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(Stock Exchange Code 4587) September 4, 2019

To Shareholders with Voting Rights:

Patrick Reid Representative Director, President PeptiDream Inc. 3-25-23 Tonomachi, Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki City, Kanagawa

## **NOTICE OF**

# THE 13th ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Dear Shareholders:

We would like to express our appreciation for your continued support and patronage.

You are cordially invited to attend the 13th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of PeptiDream Inc. (the "Company"). The meeting will be held for the purposes as described below.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can exercise your voting rights in writing using the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form or via the Internet. In such case, please review the attached Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, and exercise your voting rights by the close of business (5:30 p.m.) on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, Japan time.

Shareholders intending to exercise their voting rights via the Internet may do so by following the guidance on page 2 "Exercise voting rights via the Internet."

1.	Date and Time:	Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Japan time			
2.	Place:	Prince Room, B1F Grand Prince Hotel Takanawa, 3-13-1 Takanawa, Minato-ku, Tokyo			
3.	Agenda:				
	Matters to be reported:	e <b>reported:</b> The Business Report and Financial Statements for the Company's 13th Fiscal Year (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)			
	Proposals to be resolved				
	Proposal 1:	Partial Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation			
	Proposal 2:	Election of 4 Directors (Excluding Directors Appointed as Audit and			
		Supervisory Committee Members)			
	Proposal 3:	Election of 3 Directors Appointed as Audit and Supervisory Committee			
		Members			
4.	Other matters	Of the documents to be provided concurrently with this Notice of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, "6. Structures to Ensure Proper Execution of Business Operations and Operational Status of the Structures" as discussed in the Business Report and Notes to Financial Statements are not included in this Notice but are presented on the Company's website (https://www.peptidream.com/ir/ *Japanese only) in accordance with the laws and regulations, and Article 17 of the Company's Articles of Incorporation. The Business Report and Financial Statements audited by Audit and Supervisory Committee and Accounting Auditor are the documents accompanying this Notice, "6. Structures to Ensure Proper Execution of Business Operations and Operational Status of the Structures" in the Business Report and Notes to Financial Statements which are presented on the Company's website.			

# **Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders**

#### **Proposals and References**

Proposal 1: Partial Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

### 1. Reasons for the amendment

- (1) The Company proposes to make necessary amendments to Article 2 (Purpose) of the current Articles of Incorporation to respond to the diversification of business in the future.
- (2) While the fiscal year of the Company thus far has been the period from July 1 each year to June 30 the following year, we decided that it was reasonable to follow the majority of our business partners in adopting a fiscal year ending December 31 as the generally accepted international practice, in view of the future possibility of receiving sales-based royalty and with a view to further strengthening our relationship with those partners through a range of collaborations. Therefore, the fiscal year of the Company shall be changed to a period from January 1 to December 31 each year. In line with the aforementioned decision, the Company proposes to make partial amendments to Article 12 (Record Date for Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders), Article 36 (Fiscal Year) and Article 38 (Record Date for Distribution of Surplus), as needed. At the same time, in line with the change in the timing of account closing, the 14th Fiscal Year shall comprise a period of six months between July 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019, for which we propose to establish supplementary provisions for the purpose of transitional measures.

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### 2. Contents of the amendments

Contents of the amendments are as follows.

		(The amendments are underlined.)		
Current	Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments		
CHAPTER	I. GENERAL PROVISIONS	CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS		
Article 1 (Omit	tted)	Article 1	(Unchanged)	
(Purpose)		(Purpose)		
Article 2 The to er (1)	purpose of the Company shall be ngage in the following businesses: Research and development of various types of biological substances and chemical substances, such as pharmaceuticals, pesticides, veterinary medicines, industrial chemicals, quasi-drugs, reagents, diagnostic agents, cosmetics, foods, food additives and fertilizers, and the undertaking thereof Development, manufacture and sale of various types of biological substances and chemical substances, such as pharmaceuticals, pesticides, veterinary medicines, industrial chemicals, quasi-drugs, reagents, diagnostic agents, cosmetics, foods, food additives and fertilizers and chemical substances, such as pharmaceuticals, pesticides, veterinary medicines, industrial chemicals, quasi-drugs, reagents, diagnostic agents, cosmetics, foods, food additives and fertilizers	Article 2	<ul> <li>The purpose of the Company shall be to engage in the following businesses:</li> <li>(1) Research and development of various types of biological substances and chemical substances, such as pharmaceuticals, pesticides, veterinary medicines, industrial chemicals, quasi-drugs, reagents, diagnostic agents, cosmetics, foods, food additives and fertilizers, and the undertaking thereof</li> <li>(2) Development, manufacture and sale of various types of biological substances and chemical substances, such as pharmaceuticals, pesticides, veterinary medicines, industrial chemical substances and chemical substances, such as pharmaceuticals, pesticides, veterinary medicines, industrial chemicals, quasi-drugs, reagents, diagnostic agents, cosmetics, foods, food additives and fertilizers</li> </ul>	

