# **Corporate Governance Report**

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The corporate governance of Japan Lifeline Co., Ltd. (hereafter "We", "Japan Lifeline" or "the Company") is described below. In the report, the Audit and Supervisory Committee and the Nomination and Remuneration Advisory Committee are abbreviated as "the AS Committee" and "the NRA Committee", respectively.

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

#### 1. Basic Views

Our mission is to contribute to a healthier society through cutting-edge medical technologies. As a company that deals in medical equipment, this mission expresses our desire to provide patients and medical professionals with superior medical devices and to enhance the corporate value by fulfilling our social role of realizing a healthy society. To meet the expectations and demands of the various stakeholders surrounding us, we believe that implementing initiatives for corporate sustainability will strengthen the foundation that enables sustainable growth over the medium-to long-term. In particular, we believe that securing effective functioning of corporate governance is key to the corporate sustainability. With efforts to strengthen our governance system, we will ensure the transparency and objectivity of management and build a management system that can respond quickly and accurately to changes in the business environment.

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

We are following all the principles of the corporate governance code.

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

#### [Principle 1-4]

In respect to investment securities the purpose of which is other than pure investment, our shareholding policy is as follows. Primarily it should help strengthen the expertise to which we cannot easily have access. Secondly, it should help us with the smooth execution and development of our businesses by building and strengthening relationships with business partners. For each individual shareholding case, the Investment Committee will regularly monitor and deliberate on the evaluation and continuation of the investment projects. The Board of Directors will examine annually the ongoing projects by confirming the merits of shareholding in terms of the Company's medium- to long-term business strategy, based on the outlook of the relationships with the invested companies. If we think any shareholding is not right at the Board of Directors meeting discussion, we will sell such shares from time to time to reduce the holdings. With

regards to the exercise of voting rights, we will decide whether to vote or not to vote after comprehensively considering the purpose of holding the voting rights mentioned above and the possibility of impairing the corporate value of such business partners.

#### [Principle 1-7]

We do transactions with related parties, such as directors and major shareholders, upon the approval of the Board of Directors. We also do a questionnaire-survey on related-party transactions with all the directors to confirm the existence of such transactions.

#### [Principle 2-4 (1)]

We believe that it is important to reflect diverse values in the management to enhance corporate value over the medium-to long-term. When appointing employees to management positions, we evaluate and decide based on their experience and abilities, regardless of gender, nationality, new graduates or mid-career hires.

Currently, the ratio of female managers in our group stands at 4.5%. We have set a medium to long-term target of improving this ratio to 15% by 2030. To achieve this target, we are implementing initiatives to promote women's advancement, including creating work environment where women can thrive, as well as executing measures for developing managerial personnel. However, under current circumstances, we anticipate this target will require considerable time, and we recognize the need for further acceleration of our efforts while continuing our current initiatives toward target achievement. Additionally, our group's management positions are filled by personnel with diverse experience, including 2.0% foreign nationals and 90.4% mid-career hires. While we have not set specific targets for foreign nationals and mid-career hires, we will consider establishing such targets as necessary in the future.

(Note: Figures are as of March 2025)

#### [Principle 2-6]

Since we have introduced a defined contribution pension plan, we are not involved in the management of corporate pension as asset owners. However, we provide newly registered employees with opportunities to learn about asset management.

#### [Principle 3-1]

(i) Management Philosophy, Strategy, and Plan We have posted our mission on the corporate website.

About Japan Lifeline: https://www.japanlifeline.com/the/

We have described our management plan in IR presentation materials for institutional investors and posted them in the IR section of our website.

IR: https://www.japanlifeline.com/investors/

(ii) Basic Concept and Policy on Corporate Governance

We have described our basic policies on corporate governance in this report and in the "Status of Corporate Governance" section of the annual securities report (available only in Japanese).

- (iii) Policies and Procedures for Determining Directors' Remuneration
- We have stated our policies and procedures for determining directors' remuneration in II. Business Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems regarding Decision-making, Execution of Business, and Oversight in Management, 1. Organizational Composition and Operation, [Incentives] and [Director Remuneration] in this report.
- (iv) Policies and Procedures for the Election and Dismissal of Senior Management and Nomination of Candidates for Directors

In nominating candidates for directors, the NRA Committee deliberates based on the following selection criteria, and the Board of Directors makes decisions after receiving a report from the NRA Committee. In nominating candidates for directors who are members of the AS Committee, the Board of Directors resolves after obtaining a prior consent of the AS Committee. If we find any of the following criteria for dismissal can apply during the subject director's term of office, the NRA Committee should deliberate on the matter and, upon receiving a report from the AS Committee, the Board of Directors will decide to start the dismissal procedure.

#### Appointment criteria

The candidate should

- Have excellent character and insight, as well as a high sense of ethics
- Be able to make appropriate decisions regarding overall management
- Be able to analyze and make decisions objectively from a company-wide perspective;
- Have excellent foresight, insight and leadership
- Have the knowledge, experience and expertise necessary for auditing (AS Committee members)

As for the succession plan for the CEO, the current President and CEO is discussing and deliberating with the members of the NRA Committee. In addition, the President and CEO takes the initiative in nurturing candidates for successors by providing them with opportunities to accumulate knowledge and experience through personnel changes and assigning them issues of high managerial importance. The NRA Committee will monitor the progress. Furthermore, the NRA Committee confirms the development status of the successor candidates by conducting a multifaceted evaluation on the annual basis.

#### Dismissal Criteria

Any candidate is subject to dismissal if

- He/she does material unlawful acts (against laws or the Articles of Incorporation)
- He/she deviates from the selection criteria significantly
- Other reasons than the above two arise that make it difficult for him/her to perform duties properly.
- (v) Explanation of Individual Elections and Dismissals When Selecting and Removing Management Executives and Nominating Candidates for Directors

We have stated the reason for the election of directors in the reference document for the General Meeting of Shareholders at the time of the proposal for election. Please see the following page on our website for more details.

https://www.japanlifeline.com/investors/library\_3.html

## [Supplementary Principle 3-1 (3)]

(i) Initiatives to Promote Sustainability at the Company

Our mission is "to contribute to a healthier society through cutting-edge medical technologies". We will work to solve social/healthcare issues through our business. Based on the idea that it is essential to meet the expectations and demands of our various stakeholders, we promote sustainability-related initiatives to achieve a sustainable goal over the medium- to long- term. We disclose our sustainability policy, promotion system, and initiatives in the sustainability section of our website.

Sustainability: https://www.japanlifeline.com/sustainability/

(ii) Investment in Human Capital and Intellectual Property

We consider human capital as fundamental to our management foundation. We have established as materiality topics "Diverse Talent Workplace Creation" and "Corporate Competitiveness Enhancement through Talent Development". We disclose our human capital initiatives on our Sustainability website. In addition, we have positioned "Continuous introduction of competitive products" as one of our key strategic priorities in our medium-term management plan, while establishing "Social Issue Resolution through Innovative Medical Devices" as a materiality topic. One of the themes under such topic will be "Research and Development and Technological Innovation" where we have set the number of patent applications as a

KPI to strengthen our intellectual property capabilities. For details, please refer to our Sustainability website.

(iii) The impact of climate change-related risks and opportunities on our business activities and earnings. We recognize the reduction of our environmental burden as one of the key issues of ours. We believe that climate change is one of the most important risks or opportunities that have much to do with our business continuity and its sustainable growth. On the sustainability section of our website, we disclose our climate change initiatives following the framework of TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures).

#### [Supplementary Principle 4-1 (1)]

The Board of Directors supervises important decision-making and execution by directors as stipulated in laws and regulations, and other matters are delegated to management. Each executive officer makes decisions on the execution of individual business operations following the provisions of Divisions of Duties Regulations and Administrative Authority Regulations.

