

June 2, 2015

Dear Shareholders:

Kosei Shindo
Representative Director and President
Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation (Code Number 5401) (the “Company”)
6-1, Marunouchi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Notice of the 91st General Meeting of Shareholders

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 91st General Meeting of Shareholders which will be held at **10 a.m., Wednesday, June 24, 2015**, at **the banquet room TSURU (Banquet Floor (1st Floor), the Main Building), Hotel New Otani Tokyo, 4-1, Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan**, the agenda of which is set forth below.

If you are unable to attend, you can exercise your voting rights after reading the “Reference Documents for Exercising Voting Rights” either by returning the Voting Rights Exercise Form by mail or via the Internet, as instructed below. When votes are registered by both methods, the vote registered via the Internet will be treated as the vote of record.

(Voting by mail)

Please indicate your choices on the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form and return it so that it will arrive at the Company by 17:00, Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

(Voting via Internet)

Please vote via the Company-designated website (<http://www.web54.net>) by 17:00, Tuesday, June 23, 2015. Meanwhile, institutional investors can use the Internet voting rights exercise platform operated by ICJ, Inc.

AGENDA

Matters to be reported to the shareholders:

Report on operations for the 90th term (from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015), consolidated financial statements and non-consolidated financial statements, and reports of accounting auditors and the Audit & Supervisory Board on consolidated financial statements for the 90th term.

Matters for approval by the shareholders:

Item 1: Appropriation of Surplus for the 90th Term (from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015)

Item 2: Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

Item 3: Share Consolidation

Item 4: Election of Fourteen (14) Directors

Item 5: Election of One (1) Audit & Supervisory Board Member

The report on operations, consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements, and copies of the reports of accounting auditors and the Audit & Supervisory Board are described in the “90th Term Report”.

1. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m.
2. Attendees are requested to submit the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form at the reception desk upon arrival at the meeting. When the voting rights are exercised by a proxy, the said proxy is requested to submit the Voting Rights Exercise Form of the principal at the reception desk, together with a power of attorney in this matter. Meanwhile, please note that a proxy must be another shareholder entitled to exercise voting rights.
3. When exercising your voting rights via the Internet, please read the “Exercise of Voting Rights via the Internet” on page 16.
4. If revisions are made to the “Reference Documents for Exercising Voting Rights”, the report on operations or consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements, such changes will be indicated on the Company website (<http://www.nssmc.com/>).

Reference Documents for Exercising Voting Rights

Item 1 Appropriation of Surplus for the 90th Term (from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015)

The Board of Directors proposes that the term-end dividend for the 90th term will be paid according to the “Surplus Distribution Policy” described in the “90th Term Report” (page 21) as follows:

- (1) Kind of Dividend
Cash
- (2) Dividend Payment and Total Payment
3.50 yen per share Total payment: 31,991,941,576 yen
- (3) Effective Date of the Dividend
Thursday, June 25, 2015

Item 2 Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

(1) Reason for Proposal

Following the enforcement on May 1, 2015 of the “Act for Partial Amendment of the Companies Act” (Act No.90 of 2014), which allows a company to enter into liability limitation agreements with directors other than executive directors and others, and with all audit & supervisory board members, the Board of Directors proposes to make partial amendments to the Articles of Incorporation concerning the liability limitation agreements (amended Article 23, Paragraph 2 and Article 32, Paragraph 2 of the Articles of Incorporation).

The amendments to Article 23, Paragraph 2 of the Articles of Incorporation has been consented to by each of the Audit & Supervisory Board Members.

(2) Contents of Amendment

The following table shows the proposed change, which is indicated by underlines, from the current provisions of the Articles of Incorporation.