Curren		Pr	oposed Amendments	
(3)	intellectual property rights to fundamental technologies related to various types of biological		(3)	Assignment and licensing of intellectual property rights to fundamental technologies related to various types of biological substances and chemical
	substances and chemical substances, such as pharmaceuticals, pesticides, veterinary medicines, industrial chemicals, quasi-drugs, reagents,			substances, such as pharmaceuticals, pesticides, veterinary medicines, industrial chemicals, quasi-drugs, reagents,
	diagnostic agents, cosmetics, foods, food additives and fertilizers			diagnostic agents, cosmetics, foods, food additives and fertilizers
(4)	Contracted research related to subjects ranging from the information analysis of genes and proteins to drug development, and consulting services thereof		(4)	Contracted research related to subjects ranging from the information analysis of genes and proteins to drug development, and consulting services thereof
(5)	Production and sale of software and database related to the information analysis of genes and proteins, and consulting services thereof		(5)	Production and sale of software and database related to the information analysis <u>and</u> <u>production</u> of genes and proteins, and consulting services thereof
(6)	Manufacture and sale of equipment for the functional analysis of genes and proteins		(6)	Manufacturing and sale of equipment for the functional analysis <u>and production</u> of genes and proteins
(7)	Manufacture and sale of equipment for diagnosis of pathological conditions by genes and proteins		(7)	Manufacture and sale of equipment for diagnosis of pathological conditions by genes and proteins
(8)	Development, manufacture, sale and export and import of biotechnology-related medical equipment, etc.		(8)	Development, manufacture <u>and</u> sale of biotechnology-related medical equipment, etc.
(9)	Consulting services related to biotechnology		(9)	Consulting services related to biotechnology
	Administration, sale and purchase and lease of real estate			Administration, sale and purchase and lease of real estate
(11	) Warehousing business, shipping business and freight forwarding agency		(11)	Warehousing business, shipping business and freight forwarding agency
	) Operation of cafeteria and coffee shops		. ,	Operation of cafeteria and coffee shops
<u>(13</u>	) Any and all businesses incidental to any of the foregoing items		<u>(13)</u>	Work in areas including general affairs, accounting and purchasing, along with contracted work in the areas of human
				resources and labor management Export and import concerning any of the foregoing items Any and all businesses incidental to any of the foregoing items
Article 3   (Or Article 11	nitted)	Article 3   Article 11	(Un	changed)

C	urrent Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments		
	ate for Ordinary General Meeting of	(Record D	Pate for Ordinary General Meeting of	
Shareholde	rs) Record date for voting rights at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company shall be	Shareholde Article 12	Record date for voting rights at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company shall be	
	June 30 each year.		December 31 each year.	
Article 13   Article 35	(Omitted)	Article 13	(Unchanged)	
(Fiscal Yea Article 36	r) Fiscal year of the Company shall begin on July 1 each year and end on June 30 the following year.	(Fiscal Yea Article 36	r) Fiscal year of the Company shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 each year.	
Article 37	(Omitted)	Article 37	(Unchanged)	
(Record Da Article 38	te for Distribution of Surplus) The record date for payment of year-end dividends shall be <u>June 30</u>	(Record Da Article 38	ate for Distribution of Surplus) The record date for payment of year-end dividends shall be <u>December</u>	
2.	each year. The record date for payment of interim dividends shall be <u>December 31</u> of each year.	2.	<u>31</u> each year. The record date for payment of interim dividends shall be <u>June 30</u> of each year.	
3.	In addition to the provisions of the above two Paragraphs, the Company may distribute surplus by specifying any other record date.	3.	5	
Article 39	(Omitted)	Article 39	(Unchanged)	
SUPPLEM	ENTARY PROVISIONS	SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS		
Article 1	(Omitted)	Article 1	(Unchanged)	
	(New)	(Transition Fiscal Year Article 2	al Measures concerning the Length of Notwithstanding the provisions in Article 36 (Fiscal Year), the 14th Fiscal Year shall comprise a period of six months between July 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019.	
	(New)	(Partial De Article 3	letion of Supplementary Provisions)Article 2 and Article 3 of the supplementary provisions shall be deleted at the conclusion of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders concerning the 14th Fiscal Year.	

