This document is the translation version of 「第 26 期定時株主総会招集ご通知」("NOTICE OF THE 26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS") which is originally written in Japanese. This document is intended for reference-purpose only. In the event of any discrepancy between this translation and the original Japanese document, the original shall prevail. OSAKA Titanium technologies Co., Ltd. (hereinafter "the Company") assumes no responsibility for this translation or for direct, indirect or any other forms of damages arising from this translation.

#### **Dear Shareholders,**

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our shareholders for your continued support.

While the Japanese economy is showing signs of recovery as economic activity normalises following the easing of restrictions on new coronavirus infections, the outlook remains difficult to predict due to rising prices of raw materials and fuels, exchange rate volatility, as well as ongoing geopolitical risks in overseas economies from Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

In the Company's flagship Titanium business, in addition to a gradual recovery in demand for aerospace and replacement demand for Russian titanium, demand for general industrial applications also began to increase gradually. In the Company's High-Performance Materials business, demand for high-purity titanium and spherical titanium alloy powder (alloy TILOP) also increased. As a result, sales increased in both the Titanium and High-Performance Materials businesses for the Company. Furthermore, improved earnings due to better product prices and cost reduction efforts have also helped the business to turn around and become profitable for the first time in three years since the financial year ending March, 2020.

In this business environment, in order to steadily return to the growth strategy envisioned by the Company and build a strong corporate foundation for sustainable development, the Company will further strengthen its profitability in the Titanium business by maximising production capacity utilisation, continuing efforts to improve product prices and by improving the production technology.

In the High-Performance Materials, the Company will accelerate the growth of high-purity titanium, strengthen the growth and profitability of alloy TILOP for its full-scale commercialisation and promote the early development of silicon monoxide (SiO) anode materials. The Company will also work to develop new businesses that use the Company's specialised technologies to transform its business portfolio.

In addition, the Company will further enhance its corporate value by promoting various activities to reduce its environmental impact, such as its recent carbon-neutral response, and by actively promoting the use of IT technology.

Based on current performance, the year-end dividend will be JPY 25 per share, which, together with the interim dividend of JPY 10 per share, will result in an annual dividend of JPY 35 per share.

The Company will continue to make every effort to maintain and improve its performance and would like to thank you shareholders for your continued support and encouragement.

Yasuaki Sugizaki Representative Director, Member of the Board & President

(Securities Code 5726) 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023

#### To All Shareholders with Voting Rights:

Yasuaki Sugizaki Representative Director, Member of the Board & President OSAKA Titanium technologies Co., Ltd. 1 Higashihama-cho, Amagasaki, Hyogo, Japan

#### **NOTICE OF**

#### THE 26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (hereinafter referred to as the "AGM") of OSAKA Titanium technologies Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") will be held as follows:

| 1. Date and Time:                            | Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023, at 10am Japan Time (doors open at 9 am)   |
|--|---|
| 2. Place:                                    | Amagasaki Chamber of Commerce, Conference Room 701, 7th floor<br>3-96 Showa-Dori, Amagasaki, Hyogo, Japan                     |
| 3. Meeting Agenda:<br>Matters to be Reported | The Business Report and Financial Statement for the 26 <sup>th</sup> Term (Financial Year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023) |
| Matters to be Resolved<br>Item               | Appointment of four (4) Directors (excluding those who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee)                      |

In convening this AGM, the Company has adopted the measures for the electronic provision of the information contained in the AGM Reference Documents (hereinafter referred to as the "Electronic Provision Measures"), which are available on the internet. The Company invites you to visit one of the following websites to check the information on the websites.

#### [Company's website]

https://www.osaka-ti.co.jp/ir/kabunushi.html

#### [Tokyo Stock Exchange website (TSE-listed company information service)] https://www2.jpx.co.jp/tseHpFront/JJK020010Action.do?Show=Show

Access the above website and search for "OSAKA TITANIUM TECHNOLOGIES" in the "Issue name (Company name)" section or simply enter the Company's security code "5726" in the "Code" section. Then, select in the following order: "Basic information", "Documents for public inspection/PR information" and "Notice of General Shareholders Meeting/Information Materials for a General Shareholders Meeting."

Please review the enclosed AGM Reference Documents and exercise your voting rights in advance by returning the enclosed voting form or by voting online by the internet in case you are not able to come to the AGM on-site.

#### Notes

- The following items (1) and (2) are NOT included in the attachment to this Notice of AGM as they are posted on the above websites in accordance with the law and Article 17 of the Company's Articles of Incorporation.
  - In the Business Report, "Major Business Operations," "Major Offices and Plants," "Employees," "Major Lenders," "Status of Shares," "Matters relating to Share Subscription Rights," "Development of Systems to Ensure the Appropriateness of Business Operations," and "Overview of the Operation Status of the System to Ensure the Appropriateness of Business Operations."
- (2) In the Financial Statement, "Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity" and "Notes to the Financial Statement."
- The Business Report audited by the Directors who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee consists of the statements in this Notice of AGM and (1) above. The Financial Statement audited by the Accounting Auditors and the Directors who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee consists of the statements in this Notice of AGM and (2) above.
- In the event of any amendments to the Electronic Provision Measures, a notice will be posted on the aforementioned websites on the internet to inform shareholders of the amended matters.

### **AGM Reference Documents**

#### Matters to be Resolved

# **Item** Appointment of four (4) Directors (excluding those who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee)

As the terms of office of all four (4) Directors (excluding those who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee) will expire at the conclusion of this AGM, the appointment of four (4) Directors (excluding those who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee) is proposed.

