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Securities Code 5943 March 8, 2018

To Our Shareholders

93 Edo-machi Chuo-ku Kobe City NORITZ CORPORATION President and CEO Soichiro Kokui

Notice of the 68th Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Dear Shareholders,

You are cordially invited to attend the 68th Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

In case attendance is inconvenient for you, you may make use of your voting rights either in writing or via the Internet. Please take the trouble to examine the shareholders meeting reference documents below and exert your voting rights by 5:00 pm on March 28 (Wednesday), 2018.

Notes

Date March 29 (Thursday), 2018, 10 am (Reception starts at 9 am)
 Place ANA Crowne Plaza Hotel Kobe, 10th Floor, The Ballroom
 1-Chome Kitano-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe City

3. Objectives of the Meeting

Matters to Report:

- 1. Business report for the 68th term (from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017), consolidated financial documents and the settlement report of Accounting Auditor / Audit & Supervisory Board for the consolidated financial documents
- 2. Financial documents report for the 68th term (from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

Agenda

Proposal 1 Appropriation of Earned Surplus Proposal 2 Election of Eight Directors

Proposal 3 Election of One Audit & Supervisory Board Member

4. Matters Concerning Exercising of Voting Rights

[Exerting voting rights in writing (using the Exertion of Voting Rights Form)]

Having expressed your opinion for or against the proposal on the enclosed Exertion of Voting Rights Form, please send it to reach us by 5:00 pm March 28 (Wednesday), 2018.

[Exerting voting rights by the Internet]

Access our company's designated Internet voting site (https://evote.tr.mufg.jp/) and cast your vote by 5:00 pm March 28 (Wednesday), 2018.

Noritz Corp. is also a member of the electronic voting platform for corporate investors run by Investor Communications Japan (ICJ).

- * If you plan to attend the meeting, please submit the enclosed Exertion of Voting Rights Form to the receptionist at the meeting.
- * The following matters have been posted on our company's web site (http://www.noritz.co.jp/) in accordance with the law and with the stipulations of Article 19 of our Articles of Incorporation, and as such are not included in this notice. Accordingly, the documents attached to the Notice of the 68th Annual Meeting of Shareholders constitute a part of consolidated financial documents and non-consolidated financial documents audited by Accounting Auditor in the creation of the accounting audit report, and a part of business report and consolidated financial documents audited by Audit & Supervisory Board Members in the creation of the audit report.

The following matters concerning financial documents

- ① Consolidated statement of changes in equity
- ② Notes to consolidated financial documents
- 3 Non-consolidated statement of changes in equity
- Notes to non-consolidated financial documents
- * If any circumstances arise before the day of the shareholders meeting requiring revisions to the shareholders meeting reference documents, business report, financial documents or consolidated financial documents, notice will be made on our company's web site (http://www.noritz.co.jp/).

Shareholders Meeting Reference Documents

Proposals and Reference Matters

Proposal 1 Appropriation of Earned Surplus

Noritz's basic policy on dividends is to ensure an ongoing and stable provision of dividends. Taking into overall consideration business performance and the financial environment this term, the 68th term end dividend will be set as follows.

Regarding the Term End Dividend

(1) Type of dividend assets

Cash

(2) Regarding the dividend assets allotment and total

16 yen per common share

Dividend total of 764,889,360 yen

(3) Date the dividends from earned surplus are effective from:

March 30, 2018

Proposal 2 Election of Eight Directors

The terms of all nine Directors will expire at the termination of this annual meeting. Hence, we ask for your cooperation in electing eight Directors, inclusive of two External Directors, as the number of Directors is to be reduced by one in order to enable strategic and flexible decision-making by the Board of Directors.

The candidates for the post of Director are as follows.

