

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Lasertec Corporation 2-10-1 Shin-yokohama, Kohoku-ku, Yokohama (Code 6920 / Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section)

## **Announcement of Financial Auditor Change**

**Yokohama, August 8, 2018** - Lasertec Corporation announced today that the Audit and Supervisory Board resolved on August 8, 2018, to change the certified public accountants who perform audit certification in accordance with Article 193-2, Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, and that the Board of Directors resolved on the same day to propose the appointment of a new accounting firm as financial auditor at the 56th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for September 26, 2018.

1. Effective date of change (proposed)

September 26, 2018 (the scheduled date of the 56th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders)

- 2. Outline of incoming and outgoing financial auditors
  - (1) Outline of incoming financial auditor

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(1)	Name	PricewaterhouseCoopers Aarata LLC
2	Address	Otemachi Park Building,
		1-1-1 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
3	Names of partners who perform the task	Kentaro Iwao, Yoshihisa Chiyoda
4	Status of registration in the program of	Registered
	the Japanese Institute of Certified Public	
	Accountants registering accounting firms	
	that audit publicly traded companies	

(2) Outline of outgoing financial auditor

① Name	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC
② Address	Shinagawa Intercity
	2-15-3 Konan, Minato-ku, Tokyo
③ Name of partners who perform the task	Masato Yoshimizu, Takayuki Ohwada

3. Reason for nominating the firm named in 2 (1) above as a candidate for financial auditor

It has been a long time since we first appointed Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC as financial auditor. Given the fact that the same firm has been auditing us over many years, the Audit and Supervisory Board has reviewed multiple candidates including the incumbent to determine whether there is any other firm that is better suited as our financial auditor, in view of the anticipated scale and scope of our future business, in accordance with the standards of our financial auditor evaluation and selection. As a result of comprehensive review, the Audit and Supervisory Board has determined that PricewaterhouseCoopers Aarata LLC possesses the expertise, independence, and qualtiy control system required for our financial auditor and is capable of auditing the entirety of our global activities.

4. Date of the latest appointment of the outgoing financial auditor

September 27, 2017

- 5. Opinion of the outgoing financial auditor stated in its auditor's report and others in the last 3 years None
- 6. Reason for the decision of financial auditor change and background

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC's term of office as our financial auditor will exprire at the conclusion of the 56th Ordinary Genenral Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for September 26, 2018. At this occasion, the Board of Directors has decided to propose the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers Aarata LLC as our new financial auditor replacing Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC for the reason stated in 3 above.

7. Opinion of the outgoing financial auditor to be stated in its auditor's report and others concerning the reason and background given in 6 above

We have received a response that no specific opinon will be stated.

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