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendment
<p>Article 23. (Omitted) 2. The Company may, in accordance with laws and regulations, enter into an agreement with <u>its outside Director</u> which limits the liability of such <u>outside Director</u> to the greater of an amount determined in advance by the Company which shall not be less than twenty million yen (¥20,000,000) and the sum of the amounts set forth in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act.</p>	<p>Article 23. (Not amended) 2. The Company may, in accordance with laws and regulations, enter into an agreement with <u>its Director (excluding Executive Directors and others)</u> which limits the liability of such <u>Director</u> to the greater of an amount determined in advance by the Company which shall not be less than twenty million yen (¥20,000,000) and the sum of the amounts set forth in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act.</p>
<p>Article 32. (Omitted) 2. The Company may, in accordance with laws and regulations, enter into an agreement with its <u>outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member</u> which limits the liability of such <u>outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member</u> to the greater of an amount determined in advance by the Company which shall not be less than twenty million yen (¥20,000,000) and the sum of the amounts set forth in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act.</p>	<p>Article 32. (Not amended) 2. The Company may, in accordance with laws and regulations, enter into an agreement with its <u>Audit & Supervisory Board Member</u> which limits the liability of such <u>Audit & Supervisory Board Member</u> to the greater of an amount determined in advance by the Company which shall not be less than twenty million yen (¥20,000,000) and the sum of the amounts set forth in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act..</p>

Item 3 Share Consolidation

(1) Reason for Proposal

For the greater convenience of investors and other market participants, all Japanese securities exchanges are promoting an “Action Plan for Consolidating Trading Units”, under which trading units of common shares (number of shares in a unit shares) for domestically listed companies are uniformly set at 100 shares. In light of the intent of this action plan, the Company decided to change the number of shares in a unit of shares from 1,000 shares to 100 shares by the resolution at the Board of Directors’ meeting held on April 28, 2015, according to the provisions of the Companies Act.

In this exercise, in order to maintain price level of a trading unit and the number of voting rights of shareholders following the change of unit of shares, the Company also decided to carry out a share consolidation of the Company shares under which every 10 shares will be consolidated into 1 share (the "Share Consolidation") and reduce its total number of authorized shares from 20 billion shares to 2 billion shares according to the ratio of the Share Consolidation.

Subject to the approval of this proposal as originally proposed, the aforementioned change in the number of shares in a unit shares will take effect on October 1, 2015.

(2) Consolidation Ratio

Every 10 shares in the Company will be consolidated into 1 share.

If any fractional shares arise as a result of the Share Consolidation, pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act, the Company will sell all such fractional shares and distribute the proceeds to shareholders having fractional shares in proportion to their respective fractions.

(3) The Date on which the Share Consolidation Becomes Effective (the “Effective Date”) October 1, 2015

(4) Total Number of Authorized Shares as of the Effective Date 2,000,000,000 shares

By implementing the Share Consolidation, it will be deemed that the Articles of Incorporation is amended with respect to the change of total number of authorized shares on the Effective Date, pursuant to Article 182, Paragraph 2 of the Companies Act.

(Reference)

Subject to the approval of this proposal as originally proposed, the Articles of Incorporation of the Company will be partially amended as follows on October 1, 2015.

The following table shows the proposed change, which is indicated by underlines, from the current provisions of the Articles of Incorporation.

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendment
Article 5. The total number of shares which the Company has authority to issue shall be <u>20,000,000,000</u> .	Article 5. The total number of shares which the Company has authority to issue shall be <u>2,000,000,000</u> .
Article 6. 1. <u>One thousand (1,000) shares</u> of the Company shall constitute one (1) unit. A holder of one unit of shares shall have one vote at a general meeting of shareholders. 2. (Omitted) 3. (Omitted)	Article 6. 1. <u>One hundred (100) shares</u> of the Company shall constitute one (1) unit. A holder of one unit of shares shall have one vote at a general meeting of shareholders. 2. (Not amended) 3. (Not amended)

Item 4 Election of Fourteen (14) Directors

The term of office of all fourteen (14) current Directors ends at the conclusion of the 91st General Meeting of Shareholders. The Board of Directors proposes that fourteen (14) Directors be elected. The candidates for Directors are set forth below.

The responsibilities of the candidates who are currently Directors of the Company are described in the “90th Term Report” (pages 26-27). Mr. Mutsutake Otsuka and Mr. Ichiro Fujisaki are candidates for Outside Directors.