The Audit & Supervisory Committee discussed this proposal based on the deliberations of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee. As a result, the Audit & Supervisory Committee expressed the opinion that there were no particular matters to be addressed.

The candidates for Directors (excluding those who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee) are as follows:

| Candidate<br>No. | Name                |                     | Current Position &<br>Responsibilities at the Company  |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1                | Yasuaki<br>Sugizaki | Re-<br>appointed    | Representative Director,<br>Member of the Board & President  |
| 2                | Satoru<br>Takahashi | Re-<br>appointed    | Director, Member of the Board & Senior Managing Executive Officer<br>Oversees the Corporate Planning & Finance, the General Affairs &<br>Human Resources, and the Raw Materials & Purchasing Departments   |
| 3                | Junji<br>Kawafuku   | Re-<br>appointed    | Director, Member of the Board & Senior Managing Executive Officer<br>Oversees the Safety, Environment & Disaster Management, the<br>Production Control, the Quality Assurance, the Technology, the Testing &<br>Analysis, the Facilities, and the Titanium Manufacturing Departments |
| 4                | Tadao<br>Araike     | Newly-<br>appointed | Managing Executive Officer<br>In charge of the Titanium Manufacturing Department   |

Notes

1. There are no special interests between each candidate and the Company.

2. The Company has entered into a liability insurance contract with an insurance company for all Directors, Members of the Board, as stipulated in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. The insurance policy shall cover any loss that may arise as a result of an insured Director being held liable for the performance of his or her duties or being subject to a claim in respect of such liability. In the event that each candidate is appointed as a director, he or she will become an insured person under the relevant insurance policy and the policy will be renewed during the term of office.

| Candidate<br>No. | Name<br>(Date of Birth)  |  | nal History, Positions & Responsibilities,<br>nd Important Concurrent Positions  |  |
|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1                | Yasuaki<br>Sugizaki<br>(17 <sup>th</sup> May 1957)<br>Re-<br>appointed | April 1988<br>April 2011<br>April 2013<br>June 2014<br>April 2015<br>April 2016<br>April 2016<br>June 2016 | Joined Kobe Steel, Ltd.<br>Executive Officer, General Manager of<br>Research & Development Planning Department,<br>Technical Development Group, Kobe Steel,<br>Ltd.<br>Managing Executive Officer, General Manager<br>of Technical Development Group, Kobe Steel,                          | Number of Shares<br>held in the Company:<br>13,000<br>Attendance at the<br>Board of Directors<br>(FY2022):<br>11/11 (100%) |
|                  | corporate value<br>because he has<br>future of the Co                  | appointed as<br>of the Compar<br>been demonst<br>mpany. In pa  | <b>Director</b><br>a candidate for Director because he has been we<br>by as the Representative Director, Member of the B<br>rating strong leadership in building a strong corp<br>articular, he has been involved in the improvement<br>sess and the transformation of the Company's busin | oard & President, and<br>orate structure for the<br>t of the profitability of  |

| Candidate<br>No. | Name<br>(Date of Birth)   | Person     |   |                              |  |  |
|------------------|---|------------|---|------------------------------|--|--|
|                  |   | April 1982 | Joined Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd.<br>(currently NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION)                    |                              |  |  |
|                  |   | April 2011 | Department Manager of Production Control<br>and Purchasing Department, the Company                |                              |  |  |
|                  |   | June 2012  | General Manager of Raw Materials<br>Department, the Company                                       |                              |  |  |
|                  | Satoru  | June 2015  | Executive Officer, General Manager of Raw Materials Department, the Company                       | Number of Shares             |  |  |
|                  | <b>Takahashi</b><br>(7 <sup>th</sup> January 1960)  | April 2017 | Executive Officer, General Manager of Corporate Planning Department, the Company                  | held in the Company<br>8,800 |  |  |
|                  | Re-   | April 2018 | Managing Executive Officer, the Company   | Attendance at the            |  |  |
|                  | appointed   | June 2018  | Director, Member of the Board & Managing<br>Executive Officer, the Company                        | Board of Directors (FY2022): |  |  |
| 2                | 2   | April 2019 | Director, Member of the Board & Senior<br>Managing Executive Officer, the Company (to<br>present) | 11/11 (100%)                 |  |  |
|                  |   |            | Corporate Planning & Finance, the General uman Resources, and the Raw Materials &                 |                              |  |  |
|                  | Reasons for Appointment as a Director<br>He has been re-appointed as a candidate for Director because he has a wealth of experience and a wide<br>range of insights in accounting, corporate planning, and raw materials business, and because he has<br>played an important role of top executive in the Finance as well as in the General Affairs and Human<br>Resources Departments, thus enhancing the Company's corporate governance and contributing to the<br>improvement of corporate value of the Company. |            |   |                              |  |  |

