

Corporate Governance Report

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The corporate governance of **Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited** (the “Company”) is described below.

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

1. Basic Views

Sumitomo Chemical cherishes deeply the Sumitomo Spirit which has been passed down through generations over nearly 400 years, the basic teaching of which is, among others, not to seek its own interests alone, but to contribute to society through its business activities. In accord with this business credo, the Company strives to take on challenges constantly of creating new value by capitalizing on its proprietary technologies toward achieving the Company's sustained growth while at the same time cultivating corporate culture full of vigor and growing as a company that earns trust from the public at large. Recognizing that highly effective corporate governance is vital to attaining these ends, the Company keeps working to further enhance its corporate governance in accordance with the policies and principles set forth in the following Guidelines, centering particularly on closer cooperation with shareholders and various other stakeholders, faster decision-making, proper oversight of business execution, enhanced systems of compliance and internal control, and active dialog with stakeholders.

- The Company not only shall respect the rights of shareholders, but shall endeavor to provide an environment where shareholders can exercise their rights smoothly and also to ensure the effectively equal treatment of shareholders.
- Recognizing that cooperation with various stakeholders, including employees, customers, business partners, creditors, and local communities, is essential to the Company's sustained growth, the Company shall proactively work to fulfill its corporate social responsibility and strive to cultivate corporate culture of a company that can be trusted by society.
- As part of efforts to build a foundation for constructive dialog with stakeholders, the Company shall endeavor to provide information that is highly reliable and useful to recipients thereof.
- The Company's Board of Directors shall fulfill its role and mission properly, based on their fiduciary responsibilities and accountability to shareholders and recognizing the important role of Independent Outside Directors & Auditors, through such measures as presenting appropriate corporate management policies and business strategies that have taken into account changing socioeconomic conditions, and conducting highly effective oversight over the execution of business.
- The Company shall endeavor to promote constructive dialog with shareholders with the aim of seeking to attain the Company's sustained growth and to enhance corporate value in the medium to long term.

Please refer to the Corporate Governance Guideline on Sumitomo Chemical's website for basic policies concerning Sumitomo Chemical's Corporate Governance.

https://www.sumitomo-chem.co.jp/english/company/files/docs/governance_pdf_01.pdf

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

The Company complies with all principles of the Corporate Governance Code.

[Disclosure Based on the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code]

<Principle 1-4>

【Policy regarding Strategic Holdings】

The Company holds strategically shares in other companies only when judged necessary for ensuring smooth business operation or maintaining and enhancing mutual business relations, after such factors as medium- to long-term economic rationality and prospects of future business developments have been considered as a whole. The Company shall assess, as appropriate, the necessity of holding such shares, taking into consideration benefits (including dividends etc.) and risks etc. of such holdings from a comprehensive viewpoint.

【Matters to be reviewed at the Board of Directors】

At the Board of Directors meeting, each year, the Company shall assess its shareholding policy for all listed shares it owns, in light of mid- to long-term economic rationality and significance to hold such shares for each individual issuer. According to such review, if it becomes less necessary to hold a share by reason of changes in the business climate etc., the Company shall sell such shares, as appropriate, taking into consideration the share price, market trend etc.

【Criteria for exercise of voting rights for strategic holdings】

Whether or not and how voting rights related to such strategically held shares are to be exercised on a given proposal shall be decided by the relevant department having close business relationship with such company for each specific proposal, from viewpoints of whether or not the proposal would help raise the mid- to long-term corporate value of the company in which the Company holds shares and promote the company's sustainable growth or whether or not it would potentially harm the benefit of the Company.

<Principle 1-7>

With respect to transactions involving conflict of interest between the Company and Directors, the Company shall ensure that the transactions be subject to resolution by and reporting to the Board of Directors in accordance with the law and the Company's internal rules governing the Board of Directors. Transactions between the Company and related other parties shall be determined after due consideration given to market prices, market interest rates, etc., and the transactions so made shall be identified in notes to the Company's financial statements and disclosed in annual securities reports, in accordance with the law, etc.

<Principle 2-6>

The Company retains a defined-benefit corporate pension plan and for the investment of such pension reserve establishes the "Pension Assets Management Committee" in order to ensure the neutrality and fairness of such investment of pension assets as well as to maintain the soundness of the pension assets and to push up its investment performance. The Committee determines the basic principles for investment, investment guideline and policy asset mix, evaluates and selects the asset management firms, and analyzes and evaluates the results of the invested assets. To ensure the objectivity of the Committee, in addition to the executives in charge of the Company's Finance Department and Human Resources Department, personnel with appropriate qualifications from various relevant divisions (such as the General Affairs Department, Legal Department, Accounting Department, etc.) are appointed as the members of the Committee. Also the secretariat office for the Committee is set up in the Finance Department of the Company, and such secretariat office collects information of the performance of each asset management firm as well as opinions etc. from outside experts, and periodically monitors investment principles and investment process, compliance structure, stewardship activities, etc. The Company shall send the person(s) responsible of such secretariat office to various seminars held by each asset management firm to acquire necessary knowledge and to improve his/her expertise

<Principle 3-1>

【Business Philosophy, Business Strategies, Business Plans】

The Company shall disclose on its website etc., its Business Philosophy as well as business strategies and medium-term corporate business plans that have been formulated and are to be implemented on the basis of the Business Philosophy.

“Business Philosophy” <https://www.sumitomo-chem.co.jp/english/company/principles/philosophy/>

“Management Policy” <https://www.sumitomo-chem.co.jp/english/ir/policy/>

【Basic Views and Basic Policy on Corporate Governance】

Please refer to “I. 1. Basic Views” of the Report for details.

【Policies and Procedures for Determining Remuneration of Senior Management and Directors】

Please refer to Appendix (3) for the conceptual diagram of the Remunerations of Directors.

1. Basic policy for remunerations of Directors, etc.

- (1) The remunerations of senior management and directors (hereinafter “Directors etc.”) shall consist of Basic Compensation and Bonus.
- (2) Basic Compensation is designed to serve as an incentive for the actions of Directors, etc. to contribute to the Company’s sustainable growth, rather than aiming for short-term or sub-optimal effects.
- (3) The amount of Bonuses shall largely reflect the Company's consolidated financial results for a fiscal year in order to heighten incentive to achieve the annual target of the business plans.
- (4) The remuneration shall be set at levels which are designed to be objectively competitive to attract and retain outstanding talent while taking into consideration such factors as the scale and content of the Company’s business. Based on surveys by a third-party organization and other materials, such levels shall be checked annually whether or not to be objectively appropriate.

2. Mechanisms of each remuneration element

(1) Basic Compensation

The level of Basic Compensation shall be determined based on the policy described in section 1(4) above.

While Basic Compensation for each year shall be fixed, the Company will adopt a mechanism where the Basic Compensation level would be changed in the event where the Company’s position has changed in terms of “the company’s size”, “earnings capacity”, and “outside evaluations” from a comprehensive and medium- to long-term perspective.

As main indicators for determining the change in the Company position, the Company will apply the following: ①in terms of “the company’s size,” sales revenue, total assets and market capitalization, ②in terms of “earnings capacity,” net income (attributable to the parent company), ROE, ROI and D/E ratio, and ③in terms of “outside evaluations,” credit ratings and ESG index selected by GPIF (Government Pension Investment Fund).

The amounts to be paid to each person will be determined in accordance with the base amount set by each position.

(2) Bonuses

Bonuses shall be paid on the condition that performance for that fiscal year exceeds a particular level and shall be determined based on the bonus calculation formula (performance indicator×coefficient).