Candidates for Directors

Name (date of birth)		Brief personal history (with material concurrent positions)		Number of shares of the Company owned
1	Shoji Muneoka (May 3, 1946)	April 1970:	Joined Nippon Steel Corporation (NSC)	332,546
		June 1999:	Director and General Manager, Corporate Secretariat Division of NSC	
		April 2003:	Managing Director and Director, Flat Products Division of NSC	
		April 2005:	Representative Director and Executive Vice President of NSC	
		April 2008:	Representative Director and President of NSC	
		October 2012:	Representative Director, Chairman and CEO of the Company	
		Assumed current position as Representative Director and Chairman of the Company in April 2014		
2	Kosei Shindo (September 14, 1949)	April 1973:	Joined NSC	187,720
		June 2005:	Director (Member of the Board) and General Manager, Corporate Planning Division of NSC	
		June 2006:	Director (under the Executive Management System) and General Manager, Corporate Planning Division of NSC	
		April 2007:	Director (under the Executive Management System) and General Manager, General Administration Division of NSC	
		April 2009:	Executive Vice President (under the Executive Management System) of NSC	
		June 2009:	Representative Director and Executive Vice President of NSC	
		October 2012:	Representative Director and Executive Vice President of the Company	
		Assumed current position as Representative Director and President of the Company in April 2014		
[Vice Chairman, The Japan Iron and Steel Federation]				

Name (date of birth)		Brief personal history (with material concurrent positions)		Number of shares of the Company owned		
3	Shinya Higuchi (November 12, 1953)	April 1976:	Joined NSC	201,344		
		April 2007:	Director (under the Executive Management System) and General Manager, Overseas Business Development Division of NSC			
		April 2009:	Director (under the Executive Management System) and Director, Pipe & Tube Division of NSC			
		April 2010:	Managing Director (under the Executive Management System) and Director, Pipe & Tube Division of NSC			
		April 2011:	Managing Director (under the Executive Management System), Director, Flat Products Division, Director, Pipe & Tube Division, and General Manager, India Continuous Annealing and Processing Line Project Group of NSC			
		June 2011:	Managing Director (Member of the Board), Director, Flat Products Division, Director, Pipe & Tube Division, and General Manager, India Continuous Annealing and Processing Line Project Group of NSC			
		June 2012:	Representative Director and Executive Vice President of NSC			
		Assumed current position as Representative Director and Executive Vice President of the Company in October 2012				
		〔Chairman, Baosteel-NSC Automotive Steel Sheets Co., Ltd.〕				

Name (date of birth)		Brief personal history (with material concurrent positions)		Number of shares of the Company owned		
4	Katsuhiko Ota (June 30, 1953)	April 1977:	Joined NSC	178,040		
		April 2007:	Director (under the Executive Management System) and General Manager, Corporate Planning Division of NSC			
		April 2009:	Director (under the Executive Management System) of NSC			
		April 2011:	Managing Director (under the Executive Management System) of NSC			
		June 2011:	Managing Director (Member of the Board) of NSC			
		April 2012:	Managing Director (Member of the Board) and General Manager, Shanghai-Baoshan Cold-rolled & Coated Sheet Products Project Group of NSC			
		October 2012:	Managing Director, Member of the Board and Project Leader, Shanghai-Baoshan Cold-rolled & Coated Sheet Products Project Group of the Company			
		Assumed current position as Representative Director and Executive Vice President of the Company in April 2013			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Representative Director and President, East Asia United Steel Corporation Chairman, The Japan Ferrous Raw Materials Association </div>	
5	Akihiro Miyasaka (February 22, 1954)	April 1976:	Joined NSC	83,918		
		July 2009:	Fellow of NSC			
		April 2011:	Managing Director (under the Executive Management System) and General Superintendent, Nagoya Works of NSC			
		October 2012:	Managing Executive Officer and Head of Works, Nagoya Works of the Company			
		April 2013:	Executive Vice President and Head of Bureau, Technical Research & Development Bureau of the Company			
		Assumed current position as Representative Director, Executive Vice President and Head of Bureau, Technical Research & Development Bureau of the Company in June 2013			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> President, The Japan Research and Development Center for Metals </div>	