| Candidate<br>No. | Name<br>(Date of Birth)   | i ersonar mistory, i osterons er responsionnes,  |   |   |  |  |
|------------------|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| <b>No.</b>       | Junji<br>Kawafuku<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> April 1960)<br>Re-<br>appointed | April 1985<br>April 2010<br>April 2013<br>April 2014<br>April 2018<br>April 2020<br>June 2020<br>April 2023<br><b>Responsibili</b> | Joined Kobe Steel, Ltd.<br>Manager of Titanium Plant and Head of Plant<br>Control department, Titanium Division, Iron<br>& Steel business, Kobe Steel, Ltd.<br>Head of Titanium Division, Iron & Steel<br>business, Kobe Steel, Ltd.<br>Senior General Manager, Head of Titanium<br>Division, Iron & Steel business, Kobe Steel,<br>Ltd.<br>Senior General Manager, Assistant Executive<br>Officer of Titanium Division, Iron & Steel<br>business, Kobe Steel, Ltd.<br>Managing Executive Officer, the Company<br>Director, Member of the Board & Managing<br>Executive Officer, the Company<br>Director, Member of the Board & Senior<br>Managing Executive Officer, the Company<br>(to present) | Number of Shares<br>held in the Company:<br>2,900<br>Attendance at the<br>Board of Directors<br>(FY2022):<br>11/11 (100%) |  |  |
|                  | -   | the Productio<br>Technology,<br>Titanium Ma  | on Control, the Quality Assurance, the<br>the Testing and Analysis, the Facilities, and the<br>nufacturing Departments  |   |  |  |
|                  | of the Company  | appointed as a<br>y's corporate va<br>y with his broad   | candidate for Director because he has contributed<br>alue by leading the operations and manufacturing<br>d insight and management skills. He held severa  | technology divisions  |  |  |

| Candidate<br>No. | Name<br>(Date of Birth)   |   |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 4                | Tadao<br>Araike<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> August 1967)<br>Newly-<br>appointed | April 1991<br>June 2012<br>July 2013<br>April 2016<br>April 2018<br>April 2019<br>April 2023<br><b>Responsibili</b><br>In charge of | Joined the Company<br>Department Manager of Titanium<br>Manufacturing Department, the Company<br>General Manager of Titanium Manufacturing<br>Department, the Company<br>Executive Officer, General Manager of<br>Titanium Manufacturing Department, the<br>Company<br>Executive Officer, the Company<br>Executive Officer, General Manager of<br>Titanium Manufacturing Department, the<br>Company<br>Managing Executive Officer, the Company<br>(to present)<br>ties<br>the Titanium Manufacturing Department | Number of Shares<br>held in the Company:<br>3,500 |
|                  | technology in t<br>involved in for<br>executive office                  | ve experience a<br>he Company's<br>mulating busin<br>er of the Comp   | <b>Director</b><br>and excellent management skills in relation to man<br>flagship operation—the Titanium business. He<br>ess strategies for the Titanium business since his a<br>any. He is a candidate for Director because the<br>bute to the enhancement of its corporate value by   | has also been<br>appointment as an<br>Company has |

leadership in all aspects of operations and manufacturing technology.

# Skills Matrix of Directors (after this AGM)

| Name                   | Full-time/<br>Outside | Independent<br>Director | Position   | Business Unit<br>Management | Finance &<br>Accounting | Governance &<br>Legal Affairs | Global<br>Business | Sales &<br>Marketing | Technology |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Yasuaki<br>Sugizaki    | Full-time             | _                       | Representative Director,<br>Member of the Board &<br>President                             | 0                           |                         | 0                             |                    |                      | 0          |
| Satoru<br>Takahashi    | Full-time             | _                       | Director, Member of the<br>Board & Senior Managing<br>Executive Officer                    |                             | 0                       | 0                             | 0                  |                      |            |
| Junji<br>Kawafuku      | Full-time             | —                       | Director, Member of the<br>Board & Senior Managing<br>Executive Officer                    | 0                           |                         |                               |                    | 0                    | 0          |
| Tadao<br>Araike        | Full-time             | _                       | Director, Member of the<br>Board & Managing<br>Executive Officer                           |                             |                         |                               |                    | 0                    | 0          |
| Nobuhide<br>Shimamoto  | Full-time             | _                       | Director, Member of the<br>Board<br>(Full-time<br>Audit & Supervisory<br>Committee Member) |                             | 0                       | 0                             |                    |                      |            |
| Nae<br>Iijima          | Out-side              | V                       | Outside Director, Member of<br>the Board<br>(Audit & Supervisory<br>Committee Member)      |                             |                         | 0                             | 0                  |                      |            |
| Shigehisa<br>Yamaguchi | Out-side              | v                       | Outside Director, Member of<br>the Board<br>(Audit & Supervisory<br>Committee Member)      | 0                           |                         | 0                             | 0                  |                      |            |
| Masashi<br>Murata      | Out-side              | ~                       | Outside Director, Member of<br>the Board<br>(Audit & Supervisory<br>Committee Member)      |                             |                         | 0                             | 0                  | 0                    |            |

Notes 1.The proportion of independent outside directors on the Board of Directors of the Company will be more than one-third consecutively. (3 of 8 Directors)

2. Key skills (up to three) are indicated in this matrix.

# **Business Report**

### (Financial Year ending 31st March 2023)

# 1. Company Overview

#### (1) Business Progress and Results

During the year under review, the Japanese and overseas economies showed a gradual recovery trend, with economic activity beginning to normalise as restrictions on activities in response to new coronavirus infections were eased. However, the outlook remains uncertain due to ongoing geopolitical risks from Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the resulting surge in resource and energy prices, rising inflation on a global scale and foreign exchange trends.

In the Company's Titanium business, demand for titanium sponge is increasing rapidly due to the recovery in aerospace demand and the restructuring of the titanium supply chain as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. In this business environment, sales of export titanium sponge, mainly for aerospace applications, increased by 59.9% year-on-year. Domestic demand for titanium sponge, mainly for general industrial applications, also recovered, increasing by 51.9% year-on-year. As a result, sales in the Titanium business amounted to JPY 39,273 million (up 57.0% year-on-year).

In the Company's High-Performance Materials business, the current global market for semiconductors is deteriorating rapidly and the future situation needs to be closely monitored. However, in the year under review, sales of high-purity titanium for sputtering targets and spherical titanium alloy powder (alloy TILOP) continued to increase, and sales amounted to JPY 3,801 million (up 18.1% year on year).