### [Principle 4-9]

In appointing outside directors, we have established our own criteria, which follow the independence criteria stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, for determining the independence as below. We appoint independent outside directors after confirming they can perform their duties as outside directors from an independent standpoint meeting these standards.

Criteria for Determining the Independence of Outside Directors

We judge outside directors are independent with no risk of conflicts of interest with general shareholders if they do not fall under any of the following items.

- 1. Persons who have been executive directors, executive officers, or other employees. (hereinafter referred to as "Business Executors") of the Company or its subsidiaries (hereinafter referred to as "the JLL Group") at present or in the past 10 years
- 2. Persons or any company's Business Executors who have the JLL Group as a major business partner with the amount of transactions with the JLL Group in the most recent fiscal year more than two percent or more of such persons' or Business Executors' consolidated net sales
- 3. Major business partners of the JLL Group or their Business Executors with the amount of transactions with such business partners in the most recent fiscal year more than two percent or more of the JLL Group's consolidated net sales
- 4. Major lenders or their Business Executors to the JLL Group with the amount of the JLL Group's borrowings from such lenders exceeding two percent of the JLL's consolidated gross asset
- 5. Consultants, accounting experts, or legal experts who receive a large amount of money\* or other property from the JLL Group other than remuneration for their services as directors (if the person receiving such property is a corporation, the person belonging to such corporation.) (Note: the amount is judged as large if the amount of money or other assets exceeds, on average, 10 million yen per year for an individual, or two percent of the consolidated net sales of a corporation for the past three fiscal years)
- 6. A person or Business Executors of a corporation who hold 10 percent or more of the total voting rights of the Company
- 7. Business Executors of companies that have directors (whether full-time or part-time) from the JLL Group
- 8. Persons or any organization's Business Executors that have received donations or grants from the JLL Group more than 10 million yen per year in the most recent fiscal year.
- 9. The accounting auditor of the JLL Group or a person belonging to an auditing firm that is the accounting auditor of the JLL Group
- 10. Those who have fallen under any of 2 to 9 in the last one year

11. Close relative (spouse or relative within the second degree) of a person who falls under any of 1 through 9 (limited to a person in an important position such as directors other than outside directors, executive officers, or officers with equivalent authority)

#### [Supplementary Principle 4-10 (1)]

The Company's Board of Directors currently consists of 13 directors (including three AS Committee members), Five of whom are outside directors. We have established a voluntary NRA Committee as an advisory body to the Board of Directors. To ensure objectivity and transparency in procedures related to the nomination and remuneration of directors and AS Committee members, the highly independent Committee deliberates on the criteria for the election and dismissal of Directors and AS Committee members, the remuneration system, and other matters. For the purpose of increasing the independence of the AS Committee, the AS Committee now consists of five members, including three independent outside directors. One of the independent outside directors presides in the chair of the AS Committee.

#### [Supplementary Principle 4-11 (1)]

The Company's Board of Directors is composed of a maximum of 15 members (excluding those who are AS Committee members) and five directors who are members of the AS Committee as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, and the number of members who can engage in substantive discussions and swift decision-making considering the nature and size of the business. We will also ensure the diversity of its members, including gender, age, and internationality. As for appointment of internal directors, we select candidates who have expertise and experience in different areas of business. As for outside directors (including those who are AS Committee members), we select candidates who have knowledge and experience as managers or specialists in legal, accounting, tax, and other matters, and are capable of auditing and supervising from an independent standpoint and thus advising the Board of Directors. We have disclosed a skills matrix listing the main knowledge, experience, and abilities possessed by each director in the reference materials for the General Meeting of Shareholders.

The 45th General Shareholders' Meeting reference material https://www.japanlifeline.com/pdf/investors/event/45\_convene.pdf

#### [Supplementary Principle 4-11 (2)]

When appointing outside directors, we confirm in advance whether they can devote enough time and effort for the Company, including attendance at the Board of Directors' meetings. We disclose each director's concurrent positions in the annual business report and the annual securities report.

# [Supplementary Principle 4-11 (3)]

To further enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Directors, we analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the entire Board of Directors every year and disclose an overview of the results.

Evaluation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025 included questionnaires to all directors, and analysis and evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board of Directors based on the opinions of outside consultants. As a result, we have confirmed that the board is properly managed and effective. We will continue to make efforts to improve the effectiveness of the Board of Directors.

A summary of the analysis and evaluation results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025 is as follows.

Major items of the self-evaluation questionnaire

- 1. Composition and operation of the Board of Directors
- 2. Management strategy and business strategy
- 3. Corporate ethics and risk management
- 4. Evaluation on business performance and evaluation on each member's performance and their Remuneration
- 5. Dialogue with shareholders

Outline of the analysis and evaluation results

Based on the self-assessment questionnaire results and subsequent Board deliberations, the analysis confirms that the Board effectively fulfills its roles and functions across all evaluation categories, maintaining appropriate effectiveness levels.

Key Performance Improvements: The evaluation demonstrates significant enhancement in sustainability information disclosure frameworks. This improvement stems from leveraging expert advisory services in disclosure practices, resulting in elevated ratings from external evaluation agencies. Additionally, the assessment reveals strong performance in establishing frameworks that promote constructive shareholder dialogue, with institutional investor feedback consistently shared with the Board and integrated into various management decisions.

Areas for Continued Focus: The evaluation identifies ongoing challenges in enhancing director training programs. Furthermore, the Board recognizes that advancing digital transformation (DX) initiatives to drive sustainable corporate value enhancement represents a critical strategic priority moving forward.

We remain committed to conducting regular Board effectiveness analysis and evaluation, implementing continuous improvement initiatives to strengthen the foundation supporting medium- to long-term growth objectives.

We will continue its regular analysis and evaluation of the Board of Directors and further improve its effectiveness for the medium to long-term growth.

#### [Supplementary Principle 4-14 (2)]

Directors must attend outside training sessions at the time of their appointment to better understand the roles and responsibilities as directors. We will conduct trainings for all directors once a year. In addition, when each director attends the training, the Company should bear the cost.

# [Principle 5-1]

We promote constructive dialogue with shareholders based on the following policies.

- (i) The Corporate Planning Division serves as the contact point for shareholders and investors, and the director in charge of IR meets with shareholders or investors. If shareholders or investors request a meeting with a person other than the director in charge of IR, we will accommodate their request to the extent possible.
- (ii) Under the direction of the director in charge of IR, the Corporate Planning Division takes the central role in taking investor related initiatives, cooperating with the General Affairs Division and the Finance & Accounting Division from time to time.
- (iii) We hold conference calls or online financial briefing sessions on the quarterly basis for institutional investors for them to deepen the understanding of the Company. Our recent updates include video materials and Q&A session transcripts on the website.
- (iv) We report any opinions or concerns gained through dialogue with shareholders or investors to the President and the Board of Directors. Depending on the content of the report, we also report to important internal conferences where senior management members participate.
- (v) We manage any insider information following the Regulations Governing the Management of Internal Information and do not disclose it to shareholders or investors in dialogue. In addition, to prevent any leakage of accounting information and ensure fairness for investors, we define a silent period starting from the next day of the closing date to the date of disclosure, during which we do not speak of latest financials or important information or whatsoever.