In order to reflect the current earnings capacity of the relevant business year (including financial activities) to the amount of bonuses, the Company will apply the combined value of consolidated core operating profit and financial profit and loss to the performance indicator concerning the bonus calculation formula. In addition, the Company will set the coefficient of the calculation formula so that it will get larger as the position of a person gets higher.

(3) Percentages of fixed remuneration (Basic Compensation) and performance-linked remuneration (Bonuses)

The Company will design the bonus calculation formula so that the bonuses of Directors (excluding Outside Directors) accounts for roughly 30% of the remuneration when the consolidated performance goal (core operating profit) for the latest fiscal year of the mid-term management plan (fiscal years 2019 to 2021) is achieved.

3. Procedures for determining remunerations of Directors, etc.

The Company shall establish a Remuneration Advisory Committee as an advisory body to the Board of Directors on a remuneration system for Directors, etc., levels of remuneration, and other matters incidental thereto. Composed mainly of Outside Directors & Auditors, the Committee shall advise the Board of Directors about the remuneration system for Directors, etc., levels of remuneration, etc. so that greater transparency and fairness can be ensured regarding the remuneration.

The remuneration amount of Directors shall be set at a level not higher than the upper limit of a total remuneration prescribed by resolution of the 125th General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 23, 2006(i.e. 1 billion yen or less per year). Furthermore, the specific amount of remuneration for each Directors etc. shall be determined by the Director and Chairman authorized by the Board of Directors, based on the standard advised from the Remuneration Advisory Committee.

【Policies and Procedures for Electing and Dismissing Senior Management and Nominating Candidates for Directors and Corporate Auditors】

<Electing and Nominating Policies>

- Persons suitable for each position of responsibility shall be selected based on an overall assessment of various factors, including business accomplishments, knowledge and experience, and character and insight, from the viewpoints of whether or not the person is capable of making adequate and quick decision or whether or not the person is "the right person in the right place."
- In principle, when an elected person has reached a certain age, the person shall retire from the position at the end of the tenure of office, in accordance with rules set by the Company.
- As far as nomination of candidates for Outside Directors and Outside Corporate Auditors is concerned, if a candidate also serves as a director, officer, etc. in other publicly traded companies, the number of such other companies shall be limited to four or less so that the person can properly fulfill his or her duties as Director or Corporate Auditor of the Company.

<Electing and Nominating Procedures>

- A Representative Director shall select candidates suitable for the positions of Senior Management, Directors and Corporate Auditors in accordance with the above Policies.
 - Deliberation shall be made on whether the selection made is adequate or not at the Nomination Advisory Committee established under the Board of Directors, consisting mainly of Outside Directors and Outside Corporate Auditors. The Committee shall give advice to the Board of Directors on electing Senior Management or nominating candidates for Directors and Corporate Auditors and a decision shall be made at the Board of Directors meetings based on such advice.
- Directors and Corporate Auditors shall be elected by a resolution of a General Meeting of Shareholders.

<Dismissal Policies and Procedures>

- A deliberation and decision to dismiss Senior Management shall be made at the Board of Directors meetings when a Senior Management has been suspected of malfeasance, impropriety, or a breach of faith, or when there exists any other reason that makes him/her unsuitable as a Senior Management.

【Explanation on each Election, Dismissal and Nomination when Electing or Dismissing a Senior Management, or nominating candidates for Directors and Corporate Auditors】

The reason for nomination of each candidate for Directors and Corporate Auditors (including Outside Directors & Auditors) are stated in the "Convocation Notice of the General Meeting of Shareholders". In the event a Senior Management is dismissed, such dismissal shall be disclosed, from time to time, in an appropriate manner.

<Supplementary Principles 4-1-1>

The Company shall cause its Board of Directors to resolve on management policies, business strategies, and other important matters related to business execution, etc. in accordance with legal requirements for matters that are a prerogative of the Board of Directors as well as with the provisions of the Company's Articles of Incorporation. Further, the Company shall endeavor to enhance reporting to the Board of Directors about the progress status of business execution for the purpose of oversight to ensure that duties entrusted to the Management are being carried out properly.

<Supplementary Principles 4-2-1>

Please refer to Section "I.1. <Principle 3-1> **【Policies and Procedures for Determining Remuneration of Senior Management and Directors】** of this report, as the policies etc. for performance-linked remuneration have been described there.

<Principle 4-9>

The Company establishes criteria to designate the Company's Outside Directors and Outside Corporate Auditors as Independent Outside Directors & Auditors.

Please refer to the following Sumitomo Chemical's website in which such criteria are disclosed:
<https://www.sumitomo-chem.co.jp/english/company/governance.html>

<Supplementary Principles 4-10-1>

The Company shall establish, as committees under the Board of Directors, a Nomination Advisory Committee and a Remuneration Advisory Committee, each of which is composed mainly of Outside Directors & Auditors. The Company shall seek from these committees necessary advice on nomination of candidates for Directors or Corporate Auditors, election of Senior Management, a remuneration system for

Directors, etc. or others, levels of the remuneration, etc.

<Supplementary Principles 4-11-1>

For the Board of Directors to fulfill its roles and responsibilities more effectively and make decisions more swiftly, the Company, in principle, shall make sure that the number of members on the Board of Directors be less than the maximum number provided in the Company's Articles of Incorporation, and shall form the Board of Directors consisting of a diversity of persons with the following knowledge and experience.

- Persons with broad knowledge of and abundant experience in the Company's business
- Persons with broad knowledge of and abundant experience in accounting and finance
- Persons with broad knowledge of and abundant experience in law, compliance, and internal control
- Persons with broad knowledge of and abundant experience in industries, society, etc. as well as corporate management, whether in or outside the Company's business

<Supplementary Principles 4-11-2>

If Directors and Corporate Auditors including Outside Directors or Outside Corporate Auditors hold concurrent positions as officers in other listed companies, the Company shall disclose the status of such concurrent positions in the "Convocation Notice of the Regular General Meeting of Shareholders " and securities reports, each year.

As the attendance rate of meetings of the Board of Directors (in regard to Corporate Auditors, such meetings will include Board of Corporate Auditors meetings) by Directors and Corporate Auditors (including Outside Directors or Outside Corporate Auditors) is very high, it is considered that the extent of such concurrent positions is within a reasonable range.

<Supplementary Principles 4-11-3>

The Company's Board of Directors carried out analysis and appraisal regarding the effectiveness of the Board of Directors through exchanging opinions at Outside Directors and Outside Corporate Auditors Meetings attended by Outside Directors, Outside Corporate Auditors, the Chairman and the President, and at Management Meetings attended by Inside Directors, etc. as well as by taking into account questionnaire replies from Directors and Corporate Auditors and opinions expressed by the Board of Corporate Auditors. Based on these opinions, the Board of Directors made an overall review of the appraised effectiveness of the Board of Directors.

As a result, it was confirmed that steady improvements have been made every year in various standpoints such as the composition of the Board of Directors (size, consisting members, etc.), situation of how the meetings were held (frequency of meetings, time/date, contents and quality of the explanatory materials, preliminary explanations, etc.), implementation status of discussions and reports made at the Board of Directors meeting (settings of criteria for agenda to be proposed to the meeting, whether free and vigorous and constructive discussion are made etc.), status of the oversight of execution of operation (oversight from independent and objective standpoint, whether appropriate risk is undertook, etc.) and operation of non-mandatory Nomination Advisory Committee and Remuneration Advisory Committee (fair and transparent procedures etc.); and that the above matters were generally maintained at a good level. In addition, with an aim to enhance the corporate value going forward, including the achievement of the new Mid-term Management Plan, and to further improve the effectiveness of the Board of Directors, the members of the Board have agreed to continue each of the above efforts.