As a result, sales for the Company as a whole in the year under review totalled JPY 43,074 million, an increase of 50.9% over the previous year.

As for profit and loss, despite factors such as higher prices for titanium ore and electricity, operating profit was JPY 4,780 million (compared with a loss of JPY 1,914 million in the same period of the previous year), ordinary profit was JPY 4,723 million (compared with a loss of JPY 1,719 million in the same period of the previous year) and net profit was JPY 4,388 million (compared with a loss of JPY 3,112 million in the same period of the previous year) as a result of increased sales volumes, price improvements and improved capacity utilisation in the Titanium business.

#### (2) Capital Investments

Total capital investment in the year under review amounted to JPY 2,983 million. This was mainly for the maintenance and improvement of titanium production facilities.

#### (3) Capital Procurement

The funds required for capital investment in the year under review were provided by the Company's own funds and borrowings. Stable funding is being secured by various means of funding such as refinancing long-term debt.

|                                   |                                   | (Japanese Yen                     | in millions, except               | per share amounts)            |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Item                              | FY2019<br>(23 <sup>rd</sup> Term) | FY2020<br>(24 <sup>th</sup> Term) | FY2021<br>(25 <sup>th</sup> Term) | FY2022<br>(year-under review) |
| Sales                             | 38,189                            | 17,053                            | 28,549                            | 43,074                        |
| Ordinary profit (loss)            | 1,322                             | (2,843)                           | (1,719)                           | 4,723                         |
| Net profit (loss)                 | 736                               | (5,083)                           | (3,112)                           | 4,388                         |
| Basic net profit (loss) per share | 20.02                             | (138.15)                          | (84.57)                           | 119.27                        |
| Total assets                      | 76,518                            | 77,743                            | 76,586                            | 81,544                        |
| Total equity                      | 34,921                            | 29,708                            | 26,509                            | 30,474                        |

#### (4) Business Results and Asset Trends

Notes

1. Negative ( ) indicates losses.

- 2. Net Profit (loss) per share is calculated based on the average number of shares outstanding during the period.
- Changes in accounting policies have been made from the FY2020 and the figures for the FY 2019 (the 23<sup>rd</sup> Term) have been retrospectively adjusted.

#### (5) Issues to be Addressed

Demand for titanium is steadily recovering, as the global economy recovers from the severe downturn which has been caused by the spread of the new coronavirus infections. In the titanium industry, the ongoing Russia's invasion of Ukraine has triggered major aircraft manufacturers to avoid purchasing Russian-made titanium mill products, resulting in a notable change in the titanium supply chain for aerospace applications. Although prices of various raw materials--titanium ore is one of them--have continued to rise, the crisis in Ukraine has led to further price increases of raw materials and a sharp rise in energy prices. Thus, the situation, including economic trends, remains uncertain.

Under this business environment, the Company's Titanium business is responding to the upturn in demand by increasing the utilisation of its titanium sponge production facilities, while at the same time continuing its company-wide efforts to reduce costs across the board through streamlining, including improvements in production parameters, and to increase productivity through efficient operations. Rising raw material prices have been a major constraint on the recovery of the Company's performance and the Company is promoting product price improvements while seeking customers understanding in order to improve the profitability of the Titanium business.

While working to strengthen the earnings base of the Titanium business in response to the recovery in demand for titanium, the Company is also considering increasing the production capacity of titanium sponge in parallel with the aim of returning to a full-fledged sustainable growth path in the future.

At the same time, the Company is working diligently to promote the growth of the alloy TILOP business and also to forward the commercialisation of silicon monoxide (SiO) anode materials for lithium-ion batteries in order to strengthen the business structure, which are medium- to long-term management challenges of the Company. The Company is also committed to realising the business portfolio outlined in its long-term vision by continuously investing management resources in the creation of new businesses that will contribute to a sustainable growth of the Company. Through these initiatives the Company will secure stable earnings from the Titanium business and accelerate the growth of the High-Performance Materials business in order to rapidly restore the Company's financial health and rebuild a foundation for stable growth.

At present, basic policies have been set and are being diligently implemented to address the following management issues.

### [Management Tasks]

- Restoring the profitability of the Titanium business through price improvement and thorough cost reductions
- ✓ Reinforcing the profit structure and accelerating the growth strategy by strengthening the business structure
- $\checkmark$  Restoring a stable growth platform by quickly ensuring financial strength.

# [Basic Policies]

- ✓ Returning to a strategy of sustainable growth with the Titanium business at the core as the market returns to a growth trajectory
- Enhancing the growth potential and securing the profitability of the High-Performance Materials business in order to transform the Company's business structure
- ✓ Continuously developing new businesses to accelerate the transformation of the business portfolio
- Promoting various activities to reduce environmental load, including carbon neutral compliance
- ✓ Proactively using IT technology (business reforms by DX, advanced production technology using AI, etc.)