Name (date of birth)		Brief personal history (with material concurrent positions)		Number of shares of the Company owned
6	Kinya Yanagawa (October 3, 1952)	April 1978:	Joined Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd. (SMI)	148,308
		April 2009:	Managing Executive Officer and General Manager of Kashima Steel Works of SMI	
		April 2011:	Senior Managing Executive Officer and General Manager of Kashima Steel Works of SMI	
		April 2012:	Senior Managing Executive Officer and President of Steel Sheet, Plate & Structural Steel Company of SMI	
		June 2012:	Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer and President of Steel Sheet, Plate & Structural Steel Company of SMI	
		October 2012:	Managing Director, Member of the Board of the Company	
		Assumed current position as Representative Director and Executive Vice President of the Company in April 2014		
		[Vice President, The Iron and Steel Institute of Japan]		
7	Soichiro Sakuma (February 15, 1956)	April 1978:	Joined NSC	83,516
		April 2004:	General Manager (Legal Affairs), General Administration Division of NSC	
		April 2009:	Director (under the Executive Management System) of NSC	
		April 2012:	Managing Director (under the Executive Management System) of NSC	
		June 2012:	Managing Director (Member of the Board) of NSC	
		October 2012:	Managing Director, Member of the Board of the Company	
		Assumed current position as Representative Director and Executive Vice President of the Company in April 2014		
		[Chairman, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Arts Foundation]		

Name (date of birth)		Brief personal history (with material concurrent positions)		Number of shares of the Company owned	
8	Yasumitsu Saeki (May 8, 1955)	April 1979:	Joined NSC	57,431	
		April 2009:	Director (under the Executive Management System) and Deputy Director, Flat Products Division and Director, Bar & Wire Rod Division of NSC		
		July 2010:	Director (under the Executive Management System), Deputy Director, Flat Products Division, Director, Bar & Wire Rod Division and Deputy General Manager, India Continuous Annealing and Processing Line Project Group of NSC		
		June 2012:	Managing Director (Member of the Board), Director, Flat Products Division, Director, Bar & Wire Rod Division, Director, Pipe & Tube Division and General Manager, India Continuous Annealing and Processing Line Project Group of NSC		
		October 2012:	Managing Director, Member of the Board, Head of Unit, Flat Products Unit, Head of Unit, Bar & Wire Rod Unit and Project Leader, India Continuous Annealing and Processing Line Project of the Company		
		Assumed current position as Managing Director, Member of the Board, Head of Unit, Flat Products Unit, Project Leader, Shanghai-Baoshan Cold-rolled & Coated Sheet Products Project and Project Leader, India Continuous Annealing and Processing Line Project of the Company in April 2013			
		Director, Nippon Steel & Sumikin Coated Sheet Corporation Director, Nippon Steel & Sumikin Metal Products Co., Ltd. Director, Baosteel-NSC Automotive Steel Sheets Co., Ltd.			

Name (date of birth)		Brief personal history (with material concurrent positions)		Number of shares of the Company owned
9	Shinji Morinobu (September 8, 1953)	April 1977:	Joined SMI	42,689
		April 2010:	Managing Executive Officer of SMI	
		October 2012:	Managing Executive Officer of the Company	
		April 2013:	Managing Executive Officer and Head of Unit, Railway, Automotive & Machinery Parts Unit of the Company	
		June 2013:	Managing Director, Member of the Board and Head of Unit, Railway, Automotive & Machinery Parts Unit of the Company	
		Assumed current position as Managing Director, Member of the Board and Head of Office, Osaka Office of the Company in April 2015		
10	Ritsuya Iwai (September 16, 1956)	April 1981:	Joined SMI	71,580
		April 2010:	Managing Executive Officer of SMI	
		April 2012:	Managing Executive Officer and General Manager of Steel Tube Works, Pipe & Tube Company of SMI	
		October 2012:	Executive Officer and Head of Works, Amagasaki Works, Pipe & Tube Unit of the Company	
		April 2013:	Managing Executive Officer and Head of Works, Amagasaki Works, Pipe & Tube Unit of the Company	
		April 2014:	Managing Executive Officer and Head of Unit, Pipe & Tube Unit of the Company	
		Assumed current position as Managing Director, Member of the Board and Head of Unit, Pipe & Tube Unit of the Company in June 2014		

