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(Securities code: 6653) March 11, 2025

### To Shareholders with Voting Rights:

Hidetoshi Soeda President and Representative Director Seiko Electric Co., Ltd. 7-25 Toko 2-chome, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City, Japan

#### NOTICE OF THE 121st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Dear Shareholders:

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

We hereby inform you that the 121st Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Seiko Electric Co., Ltd. (the "Company") (the "Meeting") will be held as described below. Your attendance will be appreciated. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can exercise your voting rights in writing or via the Internet.

Please review the attached Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders and exercise your voting rights by 5:30 p.m. (Japan time), on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. For details on how to exercise your voting rights, please see pages 3 and 4 of the Japanese version of this document.

1. Date and Time: Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Japan time

(The reception desk will open at 9:00 a.m.)

**2. Place:** Conference Room, Main Building 5F, Head Office, the Company

7-25 Toko 2-chome, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City, Japan

(Please refer to the venue map at the end of the documents (Japanese version

only).)

3. Meeting Agenda:

Matters to be reported: 1. The Business Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the

Company's 121st Fiscal Year (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024) and results of audits by the Accounting Auditor and the Audit and Supervisory Committee of the Consolidated Financial Statements

2. Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 121st Fiscal

Year (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024)

# **Proposals to be resolved:**

Proposal: Election of Nine (9) Directors (Excluding Directors Serving as Audit and

Supervisory Committee Members)

• If there is any revision to matters to be provided electronically, details of the revision will be posted on the websites of the Company and the TSE.

# Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders

## **Proposals and References**

Proposal: Election of Nine (9) Directors (Excluding Directors Serving as Audit and Supervisory

Committee Members)

The terms of office of nine (9) Directors (excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members; hereinafter, the same applies in Proposal.) will expire at the conclusion of the Meeting. Accordingly, to further strengthen corporate governance, the Company proposes an increase in the number of Outside Directors by one (1) and the election of nine (9) Directors (including five (5) Outside Directors), the majority of whose members are Outside Directors.

Each candidate for Director has been nominated at the Board of Directors meeting after deliberation at the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee.

This proposal was also reviewed by the Audit and Supervisory Committee and no particular opinions were raised.

The candidates for Directors are as follows.

No.	Name			Current positions and responsibilities at the Company and significant concurrent positions	Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings
1	Naonori Tsuchiya	Male [Reannointment]		Chairman and Representative Director Chairman of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee	100.0% 12/12
2	Hidetoshi Soeda	Male	[Reappointment]	President and Representative Director  Member of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee  (Outside Director serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member of Kyudenko Corporation)	100.0% 12/12
3	Tsutomu Male [Reappointment]		[Reappointment]	Director; Chief Operating Officer; General Manager of Corporate Planning and Development Division; Officer of CSR and Internal Control and Compliance	100.0% 12/12
4	Katsutoshi Arie	Male   Reappointment		Director; Chief Operating Officer; General Manager of Business Operation Overall Division; Division Chief of IT System Solutions Business Unit (President of Seiko IT Solution Co., Ltd.)	100.0% 12/12
5	Kozo Ishida	Male	[Reappointment] [Outside] [Independent]	Outside Director  Member of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee  (Corporate Fellow of HORIBA, Ltd.)  (External Director of ULVAC, Inc.)	100.0% 12/12
6	Shigeyuki Takasaki	Male	[Reappointment] [Outside] [Independent]	Outside Director  Member of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee  (Corporate Advisor of Nishi - Nippon Railroad Co., Ltd.)	100.0% 12/12

No.	Name			Current positions and responsibilities at the Company and significant concurrent positions	Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings
7	Reiko Aoki	Female	[Reappointment] [Outside] [Independent]	Outside Director  Member of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee  (CEO of DLC·GB Consulting Co., Ltd.)	100.0% 12/12
8	Katsumi Inazuki	Male	[New appointment] [Outside]	(Executive Vice President and Representative Director of Kyushu Electric Power Transmission and Distribution Co., Inc.)	_
9	Akiko Kato	Female	[New appointment] [Outside] [Independent]	(Executive Director, Secretary General of Japan Future Leaders School) (Partner Chair of AFS Intercultural Programs, Japan) (Program Advisor of The Kyushu-Asia Institute of Leadership) (Outside Director of Kyushu Leasing Service Co., Ltd.)	_