The challenges in each of the business segments are as follows:

# 1. Titanium Business

### 1) Strengthening the Revenue Base

- ✓ Improving sales price and sales mix to a level that ensures long-term business continuity
- ✓ Modifying the cost structure and contributing to the reduction of environmental impact through the development of innovative technologies
- ✓ Maintaining a stable and competitive raw material procurement scheme and strengthening technologies for the use of less-expensive-low-quality raw materials

# 2) Pursuing an Optimum Production

- ✓ Further improving productivity per furnace and labour productivity
- ✓ Actively introducing AI and other mathematical engineering approaches for the advancement of production technology
- ✓ Conducting a feasibility study of the expanding titanium sponge production capacity

# 2. High-Performance Materials Business

- 1) Expanding High-Purity Titanium Business by Strengthening Customer-response Capabilities
- ✓ Strengthening customer responsiveness and increasing market share through strategic products by strengthening the technical-sales capabilities
- Developing distinctive products that anticipate innovative needs and capture ongoing growth opportunities
- ✓ Further strengthening the profitability by expanding sales of high value-added products and reducing loss costs

### 2) Strengthening the Business Base of Spherical Titanium Alloy Powder (alloy TILOP)

- ✓ Building a business foundation by fully utilising the alloy TILOP plant
- $\checkmark$  Improving the ability to make proposals and deepening cooperation with customers
- Continuously developing the process technology and bringing differentiated products to market

#### 3) Forwarding the Commercialisation of SiO Anode Materials for LiBs

- ✓ Forwarding the commercialisation through attentive and rapid response to customer needs
- $\checkmark$  Starting commercial production and establishing a business base

### 4) Continuous Efforts to Create "High-Quality Menus"

- ✓ Searching for new businesses that utilise our proprietary technologies and studying their commercialisation through a company-wide cross-sectional structure
- Supporting the commercialisation review process for new businesses through investment in management resources

### 3. Company-wide Initiatives

### 1) Consolidating the Cost Structure

- ✓ Reducing indirect personnel through operational efficiency and organisational integration and effectively allocating human resources
- ✓ Promoting flexible organisational reforms for business portfolio transformation

### 2) Consolidating the Technology Development Capabilities

- ✓ Consolidating the organisational structure dedicated to the advancement of production process technology and collaboration with external R&D organisations
- $\checkmark$  Continuously exploring the possibility for new products and businesses

### 3) Securing and Developing Human Resources

- ✓ Creating a system to ensure a diverse workforce in the face of a declining population
- ✓ Enhancing measures for human resource development to achieve a systematic training of

the coming generation leaders

✓ Handing down skills to the coming generation and fostering technical experts through visualisation and sharing of the experience and knowledge of skilled personnel

#### 4) Promoting DX (Digital Transformation)

- $\checkmark$  Promoting work restructuring through the renewal of core information system
- ✓ Further stabilising the quality of products and improving the production efficiency by proactive use of accumulated data

#### 5) ESG Initiatives

- ✓ Contributing to the reduction of environmental load
- ✓ Creating a safe and healthy working environment
- ✓ Developing human resources and promoting diversity
- ✓ Sustaining growth through corporate governance
- ✓ Contributing to a sustainable society through the development and provision of environment-friendly advanced materials

#### (6) Important Parent Company and Subsidiaries (As of 31st March 2023)

Not applicable

# 2. Company Officers

#### (1) Directors, Members of the Board (As of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023)

| Position   | Name                   | Responsibilities at the Company and<br>Important Concurrent Positions  |
|--|------------------------|--|
| Representative<br>Director, Member of<br>the Board, and<br>President                       | Yasuaki<br>Sugizaki    |  |
| Director, Member of<br>the Board, and Senior<br>Managing Executive<br>Officer              | Satoru<br>Takahashi    | Oversees the Corporate Planning & Finance, the<br>General Affairs & Human Resources, and the Raw<br>Materials & Purchasing Departments   |
| Director, Member of<br>the Board, and Senior<br>Managing Executive<br>Officer              | Masayuki<br>Tsuji      | Oversees the Sales & Marketing and the High-<br>Performance Materials Departments. General Manager<br>of Tokyo Office  |
| Director, Member of<br>the Board, and<br>Managing Executive<br>Officer                     | Junji<br>Kawafuku      | Oversees the Safety, Environment & Disaster<br>Management, the Production Control, the Quality<br>Assurance, the Technology, the Testing & Analysis, the<br>Facilities, and the Titanium Manufacturing Departments |
| Director, Member of<br>the Board<br>(Full-time Audit &<br>Supervisory<br>Committee Member) | Nobuhide<br>Shimamoto  |  |
| Director, Member of<br>the Board<br>(Audit & Supervisory<br>Committee Member)              | Nae<br>Iijima          | Attorney-at-Law and Partner of Dojima Law Office<br>Outside Director (Audit & Supervisory Committee<br>Member), Okura Industrial Co., Ltd  |
| Director, Member of<br>the Board<br>(Audit & Supervisory<br>Committee Member)              | Shigehisa<br>Yamaguchi |  |
| Director, Member of<br>the Board<br>(Audit & Supervisory<br>Committee Member)              | Masashi<br>Murata      | Outside Director, TOA Corporation  |

Notes

- Directors, Members of the Board, Nae Iijima, Shigehisa Yamaguchi and Masashi Murata are Outside Directors, Member of the Board, as stipulated in Article 2, Paragraph 15 of the Companies Act.
- 2. The Company has designated Directors, Members of the Board, Nae Iijima, Shigehisa Yamaguchi and Masashi Murata as Independent Directors as stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. and has registered them at the aforementioned Exchange.
- 3. Director, Member of the Board, Nobuhide Shimamoto has many years of experience in operations of accounting and finance, and has an adequate level of knowledge in those sectors.
- 4. The Company has appointed Nobuhide Shimamoto as a full-time member of the Audit & Supervisory Committee

to ensure the effectiveness of the audit.