Name (date of birth)		Brief personal history (with material concurrent positions)		Number of shares of the Company owned
11	[New candidate] Machi Nakata (May 19, 1956)	April 1981:	Joined SMI	55,148
		October 2009:	General Manager of Quality Planning Department, Osaka Steel Works, Railway Automotive & Machinery Parts Company of SMI	
		April 2011:	Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of Osaka Steel Works, Railway Automotive & Machinery Parts Company and Assistant General Manager of Titanium Division of SMI	
		January 2012:	Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of, Osaka Steel Works, Railway Automotive & Machinery Parts Company and Assistant General Manager of Stainless Steel & Titanium Division of SMI	
		October 2012:	Executive Officer and Head of Works, Osaka Steel Works, Railway, Automotive & Machinery Parts Unit of the Company	
		April 2014:	Managing Executive Officer and Head of Works, Osaka Steel Works, Railway, Automotive & Machinery Parts Unit of the Company	
		Assumed current position as Managing Executive Officer and Head of Unit, Railway, Automotive & Machinery Parts Unit of the Company in April 2015		
		〔 Chairman, Steel Castings and Forgings Association of Japan 〕		
12	[New candidate] Shinji Tanimoto (May 24, 1957)	April 1982:	Joined NSC	109,683
		April 2009:	Director (under the Executive Management System) and General Superintendent, Sakai Works, Structurals Division of NSC	
		April 2011:	Director (under the Executive Management System) and General Superintendent, Yawata Works of NSC	
		October 2012:	Executive Officer and Head of Works, Yawata Works of the Company	
		April 2013:	Managing Executive Officer and Head of Works, Yawata Works of the Company	
		Assumed current position as Managing Executive Officer and Head of Center, Plant Engineering and Facility Management Center of the Company in April 2015		

Name (date of birth)		Brief personal history (with material concurrent positions)		Number of shares of the Company owned		
13	Mutsutake Otsuka (January 5, 1943)	April 1965:	Joined Japanese National Railways	23,332		
		June 1990:	Director and General Manager of Personnel Dept. of East Japan Railway Company			
		June 1992:	Executive Director and General Manager of Personnel Dept. of East Japan Railway Company			
		January 1994:	Executive Director of East Japan Railway Company			
		June 1996:	Executive Director and Deputy Director General of Corporate Planning Headquarters of East Japan Railway Company			
		June 1997:	Executive Vice President and Director General of Corporate Planning Headquarters of East Japan Railway Company			
		June 2000:	President and CEO of East Japan Railway Company			
		April 2006:	Chairman and Director of East Japan Railway Company			
		Assumed current position as Executive Advisor to the Board of East Japan Railway Company in April 2012 Assumed current position as Director (Outside Director) of the Company in June 2014				
		〔 Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Electric Power Development Co., Ltd. Outside Director, JX Holdings, Inc. 〕				
14	Ichiro Fujisaki (July 10, 1947)	April 1969:	Joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan	20,001		
		August 1999:	Director-General, North American Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan			
		September 2002:	Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs			
		January 2005:	Ambassador of Japan to the United Nations and WTO in Geneva			
		April 2008:	Ambassador of Japan to the United States of America			
		November 2012:	Retired from Ambassador of Japan to the United States of America			
		Assumed current position as Distinguished Professor of Sophia University in January 2013 Assumed current position as Director (Outside Director) of the Company in June 2014				
		〔 Outside Director, ITOCHU Corporation President, The America-Japan Society, Inc. 〕				

(Note 1) Note regarding Outside Director Candidate Mutsutake Otsuka

- 1) The Board of Directors has proposed the re-election of Mr. Mutsutake Otsuka as an Outside Director because it believes that he is well-qualified for the position by his appropriate action with effective remarks as an Outside Director of the Company since his appointment at the 90th General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 25, 2014 and by his deep knowledge and ample experience in corporate management.

- 2) Since his appointment as an Outside Director of the Company, Mr. Mutsutake Otsuka will have served in such position for one (1) year at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 3) Concerning the candidate's liability under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has concluded an agreement with Mr. Mutsutake Otsuka that limits his liability to the greater of the amount stipulated in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act and twenty million (20,000,000) yen, as long as he is without knowledge and is not grossly negligent in performing his duties.
- 4) The Company has already filed Mr. Mutsutake Otsuka as an "independent director/auditor" with each financial exchange in Japan and this has been accepted by all of them.

