelve (12) Members of the Board

The term of office of all the eleven (11) current Members of the Board expires at the close of this Shareholders' Meeting. Accordingly, it is proposed that twelve (12) nominees be appointed as Members of the Board. In order to maintain the proper composition of the Board of Directors, each candidate has been determined through strict selection procedures at the Nominating Committee of the Company, in accordance with the "Nominating Policy for appointment to the Board" (as described on page 11 prescribed by the Committee).

The table below lists the nominees for Members of the Board.

Nominee No.	Name	
1	Masaaki Tsuya	Renomination
2	Kazuhisa Nishigai	Renomination
3	Narumi Zaitsu	Renomination
4	Kenichi Togami	Renomination
5	Scott Trevor Davis	Renomination Outside Director Independent Director
6	Yuri Okina	Renomination Outside Director Independent Director
7	Kenichi Masuda	Renomination Outside Director Independent Director
8	Kenzo Yamamoto	Renomination Outside Director Independent Director
9	Keikou Terui	Renomination Outside Director Independent Director
10	Seiichi Sasa	Renomination Outside Director Independent Director
11	Yojiro Shiba	New Nomination Outside Director Independent Director
12	Yoko Suzuki	New Nomination Outside Director Independent Director

# Nominees for Members of the Board

Nominee No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brief personal hi	story, position, assignment and important concurrent positions	
1	Masaaki Tsuya (June 22, 1952)  Renomination  • The term of office as Member of the Board: 10 years • Attendance at the Board of Directors for the year: 100% 15 of 15 • Number of shares owned: 34,800	April 1976 January 2006 March 2006 March 2008 September 2011 March 2012 March 2013 March 2016 to Present	Joined Bridgestone Tire Co., Ltd. (Now Bridgestone Corporation) Director, Division of the Executive Office Vice President and Officer Became a Member of the Board Vice President and Senior Officer Became a Representative Board Member Senior Vice President CEO and Representative Board Member CEO and Representative Board Member, Concurrently Chairman of the Board Member of the Board CEO and Representative Executive Officer Concurrently Chairman of the Board	
2	engagement in such fields as interr control, and has strongly promoted appointment as CEO and Represen	ne Company, he ha national relations, I I management refo native Board Mem as he is expected to	s accumulated abundant business experience through the numan resources and public relations, and promotion of internal rms including strengthening corporate governance since his ber in 2012. The Company has determined that Mr. Masaaki Tsuya o contribute to the enhancement of corporate value continuously by or corporate management.	
	Kazuhisa Nishigai (July 29, 1950)  Renomination  • The term of office as Member of the Board: 10 years • Attendance at the Board of Directors for the year: 100% 15 of 15 • Number of shares owned:	April 1975 April 2004 January 2005 October 2007 March 2008 March 2010 March 2012 March 2016 to Present	Joined Bridgestone Tire Co., Ltd. (Now Bridgestone Corporation) Director, Process Engineering Development Division Vice President and Officer Vice President and Senior Officer Became a Member of the Board Vice President and Senior Officer Became a Representative Board Member Senior Vice President COO and Representative Board Member Member of the Board COO and Representative Executive Officer	
	(Reason for nomination as Member of the Board) Since Mr. Kazuhisa Nishigai joined the Company, he has accumulated abundant business experience through the engagement in such fields as production technology, plant management and sales. Since his appointment as COO and Representative Board Member in 2012, he has strongly promoted management reforms including the expansion of tire business and diversified products business. The Company has determined that Mr. Kazuhisa Nishigai qualifies for Member of the Board as he is expected to contribute to the enhancement of corporate value continuously by utilizing his global business experience and insight for corporate management.			