- 5. At the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2022, Nobuhide Shimamoto, Nae Iijima, Shigehisa Yamaguchi and Masashi Murata were newly elected as Directors who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee and assumed their respective positions.
- 6. The Company has established regulations in its Articles of Incorporation regarding liability limitation agreements with Directors (except those who are managing directors). Based on these regulations, the Company has concluded liability limitation agreements with all Outside Directors, Members of the Board, that limit the amount of liability to the total of each item in Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, should the Company be harmed as a result of the execution of duties by Outside Directors, Members of the Board, as long as they perform their duties unknowingly and without gross negligence .
- 7. The Company has concluded a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy, as stipulated in Article 430-3(1) of the Companies Act, insuring all Directors and Executive Officers, with the premiums fully borne by the Company. The insurance policy covers damages that may arise as a result of the insured person being held liable for the performance of his/her duties or being subject to claims in respect of such liability. In addition, the insurance policy has certain exclusions of liability, such as not covering claims for damages arising from intentional violations of laws and regulations or criminal acts, as a measure to ensure that the proper execution of duties is not impaired.

#### Total Amount Total Amount of Remuneration by Type Number of Officers Category of Officers of Base Performance-based Non-monetary Eligible Remuneration Remuneration Remuneration, etc. Remuneration, etc Directors, Member of the Board 112 107 5 6 (of which, Outside Directors) (3) (3) (0)(2)Directors, Member of the Board 4 26 26 \_ -Audit & Supervisory Committee members (13)(3)(13)(of which, Outside Directors) 5 5 2 Audit & Supervisory Board Members (of which, Outside Members) (1)(1)(1)12 143 139 5 TOTAL (of which, Outside Officers) (18) (18) (6)(0)

#### (2) Remuneration for Directors, Members of the Board

1) Total Amount of Remuneration by Category of Officer, by Type of Remuneration, and Number of Eligible Officers

(Japanese Yen in millions, except number of officers)

Note: The Company has transitioned from "a company with a board of corporate auditors" to "a company with an audit & supervisory committee" on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

#### 2) Company Performance-based Remuneration

Company performance-based remuneration is determined by taking into account the performance and dividend levels of the previous financial year and the company performance and dividend forecast of the financial year under review. The Company has chosen this index in order to share the same values with its shareholders.

The level of company performance in the previous and the financial year under review is

shown in section (4) "Business Results and Asset Trends" on page 12. The annual dividend for the previous financial year was JPY 0 per share and the dividend for the financial year under review is JPY 35 per share.

# 3) Matters relating to the Resolution at the AGM on the Remuneration for Directors, Members of the Board

i. Before transition to "a company with an audit & supervisory committee" (from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to the close of the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022)

At the 18<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015, it was resolved that the remuneration for Directors, Members of the Board, shall be no more than JPY 24 million per month (including JPY 2 million for Outside Directors). The number of Directors, Member of the Board, at the close of the said AGM was seven (7) (including two (2) outside Directors).

At the 9<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2006, it was resolved that the remuneration for Audit & Supervisory Board Members shall be no more than JPY 5 million per month. The number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members at the close of the said AGM was four (4) (including two (2) outside Members).

# After transition to "a company with an Audit & Supervisory Committee" (from the close of the 25th AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023)

At the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022, it was resolved that the remuneration for Directors (excluding those who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee) shall not exceed JPY 23 million per month (including JPY 1 million for outside Directors). The number of Directors (excluding those who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee) at the close of the said AGM was four (4).

At the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022, it was resolved that the remuneration for Directors who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee shall not exceed JPY 7 million per month. The number of Directors who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee at the close of the said AGM was four (including three (3) outside Directors).

### 4) Matters relating to the Policy for Determining the Details of Remuneration for Directors, Members of the Board

The Board of Directors of the Company, at its board meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021, resolved a policy for determining the details of remuneration for individual Directors, Members of the Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Policy for Determining the Content of Directors' Remuneration"). Following the establishment of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee as well as the transition to "a company with an audit & supervisory committee," the Policy for

Determining the Content of Directors' Remuneration was revised by the Board of Directors on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

In addition, the Board of Directors has confirmed that the method of determining the remuneration and the content of the remuneration determined are consistent with the decision-making policy resolved by the Board of Directors with regard to the remuneration for individual Directors during the year under review, and also confirmed that the decisions on remuneration for Directors are made after explaining the policy on remuneration for Directors to the Nomination & Remuneration Committee and obtaining its opinions prior to the Board of Directors' resolution in accordance with the decision policy. The Company has confirmed that the policy is in accordance with its decision-making policy.

The details of Policy for Determining the Content of Directors' Remuneration are as follows:

### a) Basic Policy on Remuneration for Individual Directors (hereinafter referred to as "Remuneration")

- i. Directors' Remuneration is paid on a monthly basis.
- ii. Remuneration for Directors (excluding those who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee) consists of a fixed remuneration and a performance-linked remuneration which is determined based on comprehensive consideration of performance and dividend in each financial year.
- iii. Remuneration for Directors who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee and outside Directors is fixed.

# b) Policy on Determining the Method of Calculating the Remuneration for Executive Directors

#### i. Composition of Remuneration

Remuneration for Directors consists of a fixed base remuneration and the Company's performance-based remuneration linked to the performance achievements.

#### ii. Method of Calculating Remuneration

#### 1)Basic Remuneration (base remuneration)

The base remuneration is fixed by position, taking into account the level commensurate with the required ability and responsibility

#### 2)Company's Performance-based Remuneration

Performance-based remuneration is determined by taking into account the Company's performance and dividend levels of the previous financial year as well as the Company's expected performance and dividend of the financial year under review. In particular, ranges are set according to the level of the Company's performance and dividends, and

the amount to be paid for each position is determined for each range. The ratio of performance-based remuneration against total amount of remuneration ranges from 0% to 50%, depending on the level of the Company's performance and dividends.