Candidate Number	Name (Date of Birth)	Personal History, Position, Duties (Important Concurrent Positions)	Number of the Company's Shares in Possession
1 (Reappointment)	Soichiro Kokui (July 31, 1953)	Apr. 1976 Joined Noritz Corp. Mar. 2001 President and Representative Director of Rocket Boiler Industry, Co., Ltd. (currently RB Corporation Inc.) Oct. 2002 Vice President and Director of Harman Co., Ltd. Mar. 2003 Director of Noritz Corp. President and Representative Director of Harman Co., Ltd. Jul. 2004 Managing Director and Head of Sales & Marketing Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Mar. 2007 Director and Managing Executive Officer, Head of Sales & Marketing Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Sep. 2008 Director and Managing Executive Officer, Head of Integrated Management Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Sep. 2009 President and CEO, Representative Executive Officer, Noritz Corp. Mar. 2017 President and CEO, Noritz Corp. (current position) May 2017 Chairperson, Kobe Association of Corporate Executives (current position) (Important Concurrent Positions) Chairperson, Kobe Association of Corporate Executives (Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director) Soichiro Kokui has assumed office as President and CEO of the Company since 2009, and has exercised leadership to achieve sales growth in the overseas business and implement structural reform of management in Japan amid sluggish domestic demand. Therefore, he has been nominated as a candidate for Director based on the judgment that his continued participation in management decision-making as President and CEO will contribute to improvement of the Company's corporate value over the medium to long term and realization of the Company's medium-term management plan (V-plan 20).	34,111 shares
2 (Reappointment)	Takafumi Nakamura (March 15, 1956)	May 1980 Joined Noritz Corp. Jul. 2004 President of Tokyo Office of Sales & Marketing Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Mar. 2005 Director of Noritz Corp. Mar. 2006 Retired from Director of Noritz Corp. Executive Officer of Noritz Corp. Jan. 2008 Executive Officer, Deputy Head of Sales & Marketing Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Sep. 2009 Managing Executive Officer, Head of Sales & Marketing Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Mar. 2010 Director and Managing Executive Officer, Head of Sales & Marketing Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Sep. 2014 Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer, Domestic Business Planning, Noritz Corp. Jan. 2016 Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer, Head of Domestic Business Headquarters, Noritz Corp. (current position) (Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director) After having assumed office as Director of the Company, Takafumi Nakamura has led the domestic business as Head of Sales & Marketing Headquarters and a supervisor in charge of the overall domestic business, and has fulfilled his responsibilities. Therefore, he has been nominated as a candidate for Director based on the judgment that his continued participation in management decision-making as Director who oversees the domestic business will contribute to improvement of the Company's corporate value over the medium to long term and realization of the Company's medium-term management plan (V-plan 20).	10,127 shares

Candidate Number	Name (Date of Birth)	Personal History, Position, Duties (Important Concurrent Positions)	Number of the Company's Shares in Possession
3 (Reappointment)	Tsutomu Mizuma (August 13, 1957)	Apr. 1980 Joined Noritz Corp. Jan. 2007 Executive Officer, President of Osaka Office of Sales & Marketing Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Jan. 2008 Executive Officer, Kansai Headquarters, General Manager of Retail Business Promotion Division of Sales & Marketing Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Jan. 2009 Executive Officer, Head of Kansai Headquarters of Sales & Marketing Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Jan. 2010 Executive Officer, President of Kansai Office of Sales & Marketing Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Jan. 2011 Executive Officer of Noritz Corp. President and Representative Director of Harman Co., Ltd. President and Representative Director of Harmanpro Co., Ltd. Jan. 2013 Executive Officer, President of Kanto Office of Sales & Marketing Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Sep. 2014 Managing Executive Officer, Head of Sales & Marketing Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Mar. 2015 Director and Managing Executive Officer, Head of Sales & Marketing Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Jan. 2016 Director and Managing Executive Officer, Head of Product Headquarters, Domestic Business Headquarters, Noritz Corp. (current position) (Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director) After having assumed office as Director of the Company, Tsutomu Mizuma has realized enhancement of productivity and cost reductions, and has fulfilled his responsibilities. He has been nominated as a candidate for Director based on the judgment that his continued participation in management decision-making as Director who oversees the production division will contribute to improvement of the Company's corporate value over the medium to long term and realization of the Company's medium-term management plan (V-plan 20).	2,556 shares
4 (Reappointment)	Satoshi Haramaki (April 16, 1959)	Apr. 1983 Joined Noritz Corp. Feb. 2009 President and Representative Director of SHINWA INDUSTRY CO., LTD Jan. 2011 Executive Officer, Deputy Head of Research & Development Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Sep. 2014 Managing Executive Officer, Head of Research & Development Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Mar. 2015 Director and Managing Executive Officer, Head of Research & Development Headquarters, Noritz Corp. (current position) Jan. 2017 General Manager of Hot Water Business Division of Domestic Business Headquarters, Noritz Corp. (current position) (Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director) After having assumed office as Director of the Company, Satoshi Haramaki has led the new product development divisions as Head of Research & Development Headquarters. He has been nominated as a candidate for Director based on the judgment that his continued participation in management decision-making as Director who oversees research and development will contribute to improvement of the Company's corporate value over the medium to long term and realization of the Company's medium-term management plan (V-plan 20).	4,300 shares

