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#### **To Shareholders with Voting Rights:**

Susumu Narita President Procrea Holdings, Inc. 3-1, Katta 1-Chome, Aomori City, Aomori, Japan

## NOTICE OF CONVOCATION OF THE 2ND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### Dear Shareholders:

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

You are hereby informed that the 2nd Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of Procrea Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") will be held as described below.

For the convocation of this General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company provides documents by electronic means and has posted the matters for electronic provision as the "Notice of Convocation of the 2nd Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders" on the following website.

Company website (Japanese only): https://www.procrea-hd.co.jp/shareholder/soukai.html

In addition to the Company's website, the matters for electronic provision are also disclosed on the following website.

Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) website (Listed Company Search): https://www2.jpx.co.jp/tseHpFront/JJK020010Action.do?Show=Show

Access the above TSE website, enter the issue name "Procrea Holdings" or the securities code "7384" and click on Search. Select "Basic Information" and then "Documents for Public Inspection/PR Information," and check the "Notice of General Shareholders Meeting /Informational Materials for a General Shareholders Meeting" in the "Filed information available for public inspection" section.

In lieu of attending the meeting in person, you may exercise your voting rights by mailing the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form or via electromagnetic means (via the Internet). Please review the attached Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders and exercise your voting rights by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 24, 2024, Japan Standard Time.

The meeting will be streamed live via the Internet. Therefore, you will be able to watch it online without visiting the venue.

1 Date and Time: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Japan time

(Reception desk opens at 9:00 a.m.)

**2. Place:** 8F, Main Conference Room, Head Office of The Aomori Bank, 9-30,

Hashimoto 1-chome, Aomori City, Aomori, Japan

3 Meeting Agenda:

Matters to be reported: The Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements and Non-

consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 2nd Fiscal Year (April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024) and results of audits by the Accounting Auditor and the Audit and Supervisory Committee of the Consolidated

**Financial Statements** 

Proposals to be resolved:

**Proposal 1:** Appropriation of Surplus

**Proposal 2:** Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

**Proposal 3:** Election of Ten (10) Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and

Supervisory Committee Members)

**Proposal 4:** Election of Four (4) Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee

Members

#### 4 Other Decisions Regarding this Convocation

(1) If you do not indicate your approval or disapproval of any of the proposals on the voting form, we will assume that you have indicated your approval of the proposal.

(2) If you exercise your voting rights both via the Internet and in writing, only the vote placed via the Internet will be handled as valid. If you exercise your voting rights more than once via the Internet, the last vote exercised shall be deemed valid.

#### ■ Requests to the shareholders

- When attending the meeting, please submit the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form at the reception upon arrival.
  - Shareholders are kindly requested to bring this notice of convocation to the meeting venue in order to help conserve resources.
- In order to save electricity, the air conditioning at the venue will be set moderately. We would appreciate your attendance in light attire.

#### ■ Notice

- For this General Meeting of Shareholders, regardless of whether you have requested delivery of written documents, we will send you a document containing the matters for electronic provision. However, this document does not include the items below in accordance with laws and regulations as well as the Company's Articles of Incorporation. The Audit and Supervisory Committee and the Accounting Auditor have audited the documents subject to audit, including the following items:
  - (1) Consolidated Financial Statements section: "Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity" and "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements"; and
  - (2) Non-consolidated Financial Statements section: "Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity" and "Notes to Non-consolidated Financial Statements"
- If any revisions are required in the matters for electronic provision, the revisions will be posted on the respective websites where the initial information was posted.

## Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders

#### **Proposals and References**

#### **Proposal 1: Appropriation of Surplus**

The Company's basic policy is to maintain stable dividends while striving for long-term enhancement of its business foundation. Under this policy, the Company proposes that the surplus for the fiscal year under review be appropriated as follows.

Matters concerning year-end dividends

- (1) Type of dividend property

  Cash
- (2) Matters concerning the allotment of dividend property to shareholders and the total amount The Company proposes to pay 25 yen per share of common stock. In this case, the total dividend amount would be 715,261,975 yen. As a result, the full-year dividends for the fiscal year under review will be 50 yen per share, including an interim dividend of 25 yen that has already been paid.
- (3) Effective date of distribution of surplus June 26, 2024

#### **Proposal 2: Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation**

#### 1. Reason for Amendment

The purpose of this amendment is to delete provisions related to Class I Preferred Stock, which had been acquired and retired as of September 22, 2023, and to renumber chapters and articles upward in consequence of the said changes.