Nominee No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brief personal history, position, assignment and important concurrent positions	
3	Narumi Zaitsu (April 23, 1950)  Renomination  • The term of office as Member of the Board: 1 year • Attendance at the Board of Directors for the year: 100% 11 of 11 • Number of shares owned: 20,900	April 1973 February 2004 October 2006 March 2010 March 2012 January 2013 March 2016 January 2017 March 2017 to Present	Joined Bridgestone Tire Co., Ltd. (Now Bridgestone Corporation) Director, Production Technology Management Division Vice President and Officer Vice President and Senior Officer Became a Member of the Board Vice President and Senior Officer Member of the Board Senior Vice President Executive Vice President and Executive Officer Executive Vice President and Officer Assistant to Executive Vice President and Executive Officer Responsible for Corporate Administration Member of the Board
4	(Reason for nomination as Member of the Board) Since Mr. Narumi Zaitsu joined the Company, he has accumulated abundant business experience thror engagement in such fields as manufacturing, production technology and international business, and sir engaging in appropriate decision making of the Board of Directors as a Member of the Board, he has a auditing of the entire Bridgestone Group and promoting strengthening of the audit system as a member Committee. The Company has determined that Mr. Narumi Zaitsu qualifies for Member of the Board as contribute to the enhancement of corporate value continuously by utilizing the broad business experience corporate management.		
4	engagement in such fields as finan since 2016, while engaging in appr been in charge of auditing of the en of the Audit Committee. The Com	the Company, he loce, diversified propriate decision rutire Bridgestone Copany has determine	Joined Bridgestone Tire Co., Ltd. (Now Bridgestone Corporation) Director, Diversified Products, Sports & Cycle Business Administration Office Director, Internal Auditing Office Vice President and Officer, International Tire Business Operations Assistant to Executive Vice President, Responsible for Corporate Planning Became a Member of the Board  mas accumulated abundant business experience through the educts business, internal auditing and international business, and making of the Board of Directors as a Member of the Board, he has broup and promoting strengthening of the audit system as a member med that Mr. Kenichi Togami qualifies for Member of the Board as proporate value continuously by utilizing the broad business

Nominee No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brief personal history, position, assignment and important concurrent positions	
5	Scott Trevor Davis (December 26, 1960)  Renomination  Outside Director  Independent Director  • The term of office as Member of the Board: 7 years • Attendance at the Board of Directors for the year: 93% 14 of 15 • Number of shares owned: 0	April 1990 Researcher, The Japan Institute of Labour (Now The Japan Institute for Labour Policy and Training)  April 2001 Professor, Department of International Economics, Reitaku University  April 2006 Professor, Department of Global Business, College of Business, to Present Rikkyo University  March 2011 Became a Member of the Board as Outside Director to Present (Important concurrent positions)  Professor, Department of Global Business, College of Business, Rikkyo University Outside Director, Seven & i Holdings Co., Ltd.  Outside Director, Sompo Holdings, Inc.	
6	(Reason for nomination as Outside Mr. Scott Trevor Davis has excelle administration, as well as abundan appropriate decision making of the participating in active deliberations playing a leading role in enhancing Committee. The Company has determined the company has determined the company has determined to the company has determined t	Director) ent academic knowledge in the field of sociology and international business t wisdom regarding CSR in Japan and overseas, and has been contributing to Board of Directors as Outside Director since 2011. Since 2016, he has been as as a member of the Nominating Committee and Compensation Committee, and adeliberations, etc. as Chairperson of the Governance Committee and Compliance ermined that Mr. Scott Trevor Davis would appropriately continue to execute the duties these experiences, insights and achievements.	
	abundant knowledge of economics	April 1984 Joined Bank of Japan April 1992 Joined The Japan Research Institute, Limited May 2003 Director of Industrial Revitalization Commission, Industrial Revitalization Corporation of Japan (part-time position) October 2005 Council Member, Science Council of Japan June 2006 Research Director, Chief Economist, The Japan Research Institute, Limited April 2010 Visiting Professor, Waseda University March 2014 Became a Member of the Board as Outside Director to Present June 2014 Vice Chairman of the Institute, The Japan Research Institute, to Present Limited September 2014 Invited Professor, Keio University to Present (Important concurrent positions) Vice Chairman of the Institute, The Japan Research Institute, Limited Outside Director, Marubeni Corporation	