#### [Dialogue with Shareholders and Investors]

The implementation status for FYE3/2025 is as follows:

- 1. Main Personnel Responsible for Dialogue with Shareholders
  - Financial results briefings (4 sessions with 20–30 participants each): President, Vice President, IR Officer, and Executive Officers in charge of business divisions

- Securities company-hosted conference (1 session): IR Officer
- Individual meetings (118 sessions, including 23 sell-side and 95 buy-side meetings): IR Officer and IR department staff
- Q&A sessions with institutional investors and individual shareholders via telephone and email: IR department staff
- 2. Overview of Shareholders and Investors Engaged in Dialogue
  - 95 dialogues with buy-side investors, comprising 59 domestic, 19 North American, 16 APAC, and 1 European meeting
- 3. Main Themes of Dialogue and Areas of Interest for Shareholders and Investors

The trends in Q&A sessions during individual meetings were as follows:

- Individual questions regarding quarterly performance and each business segment: 65%
- Questions regarding business model, growth strategy, and competitive advantages: 20%
- Questions regarding capital policy, shareholder returns, and other matters: 15%
- 4. Status of Feedback Implementation to Management and Board of Directors
  - Reports to the Board of Directors on the implementation status and content of dialogue: 4 times (quarterly)
  - Discussions with top management, including the President and Vice President, regarding IRrelated measures: 5 times
  - Discussions with top management regarding financial results presentation materials: 4 times (quarterly)
- 5. Initiatives Adopted Based on Dialogue
  - Improvements to IR materials (e.g., newly disclosed overseas sales mix in response to requests)
  - Review of medium-term management plan progress and revision of numerical targets
  - Enhancement of shareholder returns
  - Disclosure of cost of capital based on dialogue with investors

#### [Action to Implement Management That Is Conscious of Cost of Capital and Stock Price]

Content of Disclosure	Disclosure of Initiatives (Update)
Availability of English Disclosure	Available
Date of Disclosure Update	06/27/2025

## **Explanation of Actions**

The Company estimates its cost of capital at approximately 8% based on the CAPM (Capital Asset Pricing Model) and dialogue with investors. The estimation logic is as follows:

Cost of Equity [7.2% - 9.3%] = Risk-free Rate [1.5%] + Beta  $[0.85 - 1.05] \times (Equity Risk Premium [7.0\%] - Risk-free Rate <math>[1.5\%]$ ) + Liquidity Premium [1.0% - 2.0%]

Reference: Japan Lifeline Full-Year Financial Results Presentation for FYE3/2025, Page 45 "Cost of Capital" Since the amount of interest-bearing debt is minimal relative to market capitalization of shareholders' equity (net debt is negative), we determined that Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) ≈ Cost of Equity.

The rationale for setting each CAPM factor is as follows:

- Risk-free rate was set at 1.5% based on domestic long-term interest rates (10-year Japanese Government Bond yields).
- Equity risk premium was set at 7.0% based on interviews with investors.

- Beta was estimated internally based on historical stock price data over approximately 3-5 years. Due
  to variations depending on the period setting and stock price data methodology (monthly/weekly),
  multiple patterns were examined, resulting in an estimated range of 0.85-1.05.
- Liquidity premium was set at 1.0%-2.0% as IR meetings revealed that a certain number of investors apply this premium to small and mid-cap stocks.

With the above in mind, we engaged in dialogue with investors regarding our cost of capital during FYE3/2025 and confirmed that approximately 8% is generally an appropriate level. 8% represents approximately the midpoint of our estimated range. Our company-wide ROIC for FYE3/2025 was 13.7%, securing a spread of over 5% above our cost of capital, which we believe demonstrates sufficient returns under current conditions.

We recognize that cost of capital fluctuates due to various macroeconomic factors, stock market volatility, and our own management strategy. We will continue to update our understanding of our hurdle rate through ongoing dialogue with investors.

In our medium-term management plan (covering the five-year period from FYE3/2024 to FYE3/2028), the Company has established "Strengthening capital efficiency-conscious management" as one of our key strategic priorities, setting ROIC and EPS as numerical targets to be managed. Following the completion of FYE3/2025, the second year of the plan, we conducted a comprehensive progress review and revised upward the numerical targets for FYE3/2028, the final year of the plan, in May 2025. The target values for ROIC and EPS have been changed as follows:

ROIC: Initial Target 12.0% --> New Target 13.0% (FYE3/2028) Reference: FYE3/2025 Result 13.7% EPS: Initial Target ¥120.00 --> New Target ¥145.00 (FYE3/2028) Reference: FYE3/2025 Result ¥131.43

For information on "Cost of Capital and Stock Price Conscious Management," please refer to our securities reports, medium-term management plan, and financial results presentation materials as appropriate.

Securities Reports: https://www.jll.co.jp/investors/library/securities\_report.html (only in Japanese) Medium-term Management Plan:

https://www.japanlifeline.com/investors/management/midterm\_plan.html

Investors Guide: https://www.japanlifeline.com/investors/library/investors\_guide.html

Financial Results Presentations:

https://www.japanlifeline.com/investors/library/earnings\_presentations.html

#### 2. Capital Structure

Foreign Shareholding Ratio	From 20% to less than 30%
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# [Status of Major Shareholders]

Name / Company Name	Number of Shares Owned	Percentage (%)
KS Shoji	9,067,100	12.91
Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)	8,067,200	11.49
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust	7,851,900	11.18
Account)		
MT Shokai	4,860,800	6.92
Keisuke Suzuki	2,122,016	3.02
Japan Lifeline Employee Shareholders	1,366,510	1.95
Association Exclusive Trust		
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST CONMPANY	938,222	1.34
505001		

STATE STREET BANK WEST CLIENT - TREATY	891,100	1.27
505234		
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST CONMPANY	853,135	1.21
505103		
BNP PARIBAS	840,000	1.20
LUXEMBOURG/2S/JASDEC/FIM/LUXEMBOURG		
FUNDS/UCITS ASSETS		

Controlling Shareholder (except for Parent Company)	
Parent Company	

Supplementary Explanation

Besides the above, there are 5,523,976 of the Company's treasury shares as of March 30, 2025. 137,691 of shares remaining in the Directors' Remuneration BIP Trust are not included in the number of treasury shares.

# 3. Corporate Attributes

Listed Stock Market and Market Section	Tokyo Stock Exchange Prime Market		
Fiscal Year-End	March		
Type of Business	Wholesale Trade		
Number of Employees (consolidated) as of	Mara than 1000		
the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	More than 1000		
Sales (consolidated) as of the End of the	5 V40 Lilli - L - L - V400 Lilli		
Previous Fiscal Year	From ¥10 billion to less than ¥100 billion		
Number of Consolidated Subsidiaries as of	Land the made		
the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	Less than 10		

Shai	reholder						
Ωth	er Special Cir	cumstances w	hich may hay	e Material Imi	pact on Corpor	ate Governanc	e

# 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 Audit and Supervisory Committee
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# [Directors]

Maximum Number of Directors Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	20
Term of Office Stipulated in Articles of	1 year
Incorporation	
Chairperson of the Board	President and CEO
Number of Directors	13
Appointment of Outside Directors	Appointed
Number of Outside Directors	5
Number of Independent Directors	5

Outside Directors' Relationship with the Company (1)

Nama	Attribute	Relationship with the Company*										
Name		а	b	С	d	е	f	g	h	i	j	k
Yoshiaki Ikei	From another company								Δ			
Naoko Kawahara	Laywer											
Rie Nakagawa	From another company											
Yutaka Karigome	Tax Accountant						Δ					
Tomonari Ota	Laywer								0			

<sup>\*</sup>Categories for Relationship with the Company

- 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
- 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 are mutually appointed (the director himself/herself only)

<sup>&</sup>quot;O" when the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;

<sup>&</sup>quot; $\triangle$ " when the director fell under the category in the past

<sup>&</sup>quot;•" when a close relative of the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;

<sup>&</sup>quot;A" when a close relative of the director fell under the category in the past

- 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)

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Name	Membership of Audit and Supervisory Committee	Designation as Independen t Director	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons of Appointment
Yoshiaki Ikei	No	Yes	Mr. Yoshiaki Ikei is a representative director of MA Partners and we had a business relationship with MA Partners in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017, but since the transaction amount was less than 2% of consolidated net sales of both companies and more than one year has already passed since the transaction closed, we have determined that there is no risk of influencing his independence as an outside director since he meets our criteria for determining independence.	Mr. Yoshiaki Ikei has been involved in the M&A industry for many years, and also has a wealth of experience and broad insight as a corporate manager. He not only provides appropriate supervision for our company's management, but also offers valuable advice and suggestions from an objective and diverse perspective. As a member of the Nomination and Remuneration Advisory Committee, he plays an important role in improving the corporate governance. We have appointed him as an outside director because we believe that he will strengthen the supervisory function of the Board of Directors and provide advice and suggestions for continuous improvement of corporate value. Furthermore, we have designated him as an independent officer because he meets our criteria for judging the independence of outside directors and no risk of a conflict of interest with general shareholders likely involved.