(1) Efforts made in reaction to the results of the previous (2018) appraisal of the effectiveness of the Board of Directors

Of the points that were indicated as "needs improvement" in the previous (2018) appraisal of the effectiveness, the following matters were confirmed: In regard to (a) "Further enhancement of oversight of group companies," although important matters have been reported and discussed, the Company shall continue to work on enhancing such oversight; in regard to (b) "Discussions on long-term strategies," although certain discussions have been held through the establishment of the new Mid-term Management Plan, creative ideas are further required; and in regard to (c) "Sharing of internal discussions with Outside Directors and Outside Corporate Auditors," while it has been improved step by step, it is also important to further improve transparency of internal discussions through, among other things, the efforts listed in (2)(a) below.

(2) Improvement measures to be taken in response to the results of the present appraisal of the effectiveness of the Board of Directors

(a) Further stimulation of discussions held at the Board of Directors meeting

In light of the fact that the governance of the Company is generally at a high level, it was once again discussed what roles the Outside Directors/Corporate Auditors and the Inside Corporate Officers shall play, respectively. Based on such discussion, from the viewpoint of further activating the Board of Directors meeting, the Company will lead to further stimulation of discussions held at the Board of Directors meeting by, amongst others, (i) setting a time frame for the Board of Directors meeting with a plenty of time, (ii) further clarifying the points of argument in explanations etc., (iii) revealing in more details how the issues under consideration were discussed internally, (iv) having the relevant Corporate Officers make supplemental explanations and (v) having the Outside Directors/Corporate Auditors question and give opinions frankly.

(b) Efforts being made to have the Outside Directors/Corporate Auditors fulfill their roles and responsibilities

In order for the Outside Directors/Corporate Auditors to fulfill their roles and responsibilities appropriately, the Company holds, other than the Board of Directors meetings, prior explanations for Board of Directors meetings and inspection tours of offices twice a year. In addition to these opportunities, the Company will further enhance the supervisory function of the Board of Directors by holding meetings composed of Independent Outside Directors/Corporate Auditors only and setting opportunities where the Outside Directors/Corporate Auditors can frankly exchange opinions with a wide range of people within the Company.

<Supplementary Principles 4-14-2>

The Company shall continuously provide Directors and Corporate Auditors, and candidates for those positions with various opportunities of trainings and other programs such as "Training for Newly Appointed Directors and Corporate Auditors", "Training for Newly Appointed Directors and Executive Officers of Group Companies", "Council Meetings for Management for Officers", "Training for Basic Knowledge on Management" aimed at helping them gain knowledge of corporate management and broaden their perspectives so that they can fulfill their roles and responsibilities properly.

<Principles 5-1, Supplementary Principles 5-1-1, 5-1-2, 5-1-3>

(1) Basic Policy

The Company shall promote timely and proper communication with shareholders regarding its management policies, business strategies, and business performance developments in order to fulfill its accountability to shareholders and also to have the Company's stock priced properly and its corporate value enhanced further through developing shareholders' accurate understanding of the Company's activities.

(2) Organization

An Executive Officer in charge of Corporate Communications shall have overall responsibility for dialog with shareholders. A dedicated organizational unit, Corporate Communications Department, shall engage in gathering pertinent information in cooperation with the Company's relevant departments, sections, etc. as well as arranging for and operating meetings for dialog between the Company's Management, etc. and shareholders.

(3) Dialog with Shareholders

Meetings to explain about the Company's business strategies, meetings to report the Company's financial performance, etc. shall be held regularly to promote constructive dialog with shareholders. In the dialog, the Company shall take the utmost care about matters of compliance, preventing disclosure of insider information. Views and opinions expressed by shareholders during such dialog shall be reported regularly to the Company's Management, etc.

2. Capital Structure

Foreign Shareholding Ratio	20% or more but less than 30%
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[Status of Major Shareholders]

Name / Company Name	Number of Shares Owned	Percentage (%)
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd.(Trust account)	119,779,800	7.32
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust account)	99,913,944	6.11
Sumitomo Life Insurance Company	71,000,000	4.34
Nippon Life Insurance Company	41,031,597	2.50
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust account 4)	32,849,400	2.00
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust account 5)	30,238,200	1.84
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust account 7)	29,601,500	1.81
JPMorgan Securities Japan Co., Ltd.	29,310,401	1.79
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp.	29,225,000	1.78
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Master trust for the Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank and trust account for retirement benefit for Sumitomo Life Insurance Company)	29,000,000	1.77

Controlling Shareholder (except for Parent Company)	_____
Parent Company	None

Supplementary Explanation

3. Corporate Attributes

Listed Stock Market and Market Section	Tokyo Stock Exchange, First Section
Fiscal Year-End	March
Type of Business	Chemicals
Number of Employees (consolidated) as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	1,000 or more
Sales (consolidated) as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	¥1 trillion or more
Number of Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	100 or more but less than 300

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

The Company owns listed subsidiaries. The Company and its listed subsidiaries develop business under the Group strategy that is shared and acknowledged by all parties and aim to achieve synergistic effects and realize maximum

managing results as a whole group, while basically respecting the independence of each company and the rights of minor shareholders in regard to their business operations and dealings.
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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 Corporate Auditors
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[Directors]

Maximum Number of Directors Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	15
Term of Office Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	One year
Chairperson of the Board	Company Chairperson (excluding where he/she concurrently serves as President)
Number of Directors	13
Appointment of Outside Directors	Appointed
Number of Outside Directors	4
Number of Independent Directors	4

Outside Directors' Relationship with the Company (1)

Name	Attribute	Relationship with the Company*										
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
Koichi Ikeda	From another company								△			○
Hiroshi Tomono	From another company								△			○
Motoshige Itoh	Academic											
Atsuko Muraki	Other											

* Categories for "Relationship with the Company"

* "○" when the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;

"△" 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

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)
- j. 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)

Name	Designation as Independent Director	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons of Appointment
Koichi Ikeda	○	The Company has transactions with Asahi Breweries, Ltd. where Mr. Koichi Ikeda was previously employed; however, the amount of said transactions is very small, not more than 0.1% of the consolidated sales revenue of our Group. Therefore such transaction does not have any influence on his independence. Furthermore, Mr. Koichi Ikeda has no special interest in the Company	Mr. Koichi Ikeda was elected as an Outside Director of the Company in June 2015 and thereafter performs his duty to oversee the management of the Company by making the best of his broad experience and profound insight as a manager of a business corporation. He is appointed as a member of the non-mandatory Nomination Advisory Committee and Remuneration Advisory Committee and receives compensation; however, the Company considers that no conflict of interest is likely to arise between Mr. Koichi Ikeda and the Company's general shareholders from such payment.
Hiroshi Tomono	○	The Company has transactions with Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation where Mr. Hiroshi Tomono was previously employed; however, the amount of said transactions is very small, not more than 0.1% of the consolidated sales revenue of our Group. Therefore such transaction does not have any influence on his independence. Furthermore, Mr. Hiroshi Tomono has no special interest in the Company.	Mr. Hiroshi Tomono was elected as an Outside Director of the Company in June 2015 and thereafter performs his duty to oversee the management of the Company by making the best of his broad experience and profound insight as a manager of a business corporation. He is appointed as a member of the non-mandatory Nomination Advisory Committee and Remuneration Advisory Committee and receives compensation; however, the Company considers that no conflict of interest is likely to arise between Mr. Hiroshi Tomono and the Company's general shareholders from such payment.
Motoshige Itoh	○	Mr. Motoshige Itoh has no special interest in the Company	Mr. Motoshige Itoh was elected as an Outside Director of the Company in June 2018 and thereafter performs his duty to oversee the management of the Company by making the best of his broad experience and profound insight in the area of economics, social affairs etc. by holding positions as a member of various government councils, in addition to his professional knowledge in economics

			from holding a professorship at an university for many years. He is appointed as a member of the non-mandatory Nomination Advisory Committee and Remuneration Advisory Committee and receives compensation; however, the Company considers that no conflict of interest is likely to arise between Mr. Motoshige Itoh and the Company's general shareholders from such payment.
Atsuko Muraki	○	Ms. Atsuko Muraki has no special interest in the Company	Ms. Atsuko Muraki was elected as an Outside Director of the Company in June 2018 and thereafter performs her duty to oversee the management of the Company by making the best of her broad experience and profound insight in the area of legal and social affairs, etc. obtained through her engagement in administration as a government official for many years. She is appointed as a member of the non-mandatory Nomination Advisory Committee and Remuneration Advisory Committee and receives compensation; however, the Company considers that no conflict of interest is likely to arise between Ms. Atsuko Muraki and the Company's general shareholders from such payment.