Nominee No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brief personal hi	story, position, assignment and important concurrent positions
7	Kenichi Masuda (January 11, 1963)  Renomination  Outside Director  Independent Director  • The term of office as Member of the Board: 2 years • Attendance at the Board of	to Present January 1997 to Present April 2010  March 2011 March 2016 to Present (Important concuration of Ander Outside Corporate	Lawyer, Admitted in Japan  Lawyer, Admitted in New York  Partner, Anderson Mori (Japanese law firm: Now Anderson Mori & Tomotsune)  Adjunct Lecturer, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo  Became an Outside Corporate Auditor  Became a Member of the Board as Outside Director  urrent positions)  son Mori & Tomotsune  te Auditor of LIFENET INSURANCE COMPANY sory Board Member, Mercuria Investment Co., Ltd.
	Directors for the year: 100% 15 of 15 Number of shares owned: 0 (Reason for nomination as Outside Mr. Kenichi Masuda has abundant well as his expertise as represented has been contributing to audits as appropriate decision making of the the Audit Committee. The Compar	professional caree by his current exp Outside Corporate Board of Director by has determined	r and experience as a lawyer at law firms in Japan and overseas, as serience of teaching corporate law at a graduate school of law, and Auditor since 2011. Since 2016, he has been contributing to s as Outside Director and playing a leading role as Chairperson of that Mr. Kenichi Masuda would appropriately continue to execute eriences, insights and achievements.
8	regarding corporate management a making of the Board of Directors as	Director) nt expertise on fina nd risk manageme s Outside Director a	Joined Bank of Japan Director-General, Financial Markets Department, Bank of Japan Chief Representative in New York, Bank of Japan General Manager for the Americas and Chief Representative in New York, Bank of Japan Director-General, Payment and Settlement Systems Department, Bank of Japan Director-General, Financial System and Bank Examination Department, Bank of Japan Executive Director, Bank of Japan Chairman, NTT Data Institute of Management Consulting, Inc.  Board Member, Quality Control Oversight Board, The Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants Committee Member, Risk Committee, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. Became a Member of the Board as Outside Director Irrent positions) Data Institute of Management Consulting, Inc.  Incial market and financial systems, as well as his deep insight Inc. Since 2016, he has been contributing to appropriate decision and promoting strengthening of the audit system as a member of the Mr. Kenzo Yamamoto continuously qualifies for Outside Director