Naoko Kawahara	No	Yes	Ms. Naoko Kawahara has
Naoko Kawanara	NO	Yes	
			experience and extensive
			experience in corporate
			legal affairs as an attorney
			and has also served as
			outside corporate auditor
			of other companies. We
			have appointed her as an
			outside director because
			we believe she can
			provide advice and views
			aimed at strengthening
			the supervisory function
			of the Board of Directors
			and at sustainably
			improving corporate
			values from an objective
			and multifaceted
			perspective although she
			has never been directly
			•
			involved in corporate
			management.
			Furthermore, we have
			designated her as an
			independent officer
			because he meets our
			criteria for judging the
			independence of outside
			directors and no risk of a
			conflict of interest with
			general shareholders
			likely involved.
Rie Nakagawa	No	Yes	Ms. Rie Nakagawa
			possesses a wealth of
			experience and insight in
			corporate management,
			including serving as
			president of a business
			company and officer in
			charge of sustainability in
			MISUMI Group Inc., and
			she also serves as an
			outside director of other
			companies. We have
			appointed her as an
			outside director because
			we believe she can
			provide advice and views
			aimed at strengthening
			the supervisory function
			of the Board of Directors
			and at sustainably
			improving corporate value

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				directors and no risk of a
				conflict of interest with
				general shareholders
				likely involved.
Yutaka Karigome	Yes	Yes	Mr. Yutaka Karigome had	Mr. Yutaka Karigome has
			an advisory contract with	not only expertise as a tax
			the Company until June	accountant, but also a
			2021, but the annual	wide range of experiences
			transaction amount was	and knowledge, including
			less than 10 million yen,	serving as a national tax
			which meets our criteria	tribunal officer, a director
			for determining the	and member of our audit
			independence of an	committee, and an
			outside director.	external auditor for other
				companies. Although he
				has not been directly
				involved in corporate
				management, we believe
				he can contribute to
				strengthening the audit
				and supervisory functions
				of the Board of Directors
				by auditing business
				execution and making
				decisions from an
				objective standpoint.
				Furthermore, we have
				designated him as an
				independent officer
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				criteria for judging the
				independence of outside
				directors and no risk of a
				conflict of interest with
				general shareholders
	ļ			likely involved.
Tomonari Ota	Yes	Yes		Mr. Tomonari Ota
				possesses expert
				knowledge and a wealth
				of experience in corporate
				legal affairs such as M&A
				and corporate governance
				as an attorney. Based on
				the above, although he
				has never been directly
				involved in corporate

		management, we believe
		that he can contribute to
		strengthening the
		auditing and supervisory
		functions of the Board of
		Directors by auditing
		business execution and
		decision-making from an
		objective standpoint.
		Furthermore, we have
		designated him as an
		independent officer
		because he meets our
		criteria for judging the
		independence of outside
		directors and no risk of a
		conflict of interest with
		general shareholders
		likely involved.

#### [Audit and Supervisory Committee]

Committee's Composition and Attributes of Chairperson

	All Committee Members	Full-time Members	Inside Directors	Outside Directors	Chairperson
Supervisory Committee	3	1	1	2	Inside Director

Appointment of Directors and/or Staff to	Appointed
Support the Supervisory Committee	Appointed

Matters Related to the Independence of Such Directors and/or Staff from Executive Directors

According to the "Basic View on Internal Control System" in "IV Matters Related to the Internal Control System 1. Basic Views on Internal Control System" of this report, we have appointed employees to help the AS Committee in its duties following "6. Matters Related to Employees to Assist Duties of AS Committee Members if the Committee Have Requested such Employees". In addition, in the "7. Matters Related to the Independence from Directors of Employees Described in the Preceding Item", the matters concerning the independence of the employees from the executive directors are stipulated.

Cooperation among Supervisory Committee, Accounting Auditors and Internal Audit Departments

The AS Committee and the Internal Audit Division receive periodical audit reports from the accounting auditor and exchanges information as necessary. The AS Committee also receives reports from time to time from the Internal Audit Division, which is an internal audit organization. The AS Committee also discusses the audit plan with the Internal Audit Division in advance and collaborates with the division to conduct actual inspections as necessary.

# [Voluntary Establishment of Nomination/Remuneration Committee]

Voluntary Establishment of Committee(s)	
Corresponding to Nomination Committee or	Established
Remuneration Committee	

Committee's Name, Composition, and Attributes of Chairperson

	Committee Corresponding to	Committee Corresponding to
	Nomination Committee	Remuneration Committee
Committee's Name	Nomination and Remuneration	Nomination and Remuneration
Committee's Name	Committee	Committee
All Committee Members	5	5
Full-time Members	0	0
Inside Directors	2	2
Outside Directors	3	3
Outside Experts	0	0
Other	0	0
Chairperson	Outside Director	Outside Director

#### **Supplementary Explanation**

We have established a voluntary Nomination and Remuneration Advisory Committee as an advisory body to the Board of Directors. The NRA Committee ensures the objectivity and transparency of procedures related to the nomination and remuneration of directors. More than half of the committee members are independent outside directors, and the chairperson is also an independent outside director. During this fiscal year, the NRA Committee deliberated on the appointment of directors, selection of representative directors, selection of directors with titles, and the remuneration system and policy for directors. They reported their findings to the Board of Directors and also decided on the individual remuneration for directors (excluding those who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members). The composition of the NRA Committee and the attendance status of each member are as follows.

#### Position/Name/Attendance (FYE3/2025)

- Chairperson, Outside Director (Independent) Yoshiaki Ikei 3/3
- Member, Outside Director (Independent) Rie Nakagawa none \*1
- Member, Outside Director (Independent, Audit and Supervisory Committee member) Yutaka Karigome none \*1
- Member, Representative Director and President and CEO Keisuke Suzuki 3/3
- Member, Representative Director and Vice President Tatsuya Murase none \*1

#### (note)

 \*1 Ms. Rie Nakagawa, Mr. Yutaka Karigome and Mr. Tatsuya Murase were appointed as a NRA committee members at the board meeting held on June 26, 2025, so they have no attendance record for FYE3/2025.

#### [Independent Directors]

Number of Independent Directors	5
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Matters relating to Independent Directors

We designate all outside directors who meet the qualifications for independent directors as independent directors.

Upon appointing outside directors, we judge based on our criteria for determining the independence of outside directors, which follows the criteria for independence set forth by the Tokyo Stock Exchange. We recognize our independent directors meeting these standards can perform their duties as outside directors from an independent standpoint.

With regards to outside directors who are not members of the AS Committee, we selected them based on the belief that appointing individuals with a wide range of insight and extensive experience in corporate management and corporate legal affairs will ensure objectivity and transparency in our decision-making and supervision of business execution.

With regards to outside directors who are members of the AS Committee, we selected them because they are capable of strengthening the corporate governance of the Company by conducting audits and supervision based on their broad insight and abundant experience in their respective areas of expertise as lawyers or tax accountants.

### [Incentives]

Incentive Policies for Directors	Performance-linked Remuneration
Supplementary Explanation	
Please refer to "Director Remuneration" below.	
Please refer to Director Remuneration below.	
	,
Recipients of Stock Options	
Supplementary Explanation	

#### [Director Remuneration]

Disclosure of Individual Directors' Remuneration	No Individual Disclosure
Supplementary Explanation	

We disclose remuneration of directors in the annual securities report on our website. The remuneration of directors and corporate auditors for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025 is as follows.