Voluntary Establishment of Committee(s) Corresponding to Nomination Committee or Remuneration Committee	Established
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Committee's Name, Composition, and Attributes of Chairperson

	Committee Corresponding to Nomination Committee	Committee Corresponding to Remuneration Committee
Committee's Name	Nomination Advisory Committee	Remuneration Advisory Committee
All Committee Members	6	6
Full-time Members	0	0
Inside Directors	2	2
Outside Directors	4	4
Outside Experts	0	0
Other	0	0
Chairperson	Inside Director	Inside Director

As a subordinate body of the Board of Directors, the Company will establish the Nomination Advisory Committee and the Remuneration Advisory Committee, which are mainly composed of Outside Directors and Outside Corporate Auditors, and will timely discuss and advise to the Board of Directors on matters, such as

appointment of Chief Executive Officer, nomination of candidates for Directors and Corporate Auditors, appointment of senior management, and remuneration system and standards of Directors, Etc.

The committee members and the activity status of each committee in year 2018 are as follows:

“Nomination Advisory Committee”

	Name	Attending status
Chairman	Osamu Ishitobi	5 out of 5 times (100%)
Member	Masakazu Tokura	5 out of 5 times (100%)
Member	Koichi Ikeda	5 out of 5 times (100%)
Member	Hiroshi Tomono	5 out of 5 times (100%)
Member	Motoshige Itoh	5 out of 5 times (100%)
Member	Atsuko Muraki	5 out of 5 times (100%)

Major activities:

- Discussions on the next candidate for the President
- Discussions on who shall be the officers in 2019
- Discussions on the *Sodanyaku* (Counselor) system

“Remuneration Advisory Committee”

	Name	Attending status
Chairman	Osamu Ishitobi	2 out of 2 times (100%)
Member	Masakazu Tokura	2 out of 2 times (100%)
Member	Koichi Ikeda	2 out of 2 times (100%)
Member	Hiroshi Tomono	2 out of 2 times (100%)
Member	Motoshige Itoh	2 out of 2 times (100%)
Member	Atsuko Muraki	2 out of 2 times (100%)

Major activities:

- Discussions on revision of the policy for determining remuneration of officers
- Discussions on how the basic remuneration shall change
- Discussions on the basic remuneration for year 2018
- Discussion on the calculation method for the bonuses of officers upon adoption of IFRS
- Discussions on the payment of bonuses of officers for year 2018

[*Kansayaku*]

Establishment of <i>Kansayaku</i> Board	Established
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Maximum Number of <i>Kansayaku</i> Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	6
Number of <i>Kansayaku</i>	5

Cooperation among *Kansayaku*, Accounting Auditors and Internal Audit Departments

Corporate Auditors will maintain close cooperation with Accounting Auditors and, at the beginning of each fiscal year, will receive explanation from such Accounting Auditors of the audit policy and audit plan for such fiscal year. In addition, Corporate Auditors enhances its connection with Accounting Auditors by receiving reports and exchanging opinions, as needed, on accounting audits conducted by Accounting Auditors, and if deemed necessary, conduct an accounting audit in their own independent position. Corporate Auditors are informed in advance of the policy, implementation plan, point of focus, etc. of the internal audit to be conducted by the Internal Control and Audit Department and collaborate with the Internal Control and Audit Department, such as by receiving reports on the progress and results of the internal audit.

Furthermore, Corporate Auditors collaborate with the Compliance Committee such as by receiving reports, from time to time, in regard to violation of compliance and cases reported through “Speak-Up Hotline” (including status of response to such incident).

Appointment of Outside <i>Kansayaku</i>	Appointed
Number of Outside <i>Kansayaku</i>	3
Number of Independent <i>Kansayaku</i>	3

Outside *Kansayaku*’s Relationship with the Company (1)

Name	Attribute	Relationship with the Company*												
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
Mitsuhiro Aso	Lawyer													
Yoshitaka Kato	CPA													
Michio Yoneda	From another company										△			

* Categories for “Relationship with the Company”

- * ”○” when the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;
- “△” 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

- a. 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. *Kansayaku* 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 *kansayaku* himself/herself only)
- k. Executive of a company, between which and the Company outside directors/*kansayaku* are mutually appointed (the *kansayaku* himself/herself only)

- l. Executive of a company or organization that receives a donation from the Company (the *kansayaku* himself/herself only)
m. Others

Outside *Kansayaku*'s Relationship with the Company (2)

Name	Designation as Independent <i>Kansayaku</i>	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons of Appointment
Mitsuhiro Aso	○	Mr. Mitsuhiro Aso has no special interest in the Company	Mr. Mitsuhiro Aso was elected as an Outside Corporate Auditor of the Company and thereafter performs his duty to perform audits from an objective standpoint by making the best of his specialized knowledge and broad experience as a lawyer and also his long years as a public prosecutor. Mr. Mitsuhiro Aso maintains a neutral and fair position as an independent body having entrustment from the Company's shareholders, and no conflict of interest is considered to arise between Mr. Mitsuhiro Aso and the Company's general shareholders.
Yoshitaka Kato	○	Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC, in which Mr. Yoshitaka Kato held important positions in the past, is not the auditing corporation that conducts statutory audits of the Company and also has no capital relationship or business relationships with the Company that may affect his independence. Also, Mr. Yoshitaka Kato has no special interest in the Company.	Mr. Yoshitaka Kato was appointed as an Outside Corporate Auditor of the Company and thereafter performs his duty to perform audits from an objective standpoint by making the best of his specialized knowledge and broad experience from his long years as a certified public accountant. Mr. Yoshitaka Kato maintains a neutral and fair position as an independent body having entrustment from the Company's shareholders, and no conflict of interest is considered to arise between Mr. Yoshitaka Kato and the Company's general shareholders.
Michio Yoneda	○	The Company pays listing fees, etc. for listed securities to the Tokyo Stock Exchange Inc., in which Mr. Michio Yoneda was a director in the past. However, such payment does not affect his independence. Also, Mr. Michio Yoneda has no special interest in the Company.	Mr. Michio Yoneda was appointed as an Outside Corporate Auditor of the Company and thereafter performs his duty to perform audits of the Company by making the best of his broad experience and wide knowledge regarding industrial and social affairs from his years of engagement in the management of Japanese financial and security market.

[Independent Directors/*Kansayaku*]

Number of Independent Directors/ <i>Kansayaku</i>	7
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Matters relating to Independent Directors/*Kansayaku*

The Company designates all persons that fulfill the qualification of independent directors and corporate auditors as Independent Directors and Corporate Auditors.