**Proposal 2:** Election of 4 Directors (Excluding Directors Appointed as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)

The terms of office of all 4 Directors (excluding Directors appointed as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members; hereinafter the same shall apply to this Proposal) will expire at the end of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

Accordingly, the Company proposes the election of 4 Directors.

The candidates are as follows:

No.	Name (Date of birth)		Past experience, positions, responsibilities and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
1	Kiichi Kubota (April 10, 1953)	April 1976 July 1978 November 2000 April 2001 July 2006 September 2017 September 2017	Joined NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD. Joined Special Reference Laboratories, Inc. (current SRL, Inc.) Founding Senior Managing Director of JGS, Inc. Chief Executive Officer of JGS, Inc. Founding President of the Company Founding President of PeptiStar Inc. Representative Director, Chairman of the Company (to present)	14,286,400
2	Patrick Reid (January 14, 1975)	August 2003 April 2004 January 2005 April 2006 January 2007 August 2008 May 2012 September 2012 July 2014 September 2017	NRSA Post-doctoral Fellow of Dartmouth Medical School Project Associate Professor of Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo Visiting Associate Professor of Center for Collaborative Research, the University of Tokyo Project Associate Professor of Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo Joined the Company Director of the Company Director and General Manager of Scientific Department of the Company Senior Vice President and General Manager of Scientific Department of the Company Senior Vice President, Head of Research & Development of the Company Representative Director, President of the Company (to present)	4,300,000
3	Keiichi Masuya (April 2, 1969)	April 1998 September 2001 April 2006 November 2008 July 2014 September 2015 March 2018 October 2018	Joined Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation Joined Novartis Pharma K.K. Joined Novartis International AG Head of PPI Drug Discovery and Novartis Leading Scientist of Novartis Pharma AG General Manager of Scientific Department of the Company Director and Vice President, Head of Chemistry of the Company Director and Executive Vice President of the Company Director and Executive Vice President of the Company Director and Executive Vice President of the Company (no change to English title) (to present)	0
4	Kiyofumi Kaneshiro (August 16, 1977)	April 2003 April 2005 April 2006 January 2016 January 2018 October 2018	Research Fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (DC) Researcher at Center for Collaborative Research, the University of Tokyo Joined The Boston Consulting Group (BCG) Partner & Managing Director of BCG Executive Vice President of the Company Director and Executive Vice President of the Company (to present)	0

#### (Notes)

- 1. None of the above candidates has special interest in the Company.
- 2. Mr. Kiichi Kubota is the founder of the Company and has been leading its management with his strong leadership and executive ability based on his management skills and extensive experience and performance. In light of this, the Company believes that Mr. Kubota is capable of successfully fulfilling his duties as Director, with respect to the decision-making process of the Board of Directors.
- 3. Mr. Patrick Reid joined the Company shortly after its foundation and has been leading research and development operations. He is assuming the responsibility of management as a Director of the Company and has deep insight and ability. In light of this, the Company believes that Mr. Reid is capable of successfully fulfilling his duties as Director, with respect to the decision-making process of the Board of Directors.
- 4. Mr. Keiichi Masuya has a wealth of operational experience in the Scientific Department of the Company and deep insight in the field. In light of this, the Company believes that Mr. Masuya is capable of successfully fulfilling his duties as Director, with respect to the decision-making process of the Board of Directors.
- 5. Mr. Kiyofumi Kaneshiro has extensive experience in all aspects of management and a high level of insight. In light of this, the Company believes that Mr. Kaneshiro is capable of successfully fulfilling his duties as Director by utilizing his experience and insight, with respect to the decision-making process of the Board of Directors.

# Proposal 3: Election of 3 Directors Appointed as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members

The terms of office of all 3 Directors appointed as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members will expire at the end of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

Accordingly, the Company proposes the election of 3 Directors appointed as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members. The Audit and Supervisory Committee has previously given its approval for the submission of this proposal.