No.	Name (Date of birth) Gender	Care	Number of shares of the Company held	
1	Naonori Tsuchiya (May 5, 1945) Male [Reappointment]	April 1969 August 1981 December 1985 March 1987 November 1994 June 1995 June 1997 June 2005 March 2008 March 2013	Joined Hitachi, Ltd. Joined the Company Director; Deputy Factory Manager Director; General Manager of Sales Division Director; Factory Manager Managing Director; Factory Manager President and Representative Director Chairman and Representative Director Chief Corporate Adviser Chairman and Representative Director (to present)	277,688 shares

[Reason for nomination as candidate for Director]

Mr. Naonori Tsuchiya has been involved in the core of the business of the Company for many years. He also has a wide range of knowledge and insight acquired through interactions with people outside the Company in related industries and the business circle.

In addition, since 2013, he has played an appropriate role as Representative Director, making decisions on important management matters, supervising business execution, etc.

In light of the above background and as a result of comprehensive consideration of his experience, knowledge, and insight, the Company has nominated him again as a candidate for Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth) Gender	Car	Number of shares of the Company held	
		April 1978	Joined the Company	
		January 2008	Executive Officer	
		March 2010	President of Seiko Social Infrastructure System Company Senior Executive Officer of the Company	
			President of Seiko Social Infrastructure System Company	
		March 2011	Senior Executive Officer; General Manager of Tokyo Office of the Company President of Seiko Social Infrastructure System Company	
	50	March 2012	Director; Senior Executive Officer; General Manager of Tokyo Office of the Company President of Seiko Social Infrastructure System Company	
	NO 7	March 2013	Director; Senior Executive Officer; General Manager of Sales Operation and Management Division; General Manager of Tokyo Office of the Company	53,137 shares
2	Hidetoshi Soeda (March 20, 1955) Male	March 2015	Director; Chief Operating Officer; General Manager of Sales Operation and Management Division; General Manager of Tokyo Office	
	[Reappointment]	March 2018	President and Representative Director; General Manager of Sales Operation and Management Division	
		March 2019	President and Representative Director (to present)	
		June 2021	Outside Audit and Supervisory Board Member of Kyudenko Corporation	
		June 2022	Outside Director serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Member (to present)	
		[Significant con-	current position]	
		Outside Director	serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee	
		Member of Kyu		

[Reason for nomination as candidate for Director]

Mr. Hidetoshi Soeda was appointed as Executive Officer in 2008, and has a wealth of experience cultivated primarily through execution of business in the fields of sales and overseas business, as well as a high level of insight into social and economic trends, among other matters.

In addition, since 2018, he has played an appropriate role as Representative Director, making decisions on important management matters, supervising business execution, etc.

In light of the above background and as a result of comprehensive consideration of his experience, knowledge, and insight, the Company has nominated him again as a candidate for Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth) Gender	Care	Number of shares of the Company held	
3	Tsutomu Tanaka (October 25, 1961) Male  [Reappointment]	April 1985 March 2010 May 2010 March 2012 March 2019 [Currently servin		40,370 shares
	[Reappointment]	Officer of CSR an		

[Reason for nomination as candidate for Director]

Mr. Tsutomu Tanaka was appointed as Executive Officer in 2010, and has a wealth of experience cultivated primarily through execution of business in the fields of accounting, finance, CSR, internal control, and compliance, as well as a prominent level of insight into social and economic trends, among other matters.

In addition, he has been involved in the management of the Company since assuming the office of Director in 2012.

In light of the above background and as a result of comprehensive consideration of his experience, knowledge,

and insight, the Company has nominated him again as a candidate for Director.

		April 1985	Joined the Company	
		March 2005	Director; Department Manager of Solutions	
			Services Department of Seiko IT Solution Co., Ltd.	
	4500	January 2006	Executive Officer; Division Manager of IT	
			Solution Division of the Company	
	No.	January 2006	President of Seiko IT Solution Co., Ltd. (to	
			present)	
		March 2010	Director; Senior Executive Officer; Division	
			Manager of IT Solution Division of the Company	
		April 2013	Director; Senior Executive Officer; Division Chief	41,850
			of IT System Solutions Business Unit	shares
		March 2019	Chief Operating Officer; Division Chief of IT	Shares
	Katsutoshi Arie	1 2022	System Solutions Business Unit	
4	(March 20, 1963)	March 2023	Director; Chief Operating Officer; Division Chief	
-	Male	M 1 2024	of IT System Solutions Business Unit	
	1/10/10	March 2024	Director; Chief Operating Officer; General	
			Manager of Business Operation Overall Division	
	[Reappointment]		and Division Chief of IT System Solutions	
			Business Unit (to present)	
		[Significant con-	current position]	
		President of Seil	co IT Solution Co., Ltd.	
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[Reason for nomination as candidate for Director]