[Incentives]

Incentive Policies for Directors	Performance-linked Remuneration
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Supplementary Explanation

Please refer to Section “I.I. <Principle 3-1> 【Policies and Procedures for Determining Remuneration of Senior Management and Directors】 of this report, as the policies etc. for performance-linked remuneration have been described there.

Recipients of Stock Options	—
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Supplementary Explanation

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[Director Remuneration]

Disclosure of Individual Directors' Remuneration	No Individual Disclosure
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Supplementary Explanation

The total amount of remunerations paid to Directors for each fiscal year is stated in the securities report and business report. Securities reports are made available for public inspections through EDINET (the electronic disclosure system under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act regarding disclosure documents such as securities reports).

Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods	Established
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Disclosure of Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods

Please refer to Section “I.I. <Principle 3-1> 【Policies and Procedures for Determining Remuneration of Senior Management and Directors】 of this report, as the details have been described there.

[Supporting System for Outside Directors and/or *Kansayaku*]

The Company first elected Outside Directors at its Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held in June 2012, and thereafter increased Outside Directors to three (3) in June 2015 and increased to four (4) in June 2018. Outside Directors and Outside Corporate Auditors attend the Board of Directors meeting after first receiving briefings from responsible departments to deepen their understanding on the agenda and important issues of such meeting and

also, in order to deepen its understanding of the status of the Company's business, take part in visits to domestic or overseas business locations every year, thereby overseeing the Company's management.

In regard to Outside Corporate Auditors, the Company establishes a dedicated organizational unit to assist the duty of Corporate Auditors and allocates full-time staff members to such unit that are subject to the supervision and command of Corporate Auditors, thereby strengthening Corporate Auditor's authority. The Company makes sure that Outside Corporate Auditors receive briefings from responsible departments in advance regarding agenda of the Board of Directors and reports or briefings as appropriate from departments in charge of operations (including the Internal Control and Audit Department), Accounting Auditors, etc., thereby securing the structure of the flow of information to Outside Corporate Auditors.

[Retired presidents/CEOs holding advisory positions (sodanyaku, komon, etc.)]

Information on retired presidents/CEOs holding advisory positions (sodanyaku, komon, etc.)

Name	Job title/ position	Responsibilities	Employment terms (Full/part time, with/without compensation, etc.)	Date when former role as president/ CEO ended	Term
Osamu Ishitobi	Sodanyaku (Counselor)	(1) Provides advice on issues referred to him from the Chairman or the President and gives opinions as necessary (2) Participates in activities outside of the Company in order to respond to social demands etc.	No classification of full-time/part- time Receives compensation	March 31, 2019	Term is specified

Number of retired presidents/CEOs holding
advisory positions (sodanyaku, komon, etc.)

1 person

- Appointment of *Sodanyaku* (Counselor) is resolved at the Board of Directors.
- *Sodanyaku* (Counselor) is not involved in any of the Company's decision making.
- In the column, "Date when former role as president/CEO ended," which is described in the section, "Information on retired presidents/CEOs holding advisory positions (sodanyaku, komon, etc.)" above, the date of retirement of the Company's Representative Director and Chairman has been described.

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

(1) Business Management Organization relating to Management Decision Making, Execution and Oversight

The Company adopts the Corporate Auditors system. Also, in order to enhance swift decision making and to clarify who bears the responsibility of the execution of operation, the Company adopts the Executive Officers system and limits the Director's term of office to 1 year in order to establish a management system that is able to quickly adjust to changes in the management environment. The present management system consists of 13 Directors (All Japanese. 12 Males and 1 Female) and 36 Executive Officers (8 are concurrent with Directors. Breakdown of Executive Officers: 33 Japanese and 3 Foreigners; 35 Males and 1 Female). The Board of Directors makes decisions on important management matters in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations, Articles of Incorporation and the Board of Directors regulations, and also monitors and oversees performance of the duties of each Director. For the period of 1 year after the General Shareholders' Meeting held on June 21, 2018, the Board of Directors meeting was held 13 times and Mr. Hiroshi Tomono, the Outside Director, and Mr. Yoshitaka Kato, the Outside Corporate Auditor, attended 12 of those 13 meetings. All other Directors and Corporate Auditors attended all of those 13 meetings. Executive Officers execute operations in accordance with the management strategy decided at the Board of Directors, by delegation of authority from the Representative Director.

The Management Meeting is an organization which discusses important matters, such as management strategies and capital investment, which include agendas presented and matters reported to Directors, and supports management decision making. Members of the Management Meeting consist of Executive Officers who control or are in charge of important management functions, full-time Corporate Auditors and chairman of the Board of Directors meeting and the Meeting is held 24 times per year, in principle.

Other internal meetings (such as "Internal Control Committee", "Sustainability Promotion Committee", "Responsible Care Committee," "Risk and Crisis Management Committee," "Compliance Committee" or other meetings) that discuss important matters related to the management of the Company or the Company Group from a wide-ranging and diversified perspective are established in order to fulfill execution of operation, overseeing functions, etc.. Each of the internal meetings is held once or more each year.

(2) Status of Corporate Audits by Corporate Auditors

There are 5 Corporate Auditors, of which 3 are Outside Corporate Auditors. Pursuant to, among other things, the basic plan of the audit and the assignment of the responsibility determined by the Board of Corporate Auditors, Corporate Auditors attend important meetings (such as the Board of Directors and others) as well as review important documents regarding important decision making and conduct investigation etc. regarding the status of business or assets of the headquarter, major business locations and Group Companies. Also, they receive, when appropriate, reports and explanation from the "Internal Control and Audit Department" and Accounting Auditors in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of oversight.

(3) Status of Internal Audit

Internal audit is conducted by the "Internal Control and Audit Department", which is a department that is solely dedicated to internal audits. Internal audits are conducted to audit whether internal control effectively functions and operations are properly and reasonably carried out by officers and employees of Sumitomo Chemical Group. Furthermore, in regard to matters relating to environment, safety, PL (product safety), etc., the department in charge (the Responsible Care Dept.) conducts responsible care audits.

(4) Status of Accounting Audit

KPMG AZSA LLC is engaged in the auditing service regarding accounting audits made in accordance with the Companies Act and the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act. The names of certified public accountants that executed the accounting audit services for this fiscal year are as follows:

Certified public accountants that executed the accounting audit service:

Designated Limited Liability Partner/Executive Member: Hiroyuki Takanami, Hiroto Kawase, Hideki Yoneyama

(5) Status of Advisory Committee

The Company establishes the "Nomination Advisory Committee" under the Board of Directors, consisting mainly of Outside Directors and Outside Corporate Auditors, and receives advice from the Committee when electing Senior Management and nominating candidates for Directors and candidates for Corporate Auditors.

3. Reasons for Adoption of Current Corporate Governance System

The Company adopts the Corporate Auditor system where the majority of Corporate Auditors shall be Outside Corporate Auditors and the Company receives valuable feedback regarding the soundness of company management as well as the efficiency thereof from Corporate Auditors. By using such feedback in the execution of operation,

the Company endeavors to enhance the function of Corporate Auditors, thereby strengthening its monitoring function.

In 2012, the Company first elected 1 Outside Director, in 2015 increased the number of Outside Directors to 3, and in 2018 further increased 1 Outside Director and currently has 4 Outside Directors. The ratio of Outside Directors and Outside Corporate Auditors to Directors and Corporate Auditors who are supposed to attend a Board of Directors meeting is one third or more of the total members. Under this system, the Company is aiming to further enhance the supervisory function of the Board of Directors and further improve the transparency and objectivity of the management of the Company.