Candidate Number	Name (Date of Birth)	Personal History, Position, Duties (Important Concurrent Positions)	Number of the Company's Shares in Possession
5 (Reappointment)	Masamine Hirosawa (December 13, 1961)	Nov. 1988 Joined Noritz Corp. Jan. 2010 President and Representative Director of Kanto Sangyo Co., Ltd. Oct. 2011 Executive Officer of Noritz Corp. Director and General Manager of Noritz (China) Co., Ltd. Chairman of Noritz (Shanghai) Home Appliance Co., Ltd. Apr. 2016 Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of China Business Promotion Division of International Business Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Chairman of Sakura (Cayman) Co., Ltd. (current position) Chairman of Sakura China Holdings (H.K.) Co., Ltd. (current position) Jul. 2016 Chairman of Noritz (China) Co., Ltd. (current position) Jan. 2017 Managing Executive Officer, Head of International Business Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Chairman of Noritz Hong Kong Co., Ltd. (current position) Feb. 2017 Director of NORITZ AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (current position) Mar. 2017 Director and Managing Executive Officer, Head of International Business Headquarters, Noritz Corp. (current position) (Important Concurrent Positions) Chairman of Noritz (China) Co., Ltd. Chairman of Noritz Hong Kong Co., Ltd. Chairman of Sakura (Cayman) Co., Ltd. Chairman of Sakura (Cayman) Co., Ltd. Chairman of Sakura China Holdings (H.K.) Co., Ltd. Director of NORITZ AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director) After having assumed office as Director of the Company, Masamine Hirosawa has contributed to sales growth of the overseas business, while having been engaged in management of overseas subsidiaries of the Company as an officer, and has fulfilled his responsibilities as Head of International Business Headquarters. He has been nominated as a candidate for Director based on the judgment that his continued participation in management decision-making as Director who oversees the overseas business will contribute to improvement of the Company's corporate value over the medium to long term and realization of the Company's medium-term management plan (V-plan 20).	5,000 shares
6 (Reappointment)	Masayuki Takenaka (September 24, 1963)	Jan. 1992 Joined Noritz Corp. Mar. 2004 Director, Head of Planning & Administration Headquarters, Harman Co., Ltd. Jun. 2011 Managing Director, Head of Administration Headquarters, Harman Co., Ltd. Jan. 2012 General Manager of General Administration Division of Administration Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Oct. 2013 President and Representative Director of S-CORE Hearts K.K. Apr. 2016 Executive Officer of Noritz Corp. Jan. 2017 Senior Executive Officer, Head of Administration Headquarters, Noritz Corp. Mar. 2017 Director and Managing Executive Officer, Head of Administration Headquarters, Noritz Corp. (current position) (Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director) After having assumed office as Director of the Company, Masayuki Takenaka has fulfilled his responsibilities as Head of Administration Headquarters who oversees each administration division of Corporate Communication Division, General Administration Division, Legal Department, Accounting & Finance Division, Human Resources Division, and Information Strategy Division. He has been nominated as a candidate for Director based on the judgment that his continued participation in management decision-making as Director who oversees the administration divisions of the entire Company will contribute to improvement of the Company's corporate value over the medium to long term and realization of the Company's medium-term management plan (V-plan 20).	3,100 shares