#### 2. Nature of Amendment

The content of the amendments are as follows.

(Changes are underlined.)

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Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
Chapter 1 General Provisions	Chapter 1 General Provisions
Article 1 to Article 5 [Text omitted]	Article 1 to Article 5
	[Unchanged]
Chapter 2 Shares	Chapter 2 Shares
- Chapter 2 Shares	chapter 2 shares
Article 6 <u>Increase of the Total Number of Authorized Shares and Total</u>	Article 6 Total Number of
Number of Authorized Class Shares	Authorized Shares
1. The total number of shares authorized to be issued by the Company	The total number of shares
shall be 60 million.	authorized to be issued by the
2 The total number of authorized class shares issued by the Company	Company shall be 60 million.
shall be as follows.	Company shan oc oo mimon.
(1) Common stock 60 million shares	
(2) Class I Preferred Stock 13.8 million shares	
(2) Class 1 1 referred Stock 15.8 million shares	
Article 7 [Text omitted]	Article 7 [Unchanged]
Afficie / [Text offitted]	Article / [Offendinged]
Article 8 Share Units	Article 8 Share Units
For all classes of shares in the Company, the number of shares per share	The number of shares per share
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unit of the Company shall be 100.	unit of the Company shall be 100.
Auticle 0 to Auticle 12 [Toyt emitted]	Auticle O to Auticle 12
Article 9 to Article 12 [Text omitted]	Article 9 to Article 12
	[Unchanged]

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
Chapter 3 Preferred Stock	[Deleted]
Chapter 31 tereffed Stock	[Beletea]
Article 13 Class I Preferred Dividend	[Deleted]
1 When distributing surplus dividends as set forth in Article 46.1, the	[Beletea]
Company will distribute to the holders of Class I Preferred Stock	
("Class I Preferred Shareholders") and the registered pledge holders	
of Class I Preferred Stock ("Registered Class I Pledge Holders") noted	
or recorded on the final shareholder registry of the record date for the	
surplus dividend an amount of money (fractional units of less than ¥1	
are to be rounded up to the fourth decimal place) calculated by	
dividing ¥5,000 by 0.46 per share of Class I Preferred Stock (however,	
this will be appropriately adjusted in the event of a stock split, gratis	
allotment of shares, or reverse stock split, etc. for Class I Preferred	
Stock) and multiplying that amount by the dividend rate shown below	
("Annualized Class I Preferred Dividend Rate") ("Class I Preferred	
Dividend") prior to distributions to common stock holders ("Common	
Shareholders") and registered common stock pledge holders	
("Registered Common Stock Pledge Holders"). However, any Class I	
Preferred Interim Dividend set forth in Article 14 that has been paid	
to Class I Preferred Shareholders or Registered Class I Pledge Holders	
during the business year in which the record date falls will be	
deducted from that amount.	
Annualized Class I Preferred Dividend Rate	
Annualized Class I Preferred Dividend Rate = Japanese yen TIBOR (12-	
month)+0.95%	
The Annualized Class I Preferred Dividend Rate for each business year	
will be calculated and rounded to the fourth decimal place of the	
percentage.	
In the formula above, "Japanese yen TIBOR (12-month)" refers to the	
number published at 11:00 a.m. on April 1 of each year (the next	
business day if that day is a bank holiday) (the "Annualized Class I	
Preferred Dividend Rate Finalization Date") by the JBA TIBOR	
Administration (in the event that the entity publishing Japanese yen	
TIBOR changes from the JBA TIBOR Administration to another entity,	
that entity) as the 12-month Japanese yen Tokyo Interbank Offered Rate	
(Japanese yen TIBOR), or other similar number deemed reasonable.	
"Business day" refers to a day on which banks conduct foreign currency	
and foreign exchange transactions in Tokyo.	
However, the Annualized Class I Preferred Dividend Rate shall be 8% if	
the calculation above results in an amount higher than 8%.	
2 The shortfall will not accumulate to subsequent business years if the	
surplus dividend to Class I Preferred Shareholders and Registered Class	
I Pledge Holders during a business year does not reach the Class I	
Preferred Dividend amount.	
3 Surplus dividends will not be paid to Class I Preferred Shareholders	
and Registered Class I Pledge Holders in excess of the Class I Preferred	
Dividend amount. However, this shall not apply in the event of a surplus	
dividend under Article 758, item (viii)(b) or Article 760, item (vii)(b) of	
the Companies Act while the Company executes absorption-type split	
procedures, or a surplus dividend under Article 763, paragraph (1), item	
(xii)(b) or Article 765, paragraph (1), item (viii)(b) of the Companies	
Act while the Company executes incorporation-type corporate split	
procedures.	