III. Implementation of Measures for Shareholders and Other Stakeholders

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

	Supplementary Explanations
Early Notification of General Shareholder Meeting	The Company endeavors to hold the General Meeting of Shareholders on a date as early as possible and to send convocations notices as early as possible. (Date of the General Meeting of Shareholders: June 21, 2019, Date of Mailing: May 31, 2019, WEB Disclosure of the convocation notice: May 24, 2019)
Scheduling AGMs Avoiding the Peak Day	The Company endeavors to set the General Meeting of Shareholders on a date other than the so-called peak day.
Allowing Electronic Exercise of Voting Rights	From the General Meeting of Shareholders of the fiscal year ending in March 2004, exercise of voting rights using electromagnetic means was adopted
Participation in Electronic Voting Platform	From the General Meeting of Shareholders of the fiscal year ending in March 2008, participation to the Electronic Voting Platform was adopted.
Providing Convocation Notice in English	The Company posts the convocation notice in English on its website and on the website of the Securities Exchange.

2. IR Activities

	Supplementary Explanations	Explanation by Representative
Regular Investor Briefings for Individual Investors	The person responsible for IR provides briefings on the Company to individual investors several times a year. Also, in order to provide information to individual investors, materials and video's on briefing sessions for analysts and institutional investors are disclosed on the Company's website.	No
Regular Investor Briefings for Analysts and Institutional Investors	The Company provides financial results briefing (4 times per year), briefings on the Company's management strategy (2 times per year) and briefings on the Company's business strategy (once per year) to analysts and institutional investors.	Yes
Regular Investor Briefings for Overseas Investors	The Company makes individual visits to investors in Europe, USA and Asia.	Yes
Posting of IR Materials on Website	The Company posts various materials on the IR section of the Company's website https://www.sumitomo-chem.co.jp/english/ir/	
Establishment of Department and/or Manager in Charge of IR	The Company has established the "Corporate Communications Department" as a department in charge of IR, and endeavors to strengthen and promote IR and PR activities by continuously and timely providing to shareholders and institutional investors, in a fair and equitable manner, information that is necessary for making investment decisions.	

Other		
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3. Measures to Ensure Due Respect for Stakeholders

	Supplementary Explanations
Stipulation of Internal Rules for Respecting the Position of Stakeholders	The Company has established the "Sumitomo Chemical Charter for Business Conduct", which codifies the basic code of behavior regarding company activities and the Compliance Manual that stipulates specific policies thereof, and has manualized and distributed them to all officers and employees.
Implementation of Environmental Activities, CSR Activities etc.	The Sumitomo Chemical Group sets the promotion of CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) as its basic management policy, and deals with the pursuit of economic efficiency, environment, safety and quality assurance activities, and social activities in a balanced manner. Furthermore, as Responsible Care activities, the Sumitomo Chemical Group establishes the "Corporate Policy on Safety, the Environment and Product Quality" on matters regarding safety, environment and quality in every stage of its business activities that must be given top priority, and uses such policy as the basis of the business operation of the Company and informs the whole Group of this policy. Furthermore, in 2018, in order to deal with the realization of a sustainable society in an integrated manner, the Company established a "Sustainability Promotion Committee". Through this Committee, the Company views management activities of our Group in an integrated manner and reviews its contribution to sustainability from a higher perspective, thereby accelerating its efforts toward SDGs and other social problems solution.
Other	The present management system consists of 13 Directors (All Japanese. 12 Males and 1 Female) and 36 Executive Officers (8 are concurrent with Directors. Breakdown of Executive Officers: 33 Japanese, 3 Foreigners; 35 Males, 1 Female).

IV. Matters Related to the Internal Control System

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

1. Fundamental Principles

(1) The Company will, based on the business spirit and the Business Philosophy of Sumitomo, conduct business activities in accordance with the "Basic Principles of Sustainability Promotion" and "Sumitomo Chemical Charter for Business Conduct" so that the business group composed of the Company and the Company Group will promote sustainability, namely contribute to the achievement of sustainable society through our business and achieve our own sustainable growth.

(2) The Company recognizes that establishing a system necessary to ensure the proper conduct of business (hereinafter, "Internal Control System,") is a process required for the sound sustenance of the organization and should be undertaken proactively in order to accomplish the Company's business objectives. Recognizing this, the Company shall establish its Internal Control System as outlined below and alter it as necessary in response to changes in the Company's business environment, thereby conducting business operations that fulfill the interest of its shareholders and all other stakeholders. In addition, the Company shall establish a dedicated committee or committees to ensure attaining the above objectives

2. A system for ensuring that the Company's Directors execute their business duties in compliance with the laws and the Company's Articles of Incorporation

(1) The Company shall institute, as its corporate bodies, General Meeting of Shareholders, Directors, the Board of Directors, Corporate Auditors, Board of Corporate Auditors and Accounting Auditors in accordance with the laws and the Articles of Incorporation. In addition, with respect to Directors and Corporate Auditors, several Outside

Directors and Outside Corporate Auditors with independence shall be appointed. In order to increase the transparency and fairness of nominations of Directors and Corporate Auditors and compensations of Directors, the Nomination Advisory Committee and the Remuneration Advisory Committee, of which Outside Directors/Corporate Auditors have the majority, shall be established.

(2) Directors shall observe all applicable laws, the Articles of Incorporation and resolutions of the General Meeting of Shareholders. They shall also have an obligation to be attentive to their duties as good managers and carry out these duties faithfully. The term of office for Director shall be one year to allow for a swift response to changes in the business environment of the Company. The Board of Directors shall assume supervisory responsibility to ensure that Directors observe all applicable laws and the Company's Articles of Incorporation, and that Directors establish and operate an adequate Internal Control System pursuant to the basic policies contained herein.

(3) Directors shall establish systems for ensuring required reliability of financial reporting and the proper and timely disclosure of information concerning the Company.

3. A system for the retention and management of information regarding the execution of business duties by the Company's Directors

The Company shall establish rules prescribing the manner of retention, disposal and management and operating method of the information system concerning the business-related information handled in various media. The Company shall retain and manage information properly by establishing a management system pursuant to such rules.

4. A system for ensuring the efficient execution of business duties by Directors of the Company and its group companies

(1) The Board of Directors shall properly determine the targets for important issues concerning business policies, planned business undertakings, accounting & finance, research & development, etc. of the corporate group consisting of the Company and its group companies (the "corporate group," hereinafter referred to as the "Group") and shall monitor the progress of work toward the targets.

(2) The Board of Directors shall appoint Executive Officers to promote the expeditious execution of business and more clearly define their responsibilities, and shall cause the Executive Officers to perform businesses specifically entrusted to them in their respective fields determined by the Board.

(3) Directors shall work to get information about management activities of the Group in a prompt and appropriate manner by establishing management information systems utilizing information technology.

5. A system for ensuring that the Company's employees and its group companies' Directors and employees carry out their business assignments in compliance with the laws and the Articles of Incorporation

(1) The Company shall strive to ensure that all employees are fully aware of their obligation to abide by the law and to develop a sound corporate culture by educating employees about compliance with social norms and continually raising the level of business ethics, based on the principles in the "Sumitomo Chemical Charter for Business Conduct."

(2) The Company, through an internal committee governing "compliance," shall investigate and oversee the status of compliance and, if necessary, recommend improvements.

(3) The Company shall strive to promptly identify and rectify any violations or suspected violations of compliance through its internally established "Speak-Up Hotline," which provides employees with an avenue for reporting such violations or suspected violations.

(4) The Company shall establish a department in charge of internal auditing to verify that employees carry out their duties in a proper and effective manner. They shall also take pertinent measures to carry out special controls or auditing with regard to businesses, departments, systems, etc. that are exposed to risks that may result in significant losses (hereinafter, "Risk"). Furthermore, when certain issues have been pointed out as a result of auditing by Corporate Auditors, accounting auditors, the Company's department in charge of internal auditing, etc., the relevant departments, etc. of the Company that have been thus audited shall take appropriate remedial measures within a specified period of time.