Candidate Number	Name (Date of Birth)	Personal History, Position, Duties (Important Concurrent Positions)	Number of the Company's Shares in Possession
7 (Reappointment) (External) (Independent)	Yasuhiko Ogawa (January 3, 1956)	Jun. 1982 Registered as a certified public accountant Apr. 1987 Representative of Ogawa Certified Public Accountants Office (current position) May 1987 Registered as a certified tax accountant Jun. 2007 Vice Chairman of the Kinki Branch of the Japan Institute of Certified Public Accountants (JICPA) Mar. 2009 External Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Noritz Corp. Jun. 2010 Chairman of the Kinki Branch of the Japan Institute of Certified Public Accountants (JICPA) Mar. 2013 External Director of Noritz Corp. (current position) Jun. 2013 External Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Osaka Securities Exchange Co, Ltd. (currently Osaka Exchange, Inc.) (current position) Sep. 2017 External Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Osaka Metro Co., Ltd. (current position) (Important Concurrent Positions) Representative of Ogawa Certified Public Accountants Office External Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Osaka Exchange, Inc. External Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Osaka Metro Co., Ltd. (Reasons for nomination as a candidate for External Director) Yasuhiko Ogawa possesses expert insight as a certified public accountant and certified tax accountant as well as abundant experience and achievements in the Company's operations accumulated through his duty of auditing it. In addition, he meets the Company's Selection Criteria for Independent External Officers. Furthermore, he has fulfilled his responsibilities by providing advice on and supervising the Company's business execution from an independent standpoint. Therefore, he has been nominated as a candidate for External Director based on the judgment that his continued participation in management decision-making as Director will contribute to improvement of the Company's corporate value over the medium to long term and realization of the Company's medium-term management plan (V-plan 20).	0 shares
8 (Reappointment) (External) (Independent)	Hideaki Takahashi (November 26, 1943)	Apr. 1966 Joined the Kobe Bank (currently the Sumitomo Mitsui Bank) Apr. 1992 Kansai Administrative Manager, Sakura Bank (currently the Sumitomo Mitsui Bank) Jul. 1995 Director and Kobe Sales Division Manager, Sakura Bank Jun. 1998 President and Representative Director, Sakura KCS Jun. 2003 Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Kobe International House Jun. 2004 Representative and Senior Managing Director, Kobe International House Director, Sakura KCS Jun. 2008 External Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Fujicco Co. Mar. 2013 External Director of Noritz Corp. (current position) (Reasons for nomination as a candidate for External Director) Hideaki Takahashi possesses wide-ranging experience in financial institutions, abundant experience as a corporate manager, and considerable amount of experience and achievements in the Company's operations accumulated through his duty of auditing it. In addition, he meets the Company's Selection Criteria for Independent External Officers. Furthermore, he has fulfilled his responsibilities by providing advice on and supervising the Company's business execution from an independent standpoint. Therefore, he has been nominated as a candidate for External Director based on the judgment that his continued participation in management decision-making as Director will contribute to improvement of the Company's medium-term management plan (V-plan 20).	0 shares

- Note 1. No collusion of interests between the candidates and the Company exists.
- Note 2. Yasuhiko Ogawa and Hideaki Takahashi are candidates for External Directors.
- Note 3. Special matters of note regarding External Director candidates are as follows.
 - (1) Terms of office of the candidates for External Directors as External Directors of the Company
 - The term of office for Yasuhiko Ogawa as an External Director of the Company shall have been five years at the end of this annual meeting of

shareholders

- The term of office for Hideaki Takahashi as an External Director of the Company shall have been two years at the end of this annual meeting of shareholders.
- (2) Signing of liability limitation agreement with the candidates for External Directors

The Company has signed an agreement with Yasuhiko Ogawa and Hideaki Takahashi limiting their liability for damages prescribed in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Law, based on the regulations of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the same law. The limitation of liability for damages according to this agreement is the minimum amount as stated in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Law, and this agreement will be continued if Yasuhiko Ogawa and Hideaki Takahashi are reelected.

(3) Independence of the candidates for External Directors

Yasuhiko Ogawa and Hideaki Takahashi are candidates for the position of an "independent director/auditor" as prescribed by the regulations of the Tokyo

Stock Exchange with which the Company lists its shares.