- Directors (excluding outside directors) 560 million yen (fixed remuneration: 444 million yen, performance-linked remuneration: 116 million yen, of which non-monetary remuneration: 36 million yen) Number of eligible directors: nine
- Directors who are AS Committee members (excluding outside directors) 20 million yen (fixed remuneration: 20 million yen) Number of eligible directors: One
- Outside Directors 60 million yen (fixed remuneration: 60 million yen) Number of eligible directors: seven

#### Note:

- 1. The above includes one director who retired due to expiration of term of office and resigned at the conclusion of the 44the general shareholders' meeting held on June 26, 2024.
- 2. The breakdown of the total amount of non-monetary remuneration for directors (excluding directors who are AS committee members and outside directors) is 36 million yen as performance-linked remuneration.

Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts	Established
and Calculation Methods	

Disclosure of Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods

We have established the Nomination and Remuneration Advisory Committee, chaired by an outside director, as an advisory body to the Board of Directors to ensure objectivity and transparency in the process of nominating and evaluating directors and determining their remuneration. The NRA Committee deliberates on the basic policy for remuneration, composition and amount of remuneration of directors, and the Board of Directors decides based on the report from the NRA Committee.

1. Basic Policy of Remuneration for Directors

We have established the following basic policy to ensure that the remuneration system for directors functions properly to achieve sustainable growth and enhance corporate value of the Company.

- (A) Provide appropriate incentives for achieving performance targets
- (B) Provide a competitive remuneration level that will lead to the recruitment of excellent human resources
- (C) The amount of remuneration should lead to the enhancement of corporate value over the medium- to long-term.
- (D) The process of determining remuneration should be highly objective and transparent.
- 2. Remuneration Structure and Method of Determining the Amount of Remuneration The remuneration for directors is composed of fixed remuneration, performance-linked bonuses, and performance-linked stock remuneration (Directors' remuneration BIP trust). In addition to fixed monetary remuneration, we have adopted performance-linked bonuses as monetary remuneration linked to short-term performance and performance-linked stock remuneration as an incentive for medium- to long-term improvement of corporate value. However, for outside directors excluding those who are AS committee members and directors who are AS committee members, we will only provide fixed remuneration, considering their roles and independence.
- (A) Fixed remuneration
  - (a) Eligible Recipients
    Directors
  - (b) Individual Payment Amount

For directors excluding those who are members of the AS Committee, the fixed remuneration is determined by the NRA Committee, which is appointed by the Board of Directors. The NRA Committee takes into account each director's position, responsibilities, and contributions to performance, as well as benchmarking against remuneration levels in outside database services. For directors who are members of the AS committee, their fixed remuneration is decided through discussions within the AS committee.

- (c) Payment Method

  The fixed remuneration is paid monthly as a fixed cash reward.
- (B) Performance-linked bonus

- (a) Eligible Recipients
  - Directors excluding those who are outside directors and members of the AS Committee
- (b) Individual Payment Amount
  - Performance-linked bonuses are calculated based on performance-linked variables and individual contribution rates determined by the NRA Committee. The ratio between the basic bonus and the distribution bonus is set at 8:2. The basic bonus is calculated for each director eligible for payment. It is based on the basic bonus standard amount set for each fiscal year, which is disclosed at the beginning of the fiscal year. The calculation also takes into account the consolidated sales, consolidated operating profit (before deduction of performance-linked remuneration), and earnings per share (EPS) for the fiscal year. These three individual performance achievement rates are multiplied by the performance-linked variables to determine the payment amount.
- (c) Payment Method

  The performance-based bonus will be paid out once a year, within three months after the end of the fiscal year.
- (C) Performance-linked stock remuneration (Directors' Remuneration BIP Trust)
  - (a) Eligible Recipients
    - Directors excluding those who are outside directors and members of the AS Committee
  - (b) Individual Payment Amount
    - The performance-linked stock remuneration is calculated by multiplying the performance-linked variable, which is set based on the degree of achievement of consolidated sales, consolidated operating profit (before deduction of performance-linked remuneration), and earnings per share (EPS) for each fiscal year disclosed at the beginning of the fiscal year, by the standard points set for each director who is the subject of payment. The resulting points (with one point corresponding to one share) are then used to annually provide directors with our company's shares and the monetary equivalent of the conversion disposal amount of our company's shares.
  - (c) Payment Method
    - The performance-linked stock remuneration involves giving out our company's stocks and the equivalent amount of money from the conversion disposal of our stocks. We do this once a year, after the end of the fiscal year.
- 3. Policy for determining the ratio of remuneration by type of director

The ratio of performance-linked remuneration to the total amount of remuneration is approximately 80% for fixed remuneration and 20% for performance-linked remuneration in the case of a standard level of performance achievement, as an average of the eligible directors. The ratio of non-monetary remuneration to total remuneration is, on average, 90% for monetary remuneration and 10% for non-monetary remuneration.

#### [Supporting System for Outside Directors]

For outside directors (including those who are AS committee members), we ensure close information sharing by providing prior explanations regarding board meeting proposals and other matters. Additionally, through site visits and other activities, we help them deepen their understanding of the company and its business operations. Outside directors who are members of the AS Committee receive information necessary for conducting audits and important internal information through the full-time members of the AS Committee.

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

Information on retired presidents/CEOs holding advisory positions (sodanyaku, komon, etc.) **Employment terms** Date when (Full/part time, former role Job title/ Name Responsibilities Term Position with/without as president/ compensation, etc.) CEO ended Number of retired presidents/CEOs holding advisory positions (sodanyaku, komon, etc.) Others

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

#### [Board of Directors]

The Company's articles of incorporation stipulate that we can have up to 15 directors, excluding those who are members of the AS committee, and up to five directors who are members of the AS committee. Currently, out of 13 directors, five are outside directors, all of whom we have registered as independent directors. The Board of Directors holds regular meetings once a month and extraordinary meetings as needed.

In the Board of Directors meeting for the fiscal year ending March 2025, we deliberated and decided on important matters such as budget, financial statements, significant organizational and personnel issues, investment projects, important contracts, acquisition and disposition of own shares, and important matters related to sustainability, all following laws, articles of incorporation, and Board of Directors regulations.

We have reviewed financial statements, the status of directors' duties, and important matters related to compliance on the monthly basis. Additionally, we received reports from the Investment Committee and the Sustainability Committee, and held abundant discussions. Outside directors, while coordinating with each other, supervised and advised on the execution of directors' duties from an objective standpoint. The composition of the Board of Directors and the attendance of each director was as follows.

#### Title/Name/Attendance (FYE3/2025)

- Representative Director (President and CEO) Keisuke Suzuki 12/12
- Representative Director Tatsuya Murase 12/12
- Director Takeyoshi Egawa 12/12
- Director Kenji Yamada 12/12
- Director Toru Takamiya 12/12
- Director Yumiko Hoshiba 12/12
- Director Takashi Ito 10/10 \*1
- Outside Director Yoshiaki Ikei 12/12
- Outside Director Naoko Kawahara 10/10 \*1
- Outside Director Rie Nakagawa \*2
- Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee member) Shogo Takahashi 12/12

- Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee member) Yutaka Karigome 12/12
- Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee member) Tomonari Ota 10/10 \*2

#### (note)

- \*1 Mr. Takashi Ito and Ms. Naoko Kawahara attended all 10 board meetings held after his appointment as a director on June 26, 2024.
- \*2 Ms. Rie Nakagawa and Mr. Tomonari Ota were appointed as a director at the shareholders' meeting held on June 26, 2025, so he has no attendance record for the FYE3/2025.

#### [Audit and Supervisory Committee]

The Company's AS Committee consists of three members, including two outside directors, one of whom is a full-time member. The AS Committee meets once a month and meets on the irregular basis as necessary. Although the two outside directors do not have experience as corporate managers, they carry out audits and supervision of the Company from their professional perspectives as lawyers or tax accountants. In addition, one employee of the Internal Audit Division also serves as an employee helping the duties of the AS Committee. The remuneration and activity status of the AS Committee are described in the following section "Status of Internal Audits".