(5) The Company shall clearly define the roles and functions of each department, section, etc. by designing and establishing an organization that will be most capable of conducting business activities in compliance with the law and the Articles of Incorporation.

(6) In order to achieve its overall targets, the Company shall strive to ensure the fair operation of its personnel management system, whereby employees are encouraged to set their own targets to be achieved, and their performance is assessed and compensation and incentives determined on the basis of the degree to which such targets have been achieved.

(7) The Company shall request its major group companies both in Japan and abroad to adopt and properly operate a compliance system equivalent to that of the Company. It shall also work to establish, maintain, and enhance the effective internal control of the Company and its group companies in their entirety by conducting internal audit.

6. A system of the Company and its group companies for risk management rules, procedures, etc.

(1) The Company shall establish rules for the Group to promote developing Risk awareness, ensure early detection of Risks, prevent Risks from manifesting themselves, prepare plans to handle instances of emergency, etc.

(2) The Company shall, through its internally established committee overseeing risk management of the Group, determine the Group's policies on risk management, evaluate Risks involved, monitor and supervise the status of work on preparation and implementation of plans for the risk management and, where necessary, make recommendation on improvements to be made.

(3) In the event that there occurs any incident of crisis which requires company-wide all-out efforts for resolution, the Company shall promptly work to look into the situation affected by the crisis and resolve it by setting up a task force headquarters.

7. A system regarding reporting to the Company about business operations of the Group and matters concerning the execution of business duties by Directors etc. of the Company's group companies

(1) The Company shall establish rules concerning operations of the Group, request its group companies both in Japan and abroad to report on their business policies, planned business undertakings, and other important matters relating to their business operations in accordance with the rules, and shall strive to deepen mutual understanding and share management strategies with those group companies.

(2) The Company shall work to develop a system whereby the Company's Corporate Auditors can exchange information with corporate auditors and other auditing staff at its major group companies, and thereby jointly ensure the effectiveness of audits throughout the Group.

8. A system for ensuring the effective conduct of audits by the Company's Corporate Auditors

(1) Matters concerning employees who are due to assist Corporate Auditors in performing their duties

The Company shall appoint an employee or employees who work full-time to assist its Corporate Auditors in performing their duties under their direction in accordance with the Company rules. Personnel management matters concerning such an employee shall be settled with the prior approval of Corporate Auditors.

(2) Matters on reporting to the Corporate Auditors

i) The Company's Directors and employees shall establish a system capable of ensuring that the Company's standing Corporate Auditors attend conferences on important issues of the Company or its group companies and, in addition, shall report as appropriate to the Corporate Auditors on matters based on the laws or on matters called for by the Corporate Auditors about the Company or its group companies.

ii) The Company's Directors shall report to its Corporate Auditors on internal audit plans to be conducted by an internal audit department, the progress of the audit and its results.

iii) The Company shall establish a system capable of ensuring that none of the Company's Directors and employees or its group companies' Directors, Corporate Auditors and employees will be put at any disadvantage on the ground of having reported to the Company's Corporate Auditors.

(3) Matters concerning expenses arising from the performance by the Corporate Auditors of their duties

The Company shall establish a system capable of ensuring meeting expenses required for the execution by its Corporate Auditors of their duties, with respect to those expenses that may arise from the performance by the Company's Corporate Auditors of their duties.

(4) Other matters for ensuring the effective conduct of audits by the Corporate Auditors

Representative Directors shall hold regular meetings with the Company's Corporate Auditors, to exchange views and deepen mutual understanding about tasks to be undertaken by the Company, risks confronting the Company, and the general state of the environment for auditing by Corporate Auditors.

9. A system for excluding influences of antisocial factions and groups

The Company shall never enter into any relationship, including transactional relations, with antisocial factions and groups that threaten to disrupt the public order and safety of society, and shall take action against them across the Company in a firmly determined and uncompromising manner, working closely with outside specialized institutions.

2. Basic Views on Eliminating Anti-Social Forces

The Company explicitly stipulates in Compliance Manual, which is distributed to and thoroughly understood by its officers and employees and also posted on the Company's website that it shall take actions against antisocial factions and groups in a firmly determined and uncompromising manner and shall never enter into any relationship with them. The Company sets the General Affairs Department as the department that has overall responsibility in the handling of such affairs, and cooperates with external specialized agencies such as the police, collects and manages information on antisocial factions, and disseminates information thereof and raises awareness within the Group.

V. Other

1. Adoption of Anti-Takeover Measures

Adoption of Anti-Takeover Measures	Not Adopted
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Supplementary Explanation

The Company has no plans to adopt Anti-Takeover Measures.

2. Other Matters Concerning to Corporate Governance System

(1) Please refer to Appendix (1) for the schematic diagram of the Corporate Governance Structure (including the Internal Control System).

(2) Summary of timely disclosure system

The status of the Company's internal structure regarding timely disclosure of company information is as follows. Please refer to Appendix (2) for the schematic diagram.

A. Internal structure regarding timely disclosure of company information

(a) Basic Policy

The Company ensures that active communication with people involved with the Company (such as shareholders, business connections, people of the local community, etc.) forms the basis of the business activities of the Company, and the Company has the policy to conduct accurate and timely disclosure of its information (such as details of its management, business activities etc.) in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This policy is distributed to, and thoroughly understood by, in the form of the Charter for Business Conduct and Compliance Manual of the Company to all of its officers and employees.

(b) Organization Structure

The Corporate Communications Department is dedicated to and responsible for the disclosure of company information and endeavors to conduct timely and continuous information disclosure in cooperation with relevant departments.

In addition to important matters that are required to be disclosed by the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and disclosure rules stipulated by the securities exchange, the Company actively discloses information on matters relating to the operation, service and property of the Company or subsidiaries that are decided at the Board of Directors, or matters that arise or are identified in any department that may affect investment decisions. Furthermore, the Company endeavors to set occasions where officers etc. of the Company, including the President, take the initiative in fulfilling its accountability.

(c) Management of Insider Information

The Company defines undisclosed important company information as "Insider Information" and has its officers and employees strictly manage such information, and establishes company regulations setting forth that Insider Information shall be intensively controlled by the "Legal Department" ("Insider Trading Management Regulations"), thereby endeavoring to prevent acts that constitute, or may be viewed as, insider trading.