Note 4. The "Number of the Company's Shares in Possession" shows the number of shares held as of December 31, 2017.

Proposal 3 Election of One Audit & Supervisory Board Member

The term of the Audit & Supervisory Board Member Noriaki Nagahara will expire at the termination of this annual meeting. Hence, we ask for your cooperation in electing one Audit & Supervisory Board Member.

This proposal has the agreement of the Audit & Supervisory Board.

The candidate for the post of Audit & Supervisory Board Member is as follows.

Name (Date of Birth)	Personal History, Position (Important Concurrent Positions)	Number of the Company's Shares in Possession
Yasuko Masaki (April 8, 1955) (New) (External) (Independent)	Apr. 1982 Registered as a lawyer (Kobe Bar Association (currently Hyogo-Ken Bar Association)) Joined Shimoyama Law Office May 1991 Renamed Shimoyama Law Office as Shimoyama & Masaki Law Office (Co-Representative of Shimoyama & Masaki Law Office (current position) Apr. 2004 Professor, The Kwansei Gakuin University Law School Jan. 2008 External Director, HI-LEX CORPORATION (current position) Apr. 2008 President of Hyogo-Ken Bar Association Apr. 2011 Chief of Hyogo District Office, The Japan Legal Support Center (Houterasu) Apr. 2013 President of Kinki Federation of Bar Associations Jun. 2014 External Inspector, CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE KOBE (current position) (Important Concurrent Positions) Co-Representative of Shimoyama & Masaki Law Office External Director, HI-LEX CORPORATION External Inspector, CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE KOBE (Reasons for nomination as a candidate for External Audit & Supervisory Board Member) Yasuko Masaki possesses wide-ranging experience and expert insights on laws as a lawyer, as well as abundant experience accumulated through her career of having served as a professor at a law school and a corporate officer. In addition, she meets the Company's Selection Criteria for Independent External Officers. Therefore, she has been nominated as a candidate for External Audit & Supervisory Board Member based on the judgment that she will be able to fulfill her responsibilities of auditing business execution, etc. from an objective standpoint as Audit & Supervisory Board Member.	0 shares

- Note 1. No collusion of interests between the candidate and the Company exists.
- Note 2. Yasuko Masaki is a candidate for External Audit & Supervisory Board Member.
- Note 3. Special matters of note regarding External Audit & Supervisory Board Member candidate are as follows.
 - (1) Signing of liability limitation agreement with the candidate for External Audit & Supervisory Board Member

 If the proposal to elect Yasuko Masaki as an External Audit & Supervisory Board Member is approved at this annual meeting of shareholders, based on the regulations of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Law, we intend to sign an agreement with Yasuko Masaki to limit her liability for damages prescribed in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the same law. The limitation of liability for damages according to this agreement is the minimum amount as stated in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Law.
 - (2) Independence of the candidate for External Audit & Supervisory Board Member

 Yasuko Masaki is a candidate for the position of an "independent director/auditor" as prescribed by the regulations of the Tokyo Stock Exchange with which the Company lists its shares.
- Note 4. The "Number of the Company's Shares in Possession" shows the number of shares held as of December 31, 2017.

(Reference) Selection Criteria for Independent External Officers

The Company judges that External Officer or candidate for an External Officer is independent of the Company if there is no risk of conflicts of interest arising between an External Officer of the Company or a candidate for an External Officer of the Company and ordinary shareholders, which are determined when none of the descriptions in any of the following paragraphs apply to that person.

- 1. Relationship to the Company and its Affiliated Companies
 - (1) A person who is currently an Executive Director, Executive Officer, manager or other employee of the Company or an affiliated company (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Noritz Group") (such persons are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Executive Director, etc.").
 - (2) A person who was an Executive Director, etc. of the Noritz Group within 10 years prior to assuming its position as an Independent External Officer; or a person who was a Director but not an Executive Director (hereinafter referred to as a "Non-Executive Director"), or was an Audit & Supervisory Board Member or Accounting Auditor of the Company at any time within 10 years prior to assuming their position and who had been an Executive Director, etc. of the Company within 10 years prior to assuming those positions.