Mr. Katsutoshi Arie was appointed as Executive Officer in 2006, and has a wealth of experience cultivated primarily through execution of business in the field of information technology, as well as a prominent level of insight into social and economic trends, among other matters.

In addition, he has been involved in the management of the Company since assuming the office of Director in 2023. In light of the above background and as a result of comprehensive consideration of his experience, knowledge, and insight, the Company has nominated him again as a candidate for Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth) Gender	Care	Number of shares of the Company held	
		March 1970	Joined HORIBA, Ltd.	
		June 1982	General Manager of Product Department I, Development and Sales Division	
		March 1985	Director and President of HORIBA Europe GmbH (Germany)	
		June 1988	Director of HORIBA, Ltd.	
	-	June 1991	Managing Director	
		June 1996	Senior Managing Director	
	Kozo Ishida (November 4, 1944)	July 2001	Director and President (CEO) of HORIBA SAS (currently HORIBA ABX SAS) (France)	
		June 2002	Executive Vice President of HORIBA, Ltd.	
		June 2005	Executive Vice President and Representative Director	1,500 shares
	Male	March 2014	Executive Vice Chairman	
5	[Doonnointmont]	March 2016	Senior Advisor	
5	[Reappointment] [Outside]	September 2016	External Director of ULVAC, Inc. (to present)	
	[Independent]	November 2016	Corporate Adviser of the Company	
	[macpendent]	March 2017	Outside Director (to present)	
	[Years served as	April 2018	Fellow of HORIBA, Ltd.	
	Outside Director]	April 2021 Corporate Fellow (to present)		
	8 years	[Significant concu	-	
		_	of HORIBA, Ltd.	
		External Director	of ULVAC, Inc.	

Mr. Kozo Ishida has overseas business experience and technical knowledge cultivated through business experience at HORIBA, Ltd. In addition, the Company expects him to play an appropriate role in matters, such as supervising the management team through his involvement in their nomination and compensation as a member of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee, which is a voluntary committee. The Company has thus nominated him again as a candidate for Outside Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth) Gender	Ca	Career summary, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions		
		April 1980	Joined Nishi-Nippon Railroad Co., Ltd.		
		July 2005	General Manager of Planning Department		
		July 2006	General Manager of Corporate Planning Department, Corporate Planning Division		
	60	June 2008	Director of the Board and Executive Officer; General Manager of Corporate Planning Division		
	Shigeyuki Takasaki (January 7, 1955) Male  [Reappointment] [Outside] [Independent]	June 2011	Director of the Board and Managing Executive Officer; Director of Urban Development Business Division		
		June 2014	Director of the Board and Senior Managing Executive Officer; Director of Housing Business Division		
		June 2015	Director of the Board and Senior Managing Executive Officer; Director of Hotel Business Division	0 shares	
6		June 2017	CEO and Senior Managing Executive Officer; Director of Town Development Promotion Division		
0		April 2019	CEO and Senior Managing Executive Officer; Director of Urban Development Business Division		
		April 2020	Director of the Board		
	[Years served as	April 2020	President of School Foundation Nishitetsu Gakuen		
	Outside Director]	June 2020	Corporate Advisor of Nishi-Nippon Railroad Co., Ltd. (to present)		
	4 years	March 2021	Outside Director of the Company (to present)		
		[Significant con			
		Corporate Advi			