### [Nomination and Remuneration Advisory Committee]

We have detailed the status of our corporate governance structure, which involves decision-making, execution, and supervision in management, in Section II of this report. Specifically, information regarding the composition of our institutions and the operation of our organization is listed under "Voluntary Committees".

#### [Compliance Committee]

The Board of Directors appoints the Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) as the person in charge of compliance issues, and the Compliance Committee, chaired by the CCO, is an advisory body to the CCO. The committee meets on a regular quarterly basis and on an as-needed basis to accurately identify, manage, and address compliance issues. The CCO reports on compliance issues to the Board of Directors on a regular quarterly basis and on an as-needed basis. The members of the committee are as follows.

### Position/Title/Name

- Chairperson (Chief Compliance Officer), Executive Officer Kenji Yamada
- Member, Vice President and COO Tatsuya Murase
- Member, Executive Officer Takeyoshi Egawa
- Member, Executive Officer Toru Takamiya
- Member, Senior Operating Officer Yumiko Hoshiba
- Member, Senior Operating Officer Takashi Ito
- Member, Senior Operating Officer Nobuo Takahashi

#### (note)

- Besides the above, the head of the legal department and the head of the audit department appointed by the chairperson have been selected as committee members.
- A director who is a member of the AS Committee attends meetings as an observer.

# [Risk Management Committee]

The Board of Directors appoints the Chief Risk Management Officer (CRO) as the person responsible for risk management, and the Risk Management Committee, chaired by the CRO, is composed of members appointed by the CRO. The committee meets regularly to promote company-wide risk management and to share information necessary for risk management. In addition, CRO reports to the Board of Directors as appropriate. The members of the committee are as follows.

#### Position/Title/Name

Chairperson (Chief Risk Management Officer), Executive Officer Takeyoshi Egawa

- Member, Executive Officer Kenji Yamada

#### (note)

- Besides the above, 13 other members, including the related-department managers, are appointed as committee members.
- A director who is a member of the AS Committee attends meetings as an observer.

#### [Sustainability Committee]

We have established the Sustainability Committee to coordinate and promote company-wide measures related to sustainability. The Sustainability Committee, chaired by the President and CEO, meets quarterly in principle to direct, coordinate, and confirm the progress of activities of subcommittees that promote initiatives to address specific sustainability-related issues. In addition, the Board of Directors receives quarterly reports on the Committee's activities. The members of the Committee are as follows.

#### Position/Title/Name

- Chairperson, President and CEO Keisuke Suzuki
- Member, Vice President and COO Tatsuya Murase
- Member, Executive Officer Takeyoshi Egawa
- Member, Executive Officer Kenji Yamada
- Member, Executive Officer Toru Takamiya
- Member, Senior Operating Officer Yumiko Hoshiba
- Member, Senior Operating Officer Takashi Ito
- Member, Senior Operating Officer Toshihiro Miyake

#### (Note)

- Besides the above, a director who is a member of the AS Committee attends meetings as an observer.

#### [Information Security Committee]

The Board of Directors appoints a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), who is responsible for maintaining information security. The CISO chairs the Information Security Committee, which meets regularly. If there is an information security incident, our internal Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) and the outside specialist organization, the Security Operation Center (SOC), work together to take information security measures across the company. The CISO also reports to the Board of Directors on information security as needed. The members of the committee are as follows.

# Position/Title/Name

- Chairperson (Chief Information Security Officer), Executive Officer Kenji Yamada
- Member, Senior Operating Officer Yumiko Hoshiba

#### (note)

- Besides the above, 13 persons responsible for information security in each department are appointed as committee members.
- A director who is a member of the AS Committee attends meetings as an observer.

# [Investment Committee]

We have established the Investment Committee to comprehensively evaluate the appropriateness and risk of investments. The Investment Committee meets each time any investment project arises and comprehensively evaluates the necessity, appropriateness, and risk of the proposed projects, and deliberates whether or not to go on with them. The committee regularly monitors each investment project that have been approved by the Board of Directors and implemented and discusses the evaluation and continuation of the projects. The members of the committee are as follows.

#### Position/Title/Name

Chairperson, President and CEO Keisuke Suzuki

- Member, Vice President and COO Tatsuya Murase
- Member, Executive Officer Takeyoshi Egawa
- Member, Executive Officer Kenji Yamada
- Member, Executive Officer Toru Takamiya
- Member, Executive Officer Takashi Ito
- Member, Outside Director Yoshiaki Ikei

# (note)

- Besides the above, three managers of the related departments attend meetings.
- Directors who are members of the AS Committee attend meetings as observers.

## [Status of Audits by Audit and Supervisory Committee Members]

The AS Committee consists of one director who is a full-time member familiar with our business, and two independent outside directors. This structure allows us to conduct effective audits. Each AS Committee member attends the Board of Directors meetings and important meetings as needed. The AS Committee regularly meets with the representative directors to discuss issues the Company needs to address, the status of audit environment preparation by the AS Committee, and important audit issues, and closely communicates their intentions. The AS Committee also receives regular reports from the Internal Audit Division. In addition, they discuss the audit plan of the Internal Audit Division in advance and, as needed, both parties collaborate to execute audit procedures. The AS Committee generally holds once a month, and the attendance of each director for FYE3/2025 was as follows.

### Name/Attendance (FYE3/2025)

- Shogo Takahashi 12/12
- Yutaka Karigome 12/12
- Tomonari Ota none \*1

#### (note)

- \*1 Mr. Tomonari Ota was appointed as a director (Audit and Supervisory Committee member) at the shareholders' meeting held on June 26, 2025, so he has no attendance record for FYE3/2025.

At the AS Committees for FYE3/2025, the following topics were covered in the resolutions and discussions:

- formulation of audit policies and plans
- establishment of audit cost budget
- preparation of audit reports
- determination of the appropriateness of reappointment of accounting auditors
- determination of opinions on director (excluding those who are AS Committee members) appointments
- determination of opinions on director (excluding those who are AS Committee members)
   remuneration
- consent to director (who is an AS Committee member) appointment proposals
- consent to accounting auditor remuneration
- individual remuneration of directors who are AS Committee members
- selection of assistant employee
- evaluation of accounting auditors
- prior consent to non-guaranteed work for accounting auditors
- declaration of opinions regarding the disposal of treasury shares as restricted stock for transfer to the employee stock ownership plan.

In this fiscal year, we conducted audits on regular audit items such as:

- director misconduct
- violations of laws and articles of incorporation
- progress status of information security measures

Furthermore, we conducted audits on highly prioritized items such as:

- evaluating the status of investment projects
- assessing the status of internal control after core system changes

The director who is a full-time AS Committee member attended important meetings, reviewed important decision-making documents, studied the internal audit situation through exchanges of opinions with the Internal Audit Division, visited sales offices and factories, and participated in physical inventory checks to effectively conduct audits.

#### [Status of Internal Audits]

The Internal Audit Office, which reports directly to the President and CEO, is composed of five dedicated members, including two Certified Internal Auditors (CIA) and one U.S. Certified Public Accountant (USCPA) (State of Illinois). The CIA-certified member also holds the Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) qualifications. The Internal Audit Office conducts audits independently from other business operations, in accordance with the Internal Audit Regulations. These audits cover compliance with laws and regulations within the company and its subsidiaries, the efficiency of business activities, and the establishment and operation of internal controls. The results of the audits are reported to the President and CEO. Additionally, the audit results and corrective actions are regularly reported to the AS Committee and the Board of Directors.

Additionally, the division regularly reports on the results of the internal audit and the status of corrections to the AS Committee and the Board of Directors.