### c) Matters relating to the Determination of the Details of Remuneration for Directors, Member of the Board

The policy on Remuneration for Directors, Members of the Board, (the determination of the level of Remuneration for each individual and the concept of the ratio of performance-linked Remuneration, etc.) is explained to the Nomination & Remuneration Committee. The Committee's opinions are obtained prior to the resolution by the Board of Directors. The amount of Remuneration for each individual Director, Member of the Board, is resolved at the Board of Directors' meeting based on the payment formula determined by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee, taking into account the calculation method, the Company performance, the ratio of performance-based remuneration, and trends in remuneration for other executives and employees.

# 5) Matters relating to the Determination of the Amount of Individual Remuneration for Directors who are Members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee

The amount of individual remuneration for each Director who is a member of the Audit & Supervisory Committee is determined by consultation among Directors who are members of the Audit & Supervisory Committee.

#### (3) Outside Officers (As of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023)

# 1) Important Concurrent Positions held at Other Companies and Relationship between the Company and Other such Companies

| Category   | Name              | Company where<br>Concurrent<br>Position is Held | Description of<br>Concurrent Position                         | Relationship  |
|--|-------------------|---|---|---|
| Outside Director   |                   | Dojima Law<br>Office                            | Attorney-at-Law and Partner                                   | There are no significant relationships between either                                   |
| (Audi & Supervisory<br>Committee member)                     | Nae<br>Iijima     | Okura Industrial<br>Co., Ltd                    | Outside Director (Audit<br>& Supervisory<br>Committee member) | Dojima Law Office or Okura<br>Industrial Co., Ltd and the<br>Company                    |
| Outside Director<br>(Audi & Supervisory<br>Committee member) | Masashi<br>Murata | TOA Corporation                                 | Outside Director  | There are no significant<br>relationships between TOA<br>Corporation and the<br>Company |

### 2) Main Activities of Outside Officers

1. Outside Officers' Attendance and Comments at Board of Directors' Meetings, Audit & Supervisory Board Meetings and Audit & Supervisory Committees

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|--|------------------------|--|
| Classification   | Name                   | Attendance and Comments  |
| Outside Director<br>(Audi & Supervisory<br>Committee member) | Nae<br>Iijima          | Participated in eleven of the 11 Board of Directors' meetings and<br>eight of the 8 Audit & Supervisory Committees during the financial<br>year under review. She made comments as necessary primarily<br>from the point of view for ensuring appropriate discussions of<br>proposals based on expert legal knowledge developed through her<br>professional practice as an attorney-at-law.                    |
| Outside Director<br>(Audi & Supervisory<br>Committee member) | Shigehisa<br>Yamaguchi | Participated in eleven of the 11 Board of Directors meetings and<br>eight of the 8 Audit & Supervisory Committees during the financial<br>year under review. He made comments as necessary primarily from<br>the point of view for ensuring appropriate discussions of proposals<br>based on his insight and abundant experience as company manager,<br>and experience as an Audit & Supervisory Board member. |
| Outside Director<br>(Audi & Supervisory<br>Committee member) | Masashi<br>Murata      | Participated in eleven of the 11 Board of Directors meetings, four of<br>the 4 Audit & Supervisory Board meetings and eight of the 8 Audit<br>& Supervisory Committees during the financial year under review.<br>He made comments as necessary primarily from the point of view for<br>ensuring appropriate discussions of proposals based on his<br>knowledge of corporate planning and marketing.           |

# 2. Activities regarding Expected Roles of Outside Directors, Members of the Board

| Classification   | Name                   | Activities regarding Expected Roles   |
|--|------------------------|---|
| Outside Director<br>(Audi & Supervisory<br>Committee member) | Nae<br>Iijima          | At discussions about the medium-term Corporate Management Plan<br>and the Compliance & Risk Management Committees, she provided<br>advice and suggestions, from the perspective of legal risk and<br>compliance, based on her legal knowledge and experience developed<br>through her professional practice as an attorney-at-law.      |
| Outside Director<br>(Audi & Supervisory<br>Committee member) | Shigehisa<br>Yamaguchi | At discussions about the medium-term Corporate Management Plan<br>and the Compliance & Risk Management Committees, he provided<br>advice and suggestions based on his knowledge and experience<br>developed through his broad experience including company<br>management.   |
| Outside Director<br>(Audi & Supervisory<br>Committee member) | Masashi<br>Murata      | At discussions about the Medium-term Corporate Management Plan<br>and the Compliance & Risk Management Committees, he provided<br>advice and suggestions based on his knowledge and experience<br>developed through his extensive work experience in domestic and<br>international corporate planning, business planning and marketing. |

# 3. Matters Concerning Accounting Auditor

(1) Name of Accounting Auditor

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC

- (2) Change of Accounting Auditor during the Financial Year under Review Not applicable
- (3) Limited Liability Agreement

Not applicable

- (4) Amount of Audit Fee for the Accounting Auditor relating to the Financial Year under Review
  - a) Amount of audit fee relating to the services provided for under Article 2, paragraph 1 of the Certified Public Accountants Act JPY 32 million.

#### Notes

- The agreement concluded between the Company and the accounting auditor does not distinguish the amount of audit fee for audits based on the Companies Act and audits based on the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, so the aforementioned amount of audit fee, etc. states the total amount for these audits.
- 2. The Audit & Supervisory Committee has consented to the amount of audit fee, etc. for the accounting auditor after conducting the necessary investigation as to whether the details of the accounting auditor's audit plan, the execution of the accounting auditor's duties, and the grounds for calculating the estimated audit fee are appropriate.