Mr. Shigeyuki Takasaki has been involved in the management of Nishi-Nippon Railroad Co., Ltd. for many years, and has a wealth of experience and a wide range of knowledge and insight regarding corporate planning and business strategy. In addition, the Company expects him to play an appropriate role in matters, such as supervising the management team through his involvement in their nomination and compensation as a member of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee, which is a voluntary committee. The Company has thus nominated him again as a candidate for Outside Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth) Gender	Can	Number of shares of the Company held	
No. 7		April 1984 April 1990 January 1999 April 2004 April 2004 April 2007 July 2008 May 2016 March 2021	Joined Fukuoka Prefectural Government Advisor for Exchange with China of Fukuoka Prefecture President of Beijing Great Wall Circle Vision Theater (Japan-China joint venture) CEO of DLC Japan China Business Consulting Co., Ltd. (currently DLC·GB Consulting Co., Ltd.) (to present) Adjunct Lecturer of Faculty of Economics, Fukuoka University Lecturer of Waseda University China School Head of Fukuoka International Student Support Center Representative Director and Chairman of Jindesign Co., Ltd. (to present) Outside Director of the Company (to present)	
	[Outside] [Independent]	[Significant concurrent position] CEO of DLC·GB Consulting Co., Ltd.		
	[Years served as Outside Director] 4 years			

Ms. Reiko Aoki has experience and knowledge cultivated by working as a consultant at a consulting firm operating primarily in China for many years. In addition, the Company expects her to play an appropriate role in matters, such as providing advice and recommendations from the perspective of diversity and supervising the management team through her involvement in their nomination and compensation as a member of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee, which is a voluntary committee. The Company has thus nominated her again as a candidate for Outside Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth) Gender	C	Number of shares of the Company held	
8	Katsumi Inazuki (July 25, 1966) Male  [New appointment] [Outside]  [Years served as Outside Director] —	- 0	Joined Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc.  Manager of Power Generation and Transformation Department, Kagoshima Power Generation Facilities, Power Transmission and Transformation Control Division; Kagoshima Branch Office Assigned to Corporate Planning Division; Seconded to the Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan Manager of Plan Management Group, Transmission and System Operation Division Head of Facilities Planning Group, Corporate Planning Division Deputy General Manager of Transmission and System Operation Division; Head of Plan Management Group, Transmission and Distribution Company Assigned to Transmission and Distribution Company; Seconded to the Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan Assigned to Power Transmission and Transformation Division of Kyushu Electric Power Transmission and Distribution Co., Inc.; Seconded to the Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan General Manager of Power System Technology Division (Engineering Planning) Executive Vice President and Representative Director; General Manager of Power System Technology Division (to present) neurrent position]	Company held  0 shares
			re President and Representative Director of Kyushu Transmission and Distribution Co., Inc.	

Mr. Katsumi Inazuki has a prominent level of expertise based on his wealth of practical experience cultivated primarily through execution of business in the power transmission and corporate planning divisions at Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc. and Kyushu Electric Power Transmission and Distribution Co., Inc. In addition, he possesses an excellent character and exceptional insight. The Company expects him to contribute to strengthening the supervisory function of business execution and provide advice and recommendations from a broad management perspective. The Company has thus nominated him as a new candidate for Outside Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth) Gender	Car	Number of shares of the Company held	
9		Executive Direct Partner Chair, A	Joined The Mainichi Newspapers Co., Ltd. Correspondent, Hong Kong Branch Researcher, Global Security Research Institute, Keio University Secretary-General, Japan Future Leaders School Visiting Researcher, Waseda University Institute of Public Policy and Researcher, Institute for Indian Economic Studies Executive Director, Secretary-General, Japan Future Leaders School (to present) Program Advisor, The Kyushu-Asia Institute of Leadership (to present) Advisor, Asia Strategy, RKB MAINICHI BROADCASTING CORPORATION Partner Chair, AFS Intercultural Programs, Japan (to present) Outside Director, Kyushu Leasing Service Co., Ltd. (to present) current positions] for, Secretary-General, Japan Future Leaders School FS Intercultural Programs, Japan r, The Kyushu-Asia Institute of Leadership	Company held
	[D f	1	Kyushu Leasing Service Co., Ltd.	

Ms. Akiko Kato has a wealth of experience as a newspaper journalist and a global researcher as well as in human resources development, and broad insight backed by such experience. In addition, the Company expects her to play an appropriate role in matters, such as supervising the management team through her involvement in their nomination and compensation as a member of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee, which is a voluntary committee. The Company has thus nominated her as a new candidate for Outside Director.