#### [The status of Audits by the Accounting Auditor]

The status of audits by the Accounting Auditor for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025 is as follows.

i Name of auditing firm

Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC

ii Period of continuous auditing

Since 1996

iii Name of the certified public accountant who performed the audit

Designated and Engagement Partner, Certified Public Accountant Toshifumi Nomoto

Designated and Engagement Partner, Certified Public Accountant Nobuhiko Kasai

iv Composition of assistants for audit work

Certified Public Accountant: 7 persons

Other accounting personnel: 14 persons

v. Details of Audit Remuneration

Remuneration for audit certification services: 46 million yen

Remuneration for non-audit services: None

#### [Initiatives to Strengthen the Functions of Corporate Auditors]

Please refer to II. Business Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems regarding Decision-making, Execution of Business, and Oversight in Management [AS Committee]

#### [Outline of the Contents of the Liability Limitation Agreement]

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company and each of the outside directors have entered into an agreement that limits the liability stipulated in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to the minimum liability amount stipulated in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act if the outside director performs his or her duties in good faith and without gross negligence.

# 3. Reasons for Adoption of Current Corporate Governance System

We are classified as a company with an Audit and Supervisory Committee. By setting up an AS Committee, where more than half of the members are outside directors, we have strengthened the auditing and supervisory functions over business execution, aimed to further enhance our corporate governance structure and increase the transparency and objectivity of our management.

In our Board of Directors, we have appointed five outside directors (two of whom are members of the AS Committee). This allows us to receive suggestions and advice from objective and diverse perspectives, ensuring appropriate supervision over business execution.

Furthermore, our outside directors who are members of the AS Committee understand the state of business execution together with the full-time directors who are well-versed in our business, based on their broad knowledge and rich experience in each specialized field. By collaborating with the Internal Audit Division, we ensure the effectiveness of the Board's audit and supervision.

Additionally, we have established a voluntary Nomination and Remuneration Advisory Committee, which deliberate on the nomination and remuneration of directors and serves as an advisory body to the Board of Directors. More than half of the NRA committee members are independent outside directors, and the chairperson is an independent outside director. This structure allows us to enhance the transparency and objectivity of the nomination and remuneration processes.

Furthermore, we have adopted an Executive Officer System to clearly distinguish the roles of decision-making and supervisory functions in management from business execution functions. This approach ensures the effectiveness of our corporate governance while enhancing the agility of business execution.

# 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 notice of convocation of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held in June 2025 was sent before the legal date (June 10). In addition, it was posted on the Company's corporate website on June 4.
Scheduling AGMs Avoiding the Peak Day  Allowing Electronic Exercise of Voting Rights	The Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held in June 2025 was held on June 26, a schedule that avoids the date of first concentration.  The Company has introduced the exercise of voting rights via the Internet.
Participation in Electronic Voting Platform	The Company participates in the voting platform operated by ICJ.
Providing Convocation Notice in English	The full English text is available on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the corporate website.

# 2. IR Activities

	Supplementary Explanations	Availability of
		explanation
		by the
		President and
		CEO
Preparation and Publication of Disclosure Policy	We have set forth the basic policy for investor relations regarding information disclosure, methods for information disclosure, prospects for the future, and the silence period. We post these kinds of information on the corporate website.	
Regular Investor Briefings for Analysts and Institutional Investors	We hold conference calls or financial results briefings on the quarterly basis. The President and CEO, the Vice President and COO, IR Officer and Executive Officer in charge of business division attend briefing sessions to explain the financial results, the outlook for the next term, and future business plan. The number of participants is approximately 30 each time.	Yes
Regular Investor Briefings for Overseas Investors	We do not regularly hold meetings for international investors, but disclose transcripts of conference calls or financial results meetings, including Q&A sessions, both in Japanese and English, following quarterly and full-year financial results. We are open to individual one-on-one meetings upon request.	No
Posting of IR Materials on Website	We post financial briefing materials as well as timely disclosure materials and news releases on the "IR Library" section on the Investor Relations page. https://www.japanlifeline.com/investors/library.html	
Establishment of Department and/or Manager in Charge of IR	IR Department: Corporate Strategy Department Director in charge of IR: Director and CFO, Takeyoshi Egawa	

# 3. Measures to Ensure Due Respect for Stakeholders

	Supplementary Explanations
Stipulation of Internal Rules for Respecting the Position of Stakeholders	We have our Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct that serve as our standards. They provide guidance on compliance with laws and regulations, information management, internal environment, individual behavior, and social responsibility.
Implementation of Environmental Activities, CSR Activities etc.	To meet the expectations and demands of our various stakeholders, we are strengthening our sustainability initiatives. The Sustainability Committee is playing a central role, responsible for identifying materiality (important issues) and setting medium- and long-term targets.  For more information on the specific initiatives, please refer to the "Sustainability" page of the website.
	https://www.japanlifeline.com/sustainability/

Development of Policies on	We have established a basic policy on information disclosure and posted it
Information Provision to	on the website.
Stakeholders	https://www.japanlifeline.com/investors/policy_2.html
Other	

# IV. Matters Related to the Internal Control System

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

We strongly believe that the establishment of an internal control system is essential to solidify our execution on corporate governance. We can maintain appropriate management following our mission only if the established system functions right. Therefore, we believe that it is more important to not only establish the internal control system but also to check whether the system is being properly operated.

On May 22, 2006, the Board of Directors established the "Basic Policy for the Establishment of Internal Control Systems." After several revisions, the most recent partial revision was made on April 1, 2025. The Company is developing and operating an internal control system based on this basic policy.

#### **Basic Policy for the Establishment of Internal Control Systems**

- System to Ensure that Directors and Employees Execute their Duties in Compliance with Laws and Regulations and the Articles of Incorporation
  - i. Directors and employees shall act in compliance with laws and regulations, social ethics, the Articles of Incorporation, and other internal regulations, with their guidelines for their actions, the Code of Ethics and the Code of Conduct.
  - ii. The Company shall engage in the creation of internal compliance systems, centered on the Chief Compliance Officer and Compliance Committee, in accordance with the Compliance Promotion Regulations.
  - iii. The Company shall inform the Code of Ethics, the Code of Conduct, and internal regulations related to compliance to all directors and employees by posting them on the intranet, in addition to conducting training, to ensure thorough awareness of compliance.
  - iv. The Company shall establish an internal compliance consultation service and an outside helpline desk to provide a contact point where compliance issues can be easily reported and discussed.
  - v. All relations with antisocial forces shall be blocked in accordance with the Code of Conduct and the Regulations Regarding the Elimination of Antisocial Forces, and in the event that there is a fear of relations with antisocial forces, it shall be promptly reported to the responsible department, and the Company shall respond with a resolute stance, while collaborating with the police and other external institutions.
  - vi. The Internal Audit Division shall conduct audits regarding the status of compliance with laws and regulations, the Articles of Incorporation, and internal regulations, in accordance with the Internal Audit Regulations.
  - vii. As an advisory body to the Board of Directors, the Company shall establish a voluntary Nomination and Remuneration Advisory Committee, more than half of whose members are independent outside directors and chaired by an independent outside director, to ensure objectivity and transparency in the evaluation and decision-making process regarding the nomination and remuneration of directors.
- System for Storage and Management of Information Related to the Execution of Duties of the Directors
  - i. The Company stores and manages minutes such as the General Meeting of Shareholders, the Board of Directors, and other important meetings, and other important documents pertaining