2. Relationship to Shareholders

- (1) A shareholder who holds 10% or more of the current voting rights in the Company (hereinafter referred to as a "Major Shareholder") or, if a Major Shareholder is a juridical person, a person who is a director, audit & supervisory board member, accounting auditor, accounting advisor, operating officer, senior general manager, executive officer, manager or other employee of such Major Shareholder or its parent company or subsidiary.
- (2) A person who was a director, audit & supervisory board member, accounting auditor, accounting advisor, operating officer, senior general manager, executive officer, manager or other employee of a company that is currently a Major Shareholder of the Company or a parent company or subsidiary of such Major Shareholder within the last five years.

3. Economic Interests

- (1) A person who is a director, audit & supervisory board member, accounting auditor, accounting advisor, operating officer, executive officer, manager or other employee of a company of which the Company is currently a Major Shareholder.
- (2) A person executing the business of an organization that has received the greater of a yearly average of 10 million yen for the last three fiscal years or 30% of the average total yearly costs of such organization by way of donation or grant from the Noritz Group.
- (3) A person who was a director, audit & supervisory board member, accounting auditor, accounting advisor, operating officer, executive officer, manager or other employee of a company, or a parent company or subsidiary of such company that has accepted a Director from the Noritz Group.

4. Relationship to Business Partners and Client Companies

- (1) A person who was a director, audit & supervisory board member, accounting auditor, accounting advisor, operating officer, executive officer, manager or other employee of a company, or a parent company or subsidiary of such company that has received payment from the Noritz Group of 2% or more of its annual consolidated total sales in any of the last four fiscal years.
- (2) A person who was a director, audit & supervisory board member, accounting auditor, accounting advisor, operating officer, executive officer, manager or other employee of a company, or a parent company or subsidiary of such company that has paid to the Noritz Group 2% or more of the Company's annual consolidated total sales in any of the last four fiscal years.

5. Relationship to Creditors

- (1) A person who is a director, audit & supervisory board member, accounting auditor, accounting advisor, operating officer, executive officer, manager or other employee of a financial institution or other large creditor (hereinafter referred to as a "Large Creditor"), or a parent company or subsidiary of a Large Creditor that is essential to the financing of the Company and is relied upon by the Company to the extent that there is no substitute.
- (2) A person who was a director, audit & supervisory board member, accounting auditor, accounting advisor, operating officer, executive officer, manager or other employee of a Large Creditor or a parent company or subsidiary of a Large Creditor within the last three years.

6. Relationship to Professional Service Providers

- (1) A person who is a staff member, partner or employee of a certified public accountant or audit corporation that is the Accounting Auditor of the Noritz Group.
- (2) A person who in the last three years was a staff member, partner or employee of a certified public accountant or audit corporation that is the Accounting Auditor of the Noritz Group and was in charge of audit work for the Noritz Group.
- (3) A person other than persons falling under items (1) and (2) above who is a lawyer, certified public accountant, certified tax accountant or other consultant and has received from the Noritz Group, other than as officer's remuneration, a yearly average of 10 million yen or more in the form of money or other property benefit in the last three years.
- (4) A person who is a staff member, partner, associate or employee of a legal professional corporation, law firm, audit corporation, tax accountant corporation, consulting firm or other professional advisory firm that has received from the Noritz Group a yearly average of 10 million yen or more in the form of money or other property benefit in the last three years and does not fall under items (1) and (2).

7. Term of Office

(1) A person among the current Independent External Officers of the Company who holds the position of Director and has held that position for a term totaling more than eight years.

(2) A person among the current Independent External Officers of the Company who holds the position of Audit & Supervisory Board Member and has held that position for a term totaling more than twelve years.

Close Relatives

A spouse or relative within the third degree of kinship of, or a relative cohabiting with, a person specified in any of items 1 to 7 above.

9. Other

Even if he or she does not fall under any of items 1 to 8 above, a person for whom there is a constant and substantial risk of a conflict of interest relationship arising for some other reason.