(Note 2) Note regarding Outside Director Candidate Ichiro Fujisaki

- 1) The Board of Directors has proposed the re-election of Mr. Ichiro Fujisaki as an Outside Director because it believes that he is well-qualified for the position by his appropriate action with effective remarks as an Outside Director of the Company since his appointment at the 90th General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 25, 2014 and by his deep knowledge including international affairs, economics, and cultures that he accumulated at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, and his ample experience as the Ambassador and other key positions, notwithstanding the fact that he does not have experience participating in corporate management other than serving as an outside director and as an outside audit & supervisory board member.
- 2) Since his appointment as an Outside Director of the Company, Mr. Ichiro Fujisaki will have served in such position for one (1) year at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 3) The Company has concluded an agreement with Mr. Ichiro Fujisaki with the same terms and conditions as described in (Note 1) 3).
- 4) The Company has already filed Mr. Ichiro Fujisaki as an "independent director/auditor" with each financial exchange in Japan and this has been accepted by all of them.

Item 5 Election of One (1) Audit & Supervisory Board Member

The Audit & Supervisory Board Member Mr. Toshihide Tanabe will resign at the conclusion of the 91st General Meeting of Shareholders. The Board of Directors proposes that one (1) Audit & Supervisory Board Member be elected. The candidate for Audit & Supervisory Board Member is set forth below.

The submission of this proposal has been consented to by the Audit & Supervisory Board.

Candidate for Audit & Supervisory Board Member

Name (date of birth)	Brief personal history (with material concurrent positions)		Number of shares of the Company owned
[New candidate] Yutaka Takeuchi (December 10, 1956)	April 1980:	Joined NSC	134,771
	April 2009:	General Manager, Corporate Planning Division of NSC	
	April 2011:	Director (under the Executive Management System) and General Manager, Corporate Planning Division of NSC	
	October 2012:	Executive Officer and Head of Division, Group Companies Planning Division of the Company	
	April 2013:	Executive Officer of the Company	
	April 2014:	Managing Executive Officer of the Company	
	Assumed current position as Executive Officer and Advisor to the President of the Company in April 2015		

(Note) Subject to the approval of Item 2 as originally proposed, concerning the candidate's liability under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company is to conclude an agreement with Mr. Yutaka Takeuchi that limits his liability to the greater of the amount stipulated in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act and twenty million (20,000,000) yen, as long as he is without knowledge and is not grossly negligent in performing his duties.

Exercise of Voting Rights via the Internet

Those who are unable to attend the General Meeting of Shareholders can exercise their voting rights via the Internet.

The exercise of voting rights via the Internet is only possible by accessing the designated website (<http://www.web54.net>).

In order to exercise your voting rights on the website, please read and confirm the following before voting. Please note that the exercise of voting rights via the Internet will require "voting right exercise code" and "password" indicated in the Voting Rights Exercise Form.

• Treatment of votes

When you vote more than once via the Internet, the last vote is treated as the vote of record.

• Treatment of password

1. The password is a means to confirm that the person exercising his or her voting rights is the shareholder in question. Shareholders are advised to keep their passwords confidential until the General Meeting of Shareholders is concluded. Inquiries about passwords may not be made by telephone or any other means.
2. When incorrect passwords are entered more than a specified number of times, the password will be invalidated. In such cases, please follow the instructions on the display.

• Operating system requirements

The following system environment is required to exercise voting rights via the Internet.

1. Display resolution: 800 x 600 dots (SVGA) or more
2. Installed applications:
 - (1) Microsoft® Internet Explorer Ver. 5.01 SP 2 or newer
 - (2) Adobe® Acrobat® Reader® Ver. 4.0 or newer, or Adobe® Reader® Ver. 6.0 or newer
3. Any access charges assessed via the Internet providers and communications charges assessed by communications companies in order to use the Internet shall be borne by the shareholders.
4. The website for exercising voting rights by cellular phones is not set up.

• Inquiries about the operation of personal computers and other issues

For inquiries on how to exercise your voting rights via the Internet, please call:
0120-652-031 (toll free within Japan) (9:00~21:00)

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