Nominee No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brief personal history, position, assignment and important concurrent positions	
9		April 1979 July 2008	Joined Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Now Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) ) Director-General for Technology Policy Coordination, Minister's
		January 2011	Secretariat, METI Director-General, Kanto Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry,
		April 2012	METI Director-General for Regional Economic and Industrial Policy, METI
	Keikou Terui	August 2013 to Present	President, Nonprofit Corporation Japan Utility Telemetering Association
	(July 27, 1953)	October 2013	Senior Research Associate, Chemicals Evaluation and Research Institute, Japan
	Renomination  Outside Director	June 2014 to Present	Director, Union of Japanese Scientists and Engineers
	Independent Director	March 2016 to Present	Became a Member of the Board as Outside Director
	The term of office as Member	June 2016 to Present	Director, Chemicals Evaluation and Research Institute, Japan
	of the Board: 2 years • Attendance at the Board of	(Important concu	urrent position)  , Ube Industries, Ltd.
	Directors for the year: 93% 14 of 15		, ORGANO CORPORATION
	• Number of shares owned: 1,100 (Reason for nomination as Outside	Director)	
	experience in industrial policies at appropriate decision making of the on his abundant knowledge and fro Compensation Committee. The Co	the Ministry of Eco Board of Directors om an objective vious mpany has determ	rial technology fields, as well as his abundant administrative onomy, Trade and Industry. Since 2016, he has been contributing to as Outside Director, and participating in active deliberations based ewpoint as a member of the Nominating Committee and ined that Mr. Keikou Terui would appropriately continue to execute periences, insights and achievements.
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		April 1976 March 1983	Joined The Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, Limited (Now Mizuho Bank, Ltd.) (Resigned in June 1978) Certified Public Accountant, Admitted
		to Present	Adjunct Lecturer, Graduate School of Political Studies,
	Seiichi Sasa	to Present	Gakushuin University Examiner for Financial Accounting, Certified Public Accountant
	(October 12, 1953)	June 2008	Examination Executive Director, KPMG AZSA LLC
	Renomination	March 2016 to Present	Became a Member of the Board as Outside Director
	Outside Director	September 2017 to Present	Visiting Professor, Hitotsubashi University
	• The term of office as Member	(Important concu Certified Public	arrent positions) Accountant (Representative, Sasa Seiichi Certified Public
	of the Board: 2 years • Attendance at the Board of	Accountant Office	ce)
	Directors for the year:		
	100% 15 of 15 • Number of shares owned: 2,300		
	(Reason for nomination as Outside Director)  Mr. Seiichi Sasa has abundant professional career and experience of accounting audit and consulting as a Certific Accountant, as well as his expertise as represented by his current experience of teaching accounting and audit a university and graduate school and former appointment as an Examiner of Certified Public Accountant Examin Since 2016, he has been contributing to appropriate decision making of the Board of Directors as Outside Directors are not promoting strengthening of the audit system as a member of the Audit Committee. The Company has determined		whis current experience of teaching accounting and audit at a cent as an Examiner of Certified Public Accountant Examination. Idecision making of the Board of Directors as Outside Director and other of the Audit Committee. The Company has determined that Mr.
	Seiichi Sasa would appropriately continue to execute the duties of an Outside Director in view of these experi insights and achievements.		the duties of all Outside Director in view of these experiences,

Nominee No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brief personal history, position, assignment and important concurrent positions	
11	Yojiro Shiba (August 7, 1950)  New Nomination  Outside Director  Independent Director  • Number of shares owned: 0	April 1974 Joined The Industrial Bank of Japan, Limited (Now Mizuho Bank, Ltd.)  March 2003 Managing Executive Officer, Mizuho Bank, Ltd.  April 2005 Advisor, Oriental Land Co., Ltd.  May 2005 Executive Officer, Oriental Land Co., Ltd.  April 2007 Senior Executive Officer, Oriental Land Co., Ltd.  June 2007 Executive Director and Senior Executive Officer, Oriental Land Co., Ltd.  April 2009 Representative Director and Executive Vice President Officer, Oriental Land Co., Ltd.  April 2013 Executive Director, Oriental Land Co., Ltd.  June 2013 External Director, AMUSE INC.  June 2015 Director and Vice Chairman, AMUSE INC.  June 2017 Director, Vice Chairman, AMUSE INC.  Important concurrent position)  Director, Vice Chairman, AMUSE INC.	
12	(Reason for nomination as Outside Director)  The Company has nominated Mr. Yojiro Shiba as a new candidate for Outside Director as he has abundant comanagement experience in the financial industry and entertainment business industry, and is expected to contappropriate decision making of the Board of Directors by making suggestions on creation of value and estable business from the perspective of customers based on his deep insight. The Company has determined that Mr. Shiba qualifies for Outside Director as a new Member of the Board in view of these experiences and insights.		
	Yoko Suzuki (September 21, 1970)  New Nomination  Outside Director  Independent Director	April 1998 Lawyer, Admitted in Japan to Present April 1998 Joined Takagi Godo Law Office November 2002 Partner, Suzuki Sogo Law Office to Present January 2008 Director, International IC Association of Japan to Present April 2015 Auditor, The Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry to Present (Important concurrent position) Partner of Suzuki Sogo Law Office Outside Auditor, Seven & i Holdings Co., Ltd. Auditor, Ito-Yokado Co., Ltd.	
	• Number of shares owned: 0  (Reason for nomination as Outside Director)  The Company has nominated Ms. Yoko Suzuki as a new candidate for Outside Director as she has high expertise as a lawyer, and is expected to contribute to appropriate decision making of the Board of Directors based on her abundant experience and deep insight as an outside auditor and auditor of other companies and various associations. The Company has determined that Ms. Yoko Suzuki would appropriately execute the duties of an Outside Director as a new Member of the Board in view of these experiences and insights.		