The candidates are as follows:

No.	Name (Date of birth)		Past experience, positions, responsibilities and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
1	Michio Sasaoka (July 16, 1949)	September 1978 October 1980 January 1988 November 2003 March 2007 August 2009 May 2012 September 2015	Postdoctoral Research Associate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology Joined Otsuka Chemical Co., Ltd. General Manager of Synthesis Research of Otsuka Chemical Co., Ltd. Director of Explorative Laboratory of Otsuka Chemical Co., Ltd. Managing Director of Otsuka Chemical Co., Ltd. Adviser of Otsuka Chemical Co., Ltd. Corporate Auditor of the Company Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of the Company (to present)	200,000
2	Toshio Nagae (December 2, 1943)	April 1967 October 1970 June 1981 May 1997 January 2000 May 2003 June 2003 October 2005 January 2010 April 2014 September 2015 June 2017	Joined Shionogi & Co., Ltd. Joined ICI-Pharma Ltd. (current AstraZeneca K.K.) Joined Schering-Plough K.K. (current MSD K.K.) Joined Rhône-Poulenc-Rorer K.K. (current Sanofi K.K.) Executive Officer of Aventis Pharma K.K. (current Sanofi K.K.) President and Representative Director of CMIC-MPSS Co. Ltd. (current CMIC Ashfield Co., Ltd.) Concurrently served as President and Representative Director of PCN Co., Ltd. (current Healthclick Co., Ltd.) President and Representative Director of York Pharma K.K. Established Pharma Business Consultant, Representative (to present) Visiting Professor of Gifu Pharmaceutical University (to present) Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of the Company (to present) Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of Human	7,600
3	Yukinori Hanafusa (May 10, 1975)	(Significant concu	Metabolome Technologies, Inc. (to present) Joined Aoyama Audit Corporation Registered as a Certified Public Accountant Founding Representative Director of Accounting Works Co., Ltd. (to present) Corporate Auditor of Tottori Gas Co., Ltd. (to present) Auditor of Tottori Gakuen (to present) Corporate Auditor of Zen Inc. (to present) Corporate Auditor of ARCLAND SERVICE CO., LTD. Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of ARCLAND SERVICE CO., LTD. (to present) Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of the Company (to present) Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of GIFT INC. (to present) prent positions) rector of Accounting Works Co., Ltd.	0

#### (Notes)

- 1. None of the above candidates has special interest in the Company.
- 2. Mr. Michio Sasaoka, Professor Toshio Nagae and Mr. Yukinori Hanafusa are candidates for Outside Directors. The Company has selected its candidates for Independent Outside Directors based on the Independence Standards set forth by the Tokyo Stock Exchange. The Company has appointed Mr. Sasaoka, Professor Nagae and Mr. Hanafusa as Independent Directors based on the provisions of the Tokyo Stock Exchange and filed them with the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
- 3. Mr. Sasaoka has extensive experience and broad perspective as an entrepreneur and provided valuable and impartial advice to the management of the Company as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member. Therefore, the Company believes that Mr. Sasaoka is capable of successfully fulfilling his duties as Outside Director. Mr. Sasaoka is an active Outside Director appointed as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member of the Company and his term of office as Outside Director appointed as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member will be four years at the conclusion of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 4. Professor Nagae has extensive experience and broad perspective as an entrepreneur and provided valuable and impartial advice to the management of the Company as an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member. Therefore, the Company believes that Professor Nagae is capable of successfully fulfilling his duties as Outside Director. Professor Nagae is an active Outside Director appointed as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member of the Company and his term of office as Outside Director appointed as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member will be four years at the conclusion of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 5. Mr. Hanafusa has extensive experience and a broad perspective as a Certified Public Accountant. Therefore, the Company believes that Mr. Hanafusa is capable of providing appropriate opinions, from a viewpoint of ensuring legality and appropriateness of the decision making process of the Company's business execution, as well as monitoring and supervising of the management by utilizing his experience and perspective. Mr. Hanafusa is an active Outside Director appointed as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member of the Company and his term of office as Outside Director appointed as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member will be two years at the conclusion of this Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 6. The Company has entered into an agreement with Mr. Sasaoka, Professor Nagae and Mr. Hanafusa to limit their liability for damages pursuant to Paragraph 1, Article 427 of the Companies Act. Subject to the approval of their reelection, the Company intends to extend the agreement with them. The maximum amount of liability for damages under this agreement shall be one million yen or the minimum statutory amount of liability, whichever is greater.