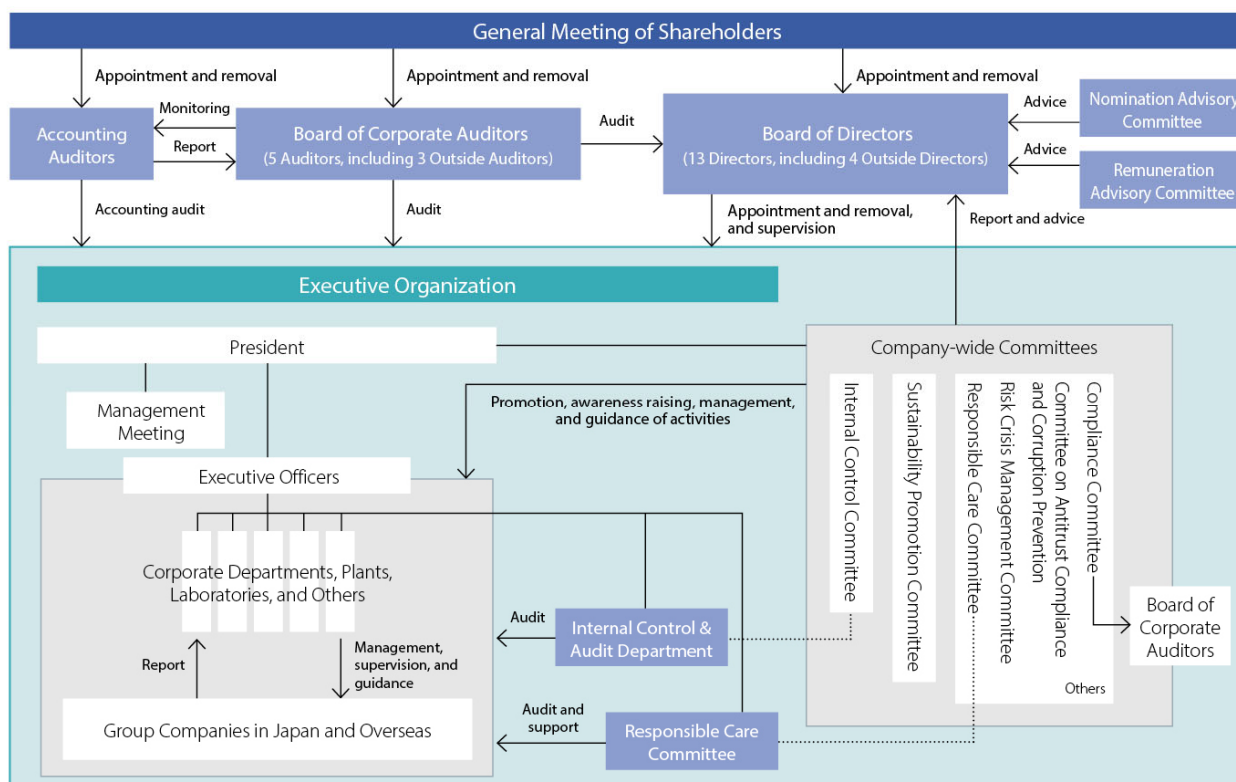
Furthermore, the internal structure regarding timely disclosure is as shown graphically in Appendix (2).

B. Monitoring on Management of Company Information

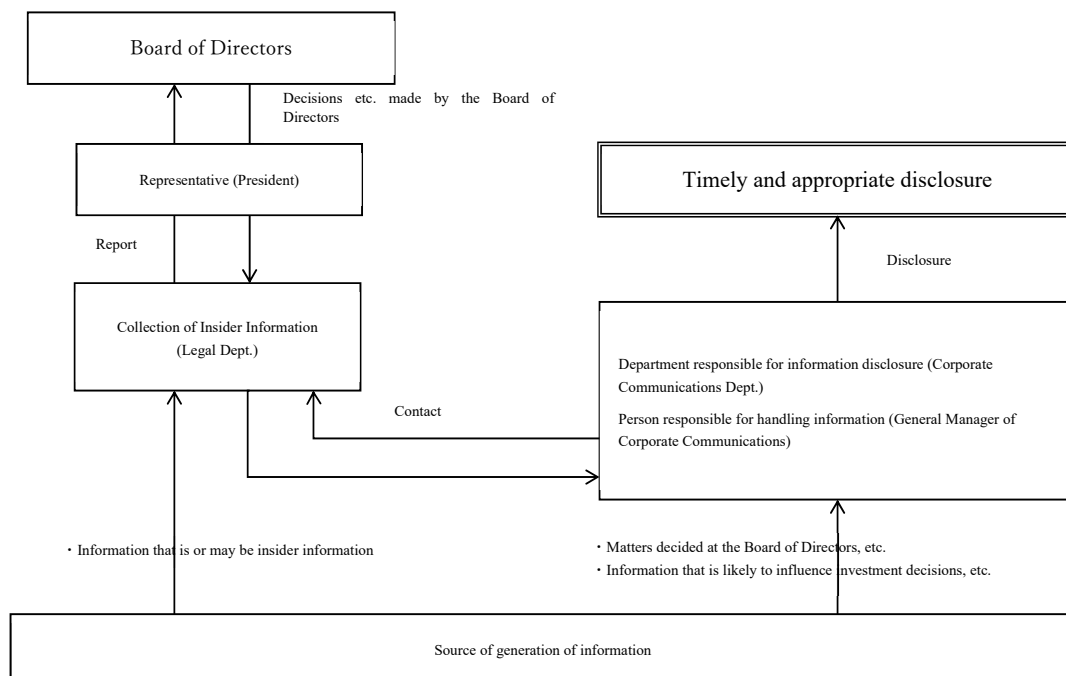
In regard to execution of operation by officers and employees of the Company, in order to inspect whether internal control is established and effectively functions and whether company-wide operations are fairly and properly conducted, audit by the "Internal Control and Audit Department" is conducted in addition to audits by Corporate Auditors in accordance with the Companies Act. Also, internal audits to Group companies are conducted on a periodic basis.

Moreover, the Company endeavors to maintain and improve sound execution of operation by establishing a "Compliance Committee", a company-wide organization and then formulating a system to monitor and oversee compliance of all laws, Charter for Business Conduct, Compliance Manual, etc. relating to business activities of its officers and employees. The Company's group companies have the similar systems. With respect to the cases reported through "Speak-Up Hotline" and the violations of compliance in each Group company which are reported to the Compliance Committee of the Company and the Company's group companies, since they are also important in terms of governance, they are either reported regularly, or for serious cases, every time when it occurs, to the Board of Corporate Auditors to seek its guidance and oversight.

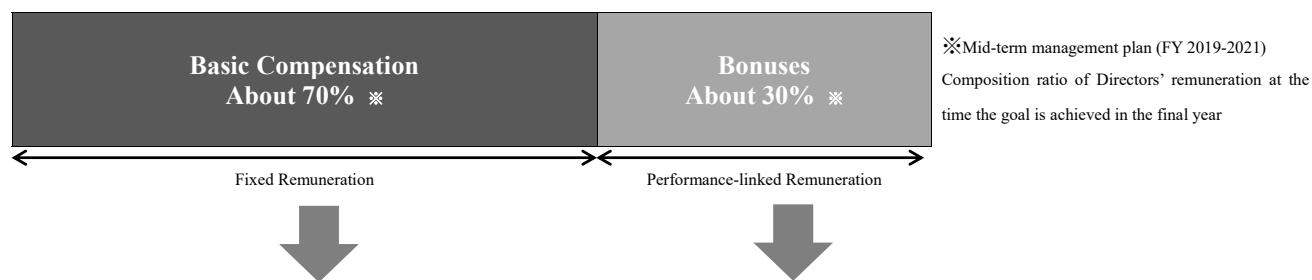
【Appendix (1)】 Corporate Governance Structure



【Appendix (2)】 Company's internal structure regarding timely disclosure



【Appendix (3)】 Conceptual diagram of the Remunerations of Directors



Based on the factors for determination described below, the Company will change the amount of remuneration when it is determinable that the Company's position has changed from a comprehensive and medium- to long-term perspective..

Factors for Determination	Major Indicators
Company's Size	Sales revenue
	Total assets
	Market capitalization
Earnings Capacity	Current income (belonging to the parent company)
	ROE
	ROI
	D/E ratio
Outside Evaluations	Credit ratings
	ESG index selected by GPIF

*The amount to be paid to each person will be determined by each position.

The amount of bonuses will be determined by the calculation formula based on the following consolidated performance indicator.

Consolidated Performance Indicator	Core operating profit plus Financial profit and loss			
Calculation Formula	consolidated performance indicator	×	coefficient	*1

*1 The Company will arrange so that the higher the position, the larger the coefficient will be

*2 If a consolidated performance indicator does not exceed a particular level, bonuses will not be paid