#### Notes

- 1. None of the nominees has any special interest with the Company.
- 2. Mr. Scott Trevor Davis, Ms. Yuri Okina, Mr. Kenichi Masuda, Mr. Kenzo Yamamoto, Mr. Keikou Terui, Mr. Seiichi Sasa, Mr. Yojiro Shiba and Ms. Yoko Suzuki are the nominees as Outside Directors.
- 3. To ensure the independence of its Outside Directors, the Company has designated its own "Guidelines for Determining Whether Outside Directors are Sufficiently Independent" (as described on pages 11–12), in addition to the respective standards stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the Nagoya Stock Exchange and the Fukuoka Stock Exchange. Mr. Scott Trevor Davis, Ms. Yuri Okina, Mr. Kenichi Masuda, Mr. Kenzo Yamamoto, Mr. Keikou Terui, Mr. Seiichi Sasa, Mr. Yojiro Shiba and Ms. Yoko Suzuki have fulfilled the Guidelines and the standards, and the Company intends to notify the respective stock exchanges of them as Independent Directors.
- 4. NYK LINE, at which Ms. Yuri Okina had served as an Outside Director up to June 2017, received dispositions from the Japan Fair Trade Commission and overseas competition law enforcement authorities from 2014 through 2015 for its involvement in cartel conduct concerning ocean shipping services for cars and other vehicles. Ms. Yuri

Okina had not been aware of the occurrence of such illegal conducts until NYK LINE received these dispositions. However, during her term of office as an Outside Director of NYK LINE, she had regularly expressed her views on legal compliance, and after becoming aware of these issues, she had endeavored to reinforce NYK LINE's legal compliance systems for the eradication of any conducts in violation of competition laws of each country, and for the prevention of the recurrence of such conducts.

- 5. The term of office of the respective nominees is calculated as at the close of this Shareholders' Meeting.
  6. If Mr. Scott Trevor Davis, Ms. Yuri Okina, Mr. Kenichi Masuda, Mr. Kenzo Yamamoto, Mr. Keikou Terui, Mr. Seiichi Sasa, Mr. Yojiro Shiba, Ms. Yoko Suzuki, Mr. Narumi Zaitsu and Mr. Kenichi Togami become the Members of the Board, the Company will enter into an agreement with each of them that limits his/her damage compensation liability of Paragraph 1 of Article 423 of the Companies Act, pursuant to the provision in Paragraph 2 of Article 26 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Company based on Paragraph 1 of Article 427 of the Companies Act. The maximum amount of his/her liability based on said agreement shall be the higher of either 10 million yen or the minimum liability amount prescribed in Paragraph 1 of Article 425 of the Companies Act.
- 7. If this proposal is approved, each of Nominating, Audit and Compensation Committees is scheduled to be composed of the following members, respectively.

Nominating Committee:

Mr. Scott Trevor Davis, Ms. Yuri Okina, Mr. Kenichi Masuda

Audit Committee:

Mr. Kenzo Yamamoto, Mr. Keikou Terui, Mr. Seiichi Sasa, Mr. Yojiro Shiba, Ms. Yoko Suzuki, Mr. Narumi Zaitsu, Mr. Kenichi Togami

Compensation Committee:

Mr. Scott Trevor Davis, Ms. Yuri Okina, Mr. Kenichi Masuda

#### (Reference)

# [Nominating Policy for appointment to the Board]

The Company considers the character and judgment of each individual, their experience and expertise and their level of dedication and commitment to performing the duties expected of a member of the Board.