#### Notes

- 1. Mr. Katsumi Inazuki is Executive Vice President and Representative Director of Kyushu Electric Power Transmission and Distribution Co., Inc., with which the Company makes business transactions of selling products (related to power equipment). In addition, in the past ten years, he executed business at Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc., which is a specified associated service provider (major business partner) of the Company. His positions and responsibilities were as described on page 11.
- 2. There are no special interests between any of the other candidates for Directors and the Company.
- 3. Messrs. Kozo Ishida, Shigeyuki Takasaki, and Katsumi Inazuki, and Mses. Reiko Aoki and Akiko Kato are candidates for Outside Directors.
- 4. The Company has concluded agreements with Outside Directors to limit their liability for damages under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. The maximum amount of their liability for damages under the agreements is the minimum amount stipulated in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. If this proposal is approved as originally proposed, the Company plans to continue the same agreements with Messrs. Kozo Ishida and Shigeyuki Takasaki and Ms. Reiko Aoki, and to enter into the same agreements with Mr. Katsumi Inazuki and Ms. Akiko Kato.
- 5. In order to ensure the independence of Outside Officers, in addition to the standards stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the Fukuoka Stock Exchange, the Company has established its own criteria for determining independence of Outside Officers (as described on page 17). Messrs. Kozo Ishida and Shigeyuki Takasaki, and Mses. Reiko Aoki and Akiko Kato meet these criteria, and the Company has registered them with each of the stock exchanges as independent officers.
- 6. Ms. Akiko Kato's name on the family register is Akiko Fujii.
- 7. The Company has concluded a directors and officers liability insurance agreement provided for in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act with an insurance company. In the event of a claim for damages submitted by a shareholder or a third party, etc., the said insurance agreement shall compensate for damages

including compensation for damages and legal expenses to be borne by the insureds. If this proposal is approved, and the candidates assume the office of Director, they will become the insureds under the said insurance agreement. The Company plans to renew the said insurance agreement during their terms of office.

(Reference)

#### 1. Skill matrix of Directors under the new management structure

The Board of Directors of the Company has identified important skills for company management as follows and expects Directors to fully demonstrate their abilities.

First, skills of "corporate management," "finance/accounting," "legal/risk management," "technology/manufacture/R&D," "sales/marketing," and "personnel affairs/HR development" are the basis for each and every judgment in company management.

Furthermore, in order to steadily solve social issues through the use of digital technologies and promote sustainability management according to the Mid-term Management Plan (SEIKO IC2026), skills of "global" and "innovation" are also required.

If the proposal is approved at the Meeting, the skill matrix of Directors under the new management structure will be as shown on the next page.

#### ■ Evaluation of effectiveness of the Board of Directors —

The Company evaluates the effectiveness of the Board of Directors through questionnaire surveys with all Directors, including Outside Directors, and reports the aggregated and analyzed results to the Board of Directors.

In evaluating the effectiveness, the Company uses the skill matrix presented on the next page.

In fiscal 2024, the evaluation was performed in November and December and reported to the Board of Directors in December. The Board of Directors has concluded that it is appropriately performing its functions in general, such as collecting information, discussing from a multi-faceted perspective, making decisions on important matters, and monitoring business execution, and that the effectiveness of the Board of Directors is being ensured.

The Company will continue to make further improvements and work to increase the effectiveness of the Board of Directors.

				A	Areas of exper	tise particular	ly expected of	of the Directors	S	
Name	Gender	Positions and responsibilities at the Company (Planned)	Corporate management	Finance /Accounting	Legal /Risk management	Technology/ Manufacture /R&D	Sales /Marketing	Personnel affairs/HR development	Global	Innovation
Naonori Tsuchiya	Male	Chairman and Representative Director Chairman of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee	•			•	•		•	•
Hidetoshi Soeda	Male	President and Representative Director Member of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee	•			•	•		•	•
Tsutomu Tanaka	Male	Director; Chief Operating Officer; General Manager of Corporate Planning and Development Division; Officer of CSR and Internal Control and Compliance		•	•			•		
Katsutoshi Arie	Male	Director; Chief Operating Officer; General Manager of Sales Operation and Management Division; General Manager of Tokyo Office	•			•	•		•	•
Kozo Ishida	Male	Independent Outside Director Member of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee	•			•	•		•	•
Shigeyuki Takasaki	Male	Independent Outside Director Member of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee	•			•	•		•	•
Reiko Aoki	Female	Independent Outside Director Member of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee	•				•	•	•	
Katsumi Inazuki	Male	Outside Director	•			•	•		•	•
Akiko Kato	Female	Independent Outside Director Member of the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee					•	•	•	•
Hiroshi Niiro	Male	Director Audit and Supervisory Committee Member (Full-time)	•	•	•				•	
Katsunori Takada	Male	Independent Outside Director Audit and Supervisory Committee Member (Full-time)	•	•	•					
Makoto Kondo	Male	Independent Outside Director Audit and Supervisory Committee Member			•				•	

(Note) This matrix does not present all skills possessed by Directors.