# (5) Policy on Determining the Dismissal or Non-Reappointment of the Accounting Auditor

In addition to the dismissal of the accounting auditor by the Audit & Supervisory Committee provided for under each item of the Companies Act in the paragraphs 1 and 5 of Article 340, the Audit & Supervisory Committee will determine the content of a proposal for the dismissal or non-reappointment of the accounting auditor concerned that will be submitted by the Company to the AGM in cases when it is deemed difficult for the accounting auditor to execute duties appropriately, such as the occurrence of events that impair the competency of the accounting auditor, or in cases when a change of accounting auditor is deemed to be appropriate.

# 4. Policy regarding the Exercise of the Right to Determine Dividends

# from the Company Surplus

The Company is committed to strengthening its management base in order to increase its corporate value in the future. At the same time, the Company regards the return of profits to shareholders as a top management priority.

In terms of the distribution of profits, the Company aims to maintain sufficient internal reserves to invest for sustainable growth and to stabilise and strengthen its financial position. The Company's policy is to maintain a dividend pay-out ratio of 25% to 35%, while giving consideration to stability.

The year-end dividend for the financial year under review will be JPY 25 per share, making the annual dividend JPY 35 per share, together with the interim dividend of JPY 10 per share paid earlier.

The annual dividend forecast for the following financial year is JPY 40 per share (interim dividend: JPY 20, year-end dividend: JPY 20).

Note: Figures in this Business Report are rounded down to the indicated unit for amounts and numbers of shares, and rounded to the nearest whole number for all other figures.

# **Balance Sheet**

(As of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023)

(Japanese Yen in millions)

| Description                        | Amount | Description                       | Amount |
|------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| (Assets)                           |        | (Liabilities)                     |        |
| Current assets                     | 46,205 | Current liabilities               | 23,152 |
| Cash and deposits                  | 6,971  | Trade accounts payable            | 4,730  |
| Trade accounts receivable          | 16,139 | Short-term bank loans             | 16,000 |
| Finished products                  | 11,001 | Accounts payable - other          | 159    |
| Work in process                    | 3,932  | Income taxes payable              | 714    |
| Raw materials and supplies         | 7,957  | Accrued expenses                  | 283    |
| Advance payment                    | 9      | Deposits received                 | 34     |
| Prepaid expenses                   | 150    | Provision for bonuses             | 315    |
| Accounts receivable-other          | 36     | Accounts payable - facilities     | 902    |
| Other                              | 9      | Other                             | 12     |
| Allowance for doubtful receivables | (3)    | Long term liabilities             | 27,917 |
| Fixed assets                       | 35,339 | Long-term debt                    | 24,500 |
| Property, plant, and equipment     | 33,058 | Provision for retirement benefits | 1,833  |
| Buildings                          | 8,755  | Asset retirement obligations      | 1,515  |
| Structures                         | 205    | Other                             | 69     |
| Machinery and equipment            | 7,795  | Total liabilities                 | 51,070 |
| Vehicles                           | 8      | (Equity)                          |        |
| Tools, furniture, and fixtures     | 145    | Shareholders' equity              | 30,474 |
| Land                               | 14,823 | Share capital                     | 8,739  |
| Construction in progress           | 1,324  | Capital surplus                   | 8,943  |
| Intangible assets                  | 937    | Additional paid-in capital        | 8,943  |
| Software                           | 323    | Retained earnings                 | 12,802 |
| Other                              | 613    | Legal retained earnings           | 38     |
| Investments and other assets       | 1,344  | Unappropriated                    | 12,764 |
| Long-term prepaid expenses         | 204    | Retained earnings brought forward | 12,764 |
| Prepaid pension cost               | 1,024  | Treasury stock                    | (10)   |
| Deferred tax assets                | 85     |                                   | × /    |
| Other                              | 29     |                                   |        |
|                                    |        | Total equity                      | 30,474 |
| Total assets                       | 81,544 | Total liabilities and equity      | 81,544 |

Note Figures are rounded down to the nearest million Yen.

# **Profit-and-Loss Statement**

Financial Year ending 31st March 2023

(Japanese Yen in millions)

| Description                                  | Amount |        |
|--|--------|--------|
| Net sales                                    |        | 43,074 |
| Cost of sales                                |        | 34,099 |
| Gross profit                                 |        | 8,975  |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses |        | 4,195  |
| Operating profit (loss)                      |        | 4,780  |
| Non-operating profit                         |        |        |
| Interest and dividend income                 | 28     |        |
| Sale of unused goods                         | 170    |        |
| Other  | 117    | 316    |
| Non-operating expenses                       |        |        |
| Interest expense                             | 192    |        |
| Foreign exchange loss                        | 129    |        |
| Extra retirement expense                     | 39     |        |
| Syndicated loans commission                  | 3      |        |
| Other  | 8      | 373    |
| Ordinary profit (loss)                       |        | 4,723  |
| Extraordinary gains                          |        |        |
| Gain on sale of investment securities        | 93     | 93     |
| Extraordinary losses                         |        |        |
| Loss on retirement of non-current assets     | 103    |        |
| Impairment loss                              | 260    | 364    |
| Profit before income taxes                   |        | 4,451  |
| Income taxes-current                         | 578    |        |
| Income taxes-deferred                        | (515)  | 62     |
| Net income (loss)                            |        | 4,388  |

Note Figures are rounded down to the nearest million Yen.

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