### (Outside Directors)

The Company takes into account the following:

- (1) The candidate's expertise, experience and ability to make judgments from an independent perspective.
- (2) The candidate's absence of connections with the Company that would undermine their independence from the Company.\*

\*Specifically, the candidate's ability to meet the conditions for independence as set out in the Company's "Guidelines for Determining Whether Outside Directors are Sufficiently Independent"

### (Members of the Board other than Outside Directors)

The Company takes into account the following:

- (1) The candidate's scope of knowledge and experience regarding the business and its operations.
- (2) The level of the candidate's ability to formulate business plans and targets based upon an insightful understanding of the changing business environment.

# [Guidelines for Determining Whether Outside Directors are Sufficiently Independent]

In order to ensure that Bridgestone Corporation ("Bridgestone") achieves the objectivity and transparency necessary for appropriate corporate governance, it is best that outside directors be as independent as possible. Bridgestone has accordingly established these guidelines concerning the requisite independence of Outside Directors. If any of the following items applies to an Outside Director (or to a candidate for such position. The same applies hereafter), they shall be deemed to lack the required level of independence. A person who:

- 1. In the past was an Executing Person of Bridgestone or a consolidated subsidiary of Bridgestone (collectively, the "Bridgestone Group"). 1
- 2. Is a major shareholder of Bridgestone.
- 3. Is an Executing Person of a company or entity to which one of the following is applicable:
  - (1) A major supplier or customer of the Bridgestone Group.<sup>3</sup>
  - (2) A major lender to the Bridgestone Group.<sup>4</sup>
  - (3) A company or entity of which the Bridgestone Group holds 10% or more of the voting shares.
- 4. Is a certified public accountant with an auditing firm that is an accounting auditor of the Bridgestone Group.
- 5. Is a professional, such as a consultant, accountant, tax accountant, lawyer, judicial scrivener, or patent attorney who has received a large amount<sup>5</sup> of money or other assets from the Bridgestone Group.
- 6. Is a person who has received a large amount of donation from the Bridgestone Group.<sup>6</sup>
- 7. Is an Executing Person of another company, which position constitutes an interlocking director or corporate auditor position<sup>7</sup> for the Outside Director.
- 8. Has a close relative to which any of the above items 1 through 7 applies (but other than with respect to item 4 or 5, limited to a significant person).
- 9. Is a person to which any of the above items 2 through 8 has applied within the last 5 years.
- 10. Notwithstanding the above, is a person with respect to which any other particular factors exist that could create a conflict of interest with Bridgestone.

Notes

- <sup>1</sup> This means one who is currently an executive director, executive officer, corporate officer or other similar person or employee (each, for purpose of these Guidelines, an "Executing Person") or who has been an Executing Person of the Bridgestone Group at any time in the past.
- <sup>2</sup> A "major shareholder" shall mean a shareholder holding 5% or more of the voting shares, either in their own name or a third party's name, as of the end of Bridgestone's fiscal year. If the major shareholder is an organization such as a company (or other legal entity) or partnership, it shall mean an Executing Person of the organization.
- <sup>3</sup> A "major supplier or customer" means a supplier or customer of the Bridgestone Group products whose annual total transactions with the Bridgestone Group exceeds 2% of Bridgestone's consolidated aggregate sales or 2% of the consolidated aggregate sales of the other party. In addition, automobile manufacturers which are customers of the Bridgestone Group tire products, and synthetic rubber manufacturers and steel cord manufacturers which are suppliers to the Bridgestone Group are considered major suppliers or customers regardless of actual annual transaction amounts.