#### 2. Policies and procedures for nominating candidates for Directors

In order to ensure the objectivity and transparency of the functions of the Board of Directors and to further strengthen the corporate governance system, the Company has established a Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee, the majority of whose members are independent Outside Directors.

In nominating candidates for Directors, taking into consideration the following selection criteria and the concepts regarding the composition of the Board of Directors and the Audit and Supervisory Committee, the Board of Directors meeting makes decisions, after deliberation at the Nomination & Compensation Advisory Committee and obtaining consent from the Audit and Supervisory Committee with regard to candidates for Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members.

## <Criteria for selecting candidates for Directors>

- 1) Candidates for Directors (excluding Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)
  - Candidates for Internal Directors shall have a wealth of experience as corporate managers, a prominent level of insight into social and economic trends, among other matters, and diverse perspectives.
  - Candidates for Outside Directors shall be able to provide advice on management of the company in general based on a broad range of knowledge and insight, and a wide variety of experience.
- 2) Candidates for Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members
  - Candidates for Internal Directors shall be highly knowledgeable about the company's business and operations in general, and be able to monitor and supervise the management of the company in general and provide effective advice.
  - Candidates for Outside Directors shall have a wealth of experience and broad insights in areas such as the law, finance and accounting, and corporate management, and be able to monitor and supervise the management of the company in general and provide effective advice.

#### <Concepts regarding the composition of the Board of Directors>

- In order to ensure the balance and diversity of knowledge, experience, and abilities of the Board of Directors as a whole, the Board of Directors shall be composed of Outside Directors and Internal Directors. As for the size of the Board of Directors, the number of its members shall be such that its functions can be performed most effectively and efficiently (12 or fewer Directors not serving as Audit and Supervisory Committee Members and four or fewer Directors serving as Audit and Supervisory Members).
- Independent Outside Directors making up at least one-third of the Board of Directors shall be appointed, including persons who have management experience at other companies.

### <Concepts regarding the composition of the Audit and Supervisory Committee>

• The Audit and Supervisory Committee shall consist of members with appropriate experience and abilities as well as the necessary knowledge of finance, accounting, and legal affairs. In particular, at least one person shall have sufficient knowledge on and insight into finance and accounting.

## 3. Criteria for determining independence of Outside Officers

The Company determines that an Outside Officer is independent unless he/she falls under any of the following items.

The Outside Officer himself/herself, or his/her spouse or relative within the second degree of kinship is:

- (1) A person who currently executes business of the Company or its group company or a person who executed business of the Company or its group company during a period of ten years prior to his/her appointment
- (2) A person who executes business of a corporation, etc. which is a business partner of the Company and which made a payment to the Company in any of the three most recently ended fiscal years of the Company of an amount exceeding 3% of the consolidated net sales of the Company for the relevant fiscal year or a person who executes business of a financial institution which is essential for the Company's fund raising and on which the Company is dependent to the extent that it has no alternative
- (3) A person who executes business of a corporation, etc. of which the Company is a business partner and which received a payment from the Company in any of the three most recently ended fiscal years of the Company of an amount exceeding 5% of the consolidated net sales of the corporation for its respective most recently ended fiscal year
- (4) A person who received compensation exceeding ¥10 million directly from the Company as a legal, accounting, or tax expert or consultant (excluding compensation received for serving as an officer of the Company) in any of the three most recently ended fiscal years of the Company (If the person who received the compensation is an organization, a person who belongs to the organization)
- (5) A person who belongs to an organization, etc. which received donations or subsidies of an amount exceeding ¥10 million per year from the Company in any of the three most recently ended fiscal years of the Company
- (6) A person who executes business of a corporation, etc. which is a shareholder of the Company who practically holds shares representing 10% or more of the Company's voting rights or a person who executed business of a corporation, etc. which is a shareholder of the Company who practically holds shares representing 10% or more of the Company's voting rights during a period of ten years prior to his/her appointment