- to the execution of duties by directors (including electronic records), in accordance with the Document Management Regulations.
- ii. Directors may view the above documents at any time.
- 3. Regulations or Any Other Systems for Management of Risk of Loss
  - i. In accordance with the Risk Management Regulations, the Company shall establish the Chief Risk Management Officer and the Risk Management Committee to promote company-wide risk management and to share information necessary for that purpose.
  - ii. The Company shall establish rules and regulations concerning risks related to product quality and safety, information security, disasters, investments in and loans to business partners, etc., and the responsible divisions shall take risk countermeasures
  - iii. In the occurrence of an emergency situation that requires a company-wide response, the Company shall establish a dedicated division and assign the President and CEO as Executive Manager, for prompt actions to minimize the loss.
- 4. System to Ensure that the Execution of Duties of Directors is Efficient
  - i. The Company has adopted an operating officer system to strengthen the decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors and to improve the efficiency of business execution. By delegating authority to operating officers within an appropriate scope, agile execution of duties is promoted.
  - ii. The Board of Directors resolves annual budgets, in addition to receiving reports on the status of progress thereof from each board director, monitors the status of business execution.
- 5. System to Ensure Proper Business Execution within the Corporate Group Comprising the Company and Subsidiaries
  - i. Systems related to reports to the Company on matters pertaining to the execution of duties by directors, etc. of subsidiaries
    - A) In accordance with the Affiliate Management Regulations, the Company shall receive reports on matters pertaining to the execution of duties by directors of subsidiaries, in addition to financial reports, minutes of meetings, and other documents.
    - B) The Company's directors (excluding those who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) or employees also serve concurrently as directors or corporate auditors of subsidiaries, and the Company receives reports as appropriate on the status of the execution of duties at these subsidiaries from these directors, etc.
  - ii. Regulations or any other systems for management of risk of loss at subsidiaries
    - A) In accordance with the Risk Management Regulations, the Company shall endeavor to create a system for managing risk at subsidiaries, centered on the Chief Risk Management Officer and the Risk Management Committee.
    - B) In the event that a significant risk is discovered at a subsidiary, a prompt response shall be implemented, centered on the President of the subsidiary and the loss shall be minimized through the assistance of the Company, as necessary.
  - iii. System to ensure efficiency of execution of duties by directors, etc. of subsidiaries
  - iv. The responsible department of the Company manages business in accordance with the Affiliate Management Regulations, and also supports the creation of systems for appropriate business execution, including establishing Regulations on the Assignment of Business Operations and Regulations on Administrative Authority at subsidiaries.
  - v. System to ensure that directors, etc. and employees of subsidiaries execute their duties in compliance with laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation
    - A) The Company provides advice, guidance, and assistance as necessary, to ensure that compliance systems are created at subsidiaries, in accordance with the Affiliate Management Regulations.
    - B) The Internal Audit Division conducts audits regarding the status of compliance with laws and regulations, the Articles of Incorporation, and internal regulations at subsidiaries, in accordance with the Internal Audit Regulations.
- 6. Matters Related to Employees to Assist Duties of Audit and Supervisory Committee Members in the Event that the Committee Have Requested such Employees

In the event that Audit and Supervisory Committee Members request the assignment of employees to assist them with their duties, the Company shall assign appropriately qualified persons, after consultation with Audit and Supervisory Committee.

- 7. Matters Related to the Independence from Directors of Employees Described in the Preceding Item
  - Employees ordered by Audit and Supervisory Committee to assist them in their audit operations shall not be instructed by directors (excluding those who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) regarding these operations.
  - ii. Advance consultations with Audit and Supervisory Committee shall be held with regard to matters pertaining to personnel decisions concerning employees ordered by Audit and Supervisory Committee to assist them in their audit operations.
- 8. Matters Related to Ensuring the Effectiveness of Instructions to Employees to Assist the Duties of Audit and Supervisory Committee
  - i. Employees ordered by Audit and Supervisory Committee to assist them in their audit operations shall execute operations based on the instructions from Audit and Supervisory Committee.
  - ii. Directors (excluding those who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) shall endeavor to create an environment for audits to ensure that the operations of employees ordered by Audit and Supervisory Committee to assist them in their audit operations are conducted in a smooth manner.
- Systems for Directors and Employees of the Company and Subsidiaries to Make Reports to Audit and Supervisory Committee and Other Systems Related to Reports to Audit and Supervisory Committee Members
  - i. Directors and employees of the Company and subsidiaries shall provide accurate and prompt reports to Audit and Supervisory Committee on the following matters:
    - A) Matters that may cause significant corporate damage
    - B) Actions that violate laws and regulations or the Articles of Incorporation, or actions whereby there is a risk thereof
    - C) The status of the development and implementation of internal controls based on the Companies Act and the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act
    - D) Results of internal audits conducted by the Internal Audit Division
    - E) Any other matters about which Audit and Supervisory Committee requests reports
  - ii. Directors and employees of the Company and subsidiaries shall promptly provide reports on matters about which Audit and Supervisory Committee requests reports.
- 10. Systems to Ensure that Persons Making a Report to Audit and Supervisory Committee are not Treated Unfavorably on the Basis of Such Reporting
  - The Company shall not treat directors, Audit and Supervisory Committee Members, or employees of the Company or any subsidiaries who make a report to Audit and Supervisory Committee unfavorably on the basis of such reporting.
- 11. Matters Relating to Policies Concerning Procedures for Making Advance Payments or Reimbursements of Expenses Incurred in Connection with the Execution of Duties by the Company's Audit and Supervisory Committee Members and Treatment of Other Expenses or Obligations Associated with the Execution of Duties by These Members
  - If any Audit and Supervisory Committee Member requests the advance payment of expenses arising in regard to the execution of their duties or reimbursement, etc., the Company shall promptly respond to these requests, excluding cases when it is recognized that these expenses, etc. are not necessary for the execution of the Audit and Supervisory Committee Member's duties.
- 12. Other Systems to Ensure Effectiveness of Audits by Audit and Supervisory Committee
  - ii. Audit and Supervisory Committee Members may participate in internal meetings as necessary.
  - iii. Audit and Supervisory Committee shall hold regular meetings to exchange views with the representative director.
  - iv. The Internal Audit Division shall engage in advance consultations with Audit and Supervisory Committee when formulating audit plans.
  - v. The Internal Audit Division shall report to Audit and Supervisory Committee regularly.
- 13. System to Ensure Reliability of Financial Reporting

- vi. The Company shall develop internal control systems to ensure the reliability of financial reporting and evaluate the status of their implementation based on the "Basic Policy on Internal Controls Related to Financial Reporting," and shall determine a responsible department, which shall lead these initiatives.
- vii. If any deficiency is discovered in internal control systems or their implementation, it shall be reported to managers and the Board of Directors, and prompt efforts shall be made to rectify these deficiencies.

#### 2. Basic Views on Eliminating Anti-Social Forces

We clearly state in our Code of Conduct that we will sever all ties with antisocial forces. Based on this, we have established regulations and manuals for excluding antisocial forces and are taking specific actions. In addition to posting the Code of Conduct on the intranet, we are making sure it is well known through training sessions.

#### V. Other

# 1. Adoption of Anti-Takeover Measures

Adoption of Anti-Takeover Measures	Not Adopted
Supplementary Explanation	

# 2. Other Matters Concerning to Corporate Governance System

[Information Disclosure Policy]

To provide shareholders and investors with timely, accurate and fair information, we will quickly disclose important information following the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law, rules for timely disclosure stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and internal rules (Internal Information Management Regulations).

[Information Disclosure System]

(1) Events occurred

If a material event or fact occurs for the Company, the head of the department in charge of the relevant fact should quickly report it to the director in charge of IR. Upon receipt of the report, the director reviews the necessity of disclosure with the President and CEO and the director in charge of the relevant departments. We will disclose the information quickly if we judge it necessary.

#### (2) Determined fact

We will discuss and determine important matters at the Board of Directors meetings. The President and CEO, the executive officer in charge of the relevant departments, and the director in charge of IR will examine whether or not to disclose the determined facts, and disclose them quickly if we judge it necessary.

(3) Financial information

The Finance and Accounting Division should prepare financial closing information and submit it to the Board of Directors after going through auditing processes by the accounting auditor. We will disclose the financial information quickly after approval at the Board of Directors meeting.

#### (4) Others

The director in charge of IR will examine information other than those listed in (1) through (3) above and disclose it quickly if the director judges it matters to investors.