  <sup>4</sup> A "major lander" magnet of the consolidated aggregate sales of the other party. In addition, automobile manufacturers and steel cord manufacturers which are suppliers to the Bridgestone Group are considered major suppliers or customers regardless of actual annual transaction amounts.
- <sup>4</sup> A "major lender" means a financial institution from which the Bridgestone Group receives loans where the outstanding loan amount as of the end of Bridgestone's fiscal year exceeds 2% of Bridgestone's consolidated gross assets or 2% of the financial institution's consolidated gross assets.
- <sup>5</sup> "Large amount" means the occurrence of either of the following in response to the professional's provision of services:
  - (1) In the event that the professional is providing services to the Bridgestone Group as an individual, the receipt by the professional from the Bridgestone Group of compensation (excluding compensation for services as a director or corporate auditor) of an amount exceeding 10 million yen per year.
  - (2) In the event the professional services are provided by an organization such as a company (or other legal entity) or a partnership, the receipt by the organization from the Bridgestone Group of the total amount of compensation exceeding 2% of the annual aggregate income of the organization. Even if not more than 2%, if the organization receives more than 10 million yen per year as compensation for services in which the professional was directly involved, it is considered a "large amount".
- <sup>6</sup> This means the recipient of a donation exceeding 10 million yen per year from the Bridgestone Group. If the recipient is an organization such as a company (or other legal entity) or a partnership, any member of the organization who is directly involved with the research, education or other activity related to the donation.
- <sup>7</sup> "Interlocking director or corporate auditor position" means an Executing Person of the Bridgestone Group who is an Outside Director or Corporate Auditor for another company, where an Executing Person of such other company is also an Outside Director of Bridgestone.
- <sup>8</sup> A "close relative" means a spouse or a relative within two degrees of family relation.
- <sup>9</sup> A "significant person" means a director, executive officer, corporate officer or an Executing Person who is a division manager or above, or an Executing Person with authority similar to any of the foregoing.

#### (Guidance)

# "Exercise of Voting Rights via the Internet, etc."

1. Exercise of Voting Rights via the Internet

Please carefully read the explanation described below before exercising your voting rights via the Internet.

#### Instruction for Use

(1) Please access the Web site for exercising voting rights designated by the Company.

[Web site address] <a href="https://www.web54.net">https://www.web54.net</a>

(2) Enter the "Exercise of Voting Rights Code" and "Password" printed at the right of the Exercise of Voting Rights form and follow the instructions on the screen.

# © Exercise of Voting Rights

- (1) If you exercise your voting rights via the Internet, your vote will be accepted until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2018.
- (2) If you have exercised your voting rights several times via the Internet, or if you have exercised your voting rights both via the Internet and by sending the Exercise of Voting Rights form, the votes shall be handled as described in (1) of "4. Other matters related to the Annual Shareholders' Meeting" on page 2.

# O System Requirements

- (1) You may not be able to use the Web site for exercising voting rights, depending on the Internet access environment of your PC or mobile phone, the service you subscribed, or the models you use. For details, please contact the staff in charge by calling the dedicated phone number of Stock Transfer Agent Department "Web Support," Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited, as shown below.
- (2) To connect your communication device to the Internet, you might have to pay a connection fee and telecommunication charges to your service provider and a carrier. Such a fee or charges shall be borne by you.

# Inquiries on the Operation of Your PC and Other Communication Terminals

If you are unclear as to the operation of your PC and other devices regarding the exercise of voting rights via the Internet, please contact the staff in charge by calling the following number:

The Stock Transfer Agent Department "Web Support" Helpline by

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited

Phone number in Japan: 0120-652-031 (toll-free within Japan)

(Reception time: 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.)

# O Inquiries on Electronification of the Notice

The Transfer Agent Business Center Helpline by

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited

Phone number in Japan: 0120-782-031 (toll-free within Japan)

(Reception time: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Except for Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays))

2. Exercise of Voting Rights via Platform for Electronic Exercise of Voting Rights (for institutional investors) Institutional investors may use the "ICJ platform," a platform for electronic exercise of voting rights by institutional investors, which is operated by Investor Communications Japan, Inc. (ICJ).

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