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
Article 14 Class I Preferred Interim Dividend	[Deleted]
When distributing interim dividends set forth in Article 47, the Company	
will pay to Class I Preferred Shareholders and Registered Class I	
Pledge Holders noted or recorded on the final shareholder registry of	
the record date for the interim dividend an amount of money up to a	
maximum of half of the Class I Preferred Dividend per share of Class	
I Preferred Stock ("Class I Preferred Interim Dividend") prior to	
distributions to Common Shareholders and Registered Common	
Stock Pledge Holders.	
Article 15 Distribution of Residual Assets to Class I Shareholders	[Deleted]
1 When distributing residual assets, the Company will pay to Class I	[2 0.000]
Preferred Shareholders and Registered Class I Pledge Holders an	
amount of money calculated as the aggregate of the amount found by	
dividing ¥5,000 by 0.46 per share of Class I Preferred Stock (however,	
this will be appropriately adjusted in the event of a stock split, gratis	
allotment of shares, or reverse stock split, etc. for Class I Preferred	
Stock) and the accrued Class I Preferred Dividend equivalent prior to	
payments to Common Shareholders and Registered Common Stock	
Pledge Holders.	
Accrued Class I Preferred Dividend equivalent	
The accrued Class I Preferred Dividend equivalent per share of Class I	
Preferred Stock refers to the amount found by multiplying on the date of	
residual asset distribution ("Distribution Date") the number of days from	
the first day of the business year in which the Distribution Date falls	
(inclusive) up to the Distribution Date (inclusive) by the Class I	
Preferred Dividend and dividing by 365 (fractional amounts of less than	
$\underline{Y}$ 1 will be calculated and rounded up to the fourth decimal place).	
However, if a Class I Preferred Interim Dividend has been paid to Class	
I Preferred Shareholders and Registered Class I Pledge Holders during	
the business year in which the Distribution Date falls, that amount shall	
be deducted.	
2 No distribution of residual assets will be made to Class I Preferred	
Shareholders and Registered Class I Pledge Holders other than as set	
forth in the preceding paragraph.	
Article 16 Class I Preferred Shareholders' Voting Rights	[Deleted]
Class I Preferred Shareholders are unable to exercise voting rights in	. ,
general meetings of shareholders for any matter. However, until a	
resolution is passed for payment in full of the Class I Preferred	
Dividend (deducting the amount of any Class I Preferred Interim	
Dividend paid), Class I Preferred Shareholders may exercise voting	
rights for all matters in general meetings of shareholders: (i) from the	
time of issue if the holders of Class A Preferred Stock issued by The	
Michinoku Bank, Ltd. ("The Michinoku Bank") at the time of issue	
of Class I Preferred Stock are able to exercise voting rights for all	
matters at general meetings of shareholders of The Michinoku Bank;	
(ii) from the ordinary general meeting of shareholders if an agenda	
item is not submitted for receipt of payment in full of the Class I	
Preferred Dividend at an ordinary general meeting of shareholders	
(deducting the amount of any Class I Preferred Interim Dividend	
paid); and (iii) from the conclusion of an ordinary general meeting of	
shareholders rejecting an agenda item for receipt of payment in full of	
the Class I Preferred Dividend (deducting the amount of any Class I	
Preferred Interim Dividend paid).	

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
Article 17 Right to demand acquisition with Common Stock as	[Deleted]
Consideration	. ,
1 During the period in which acquisition demands are permitted under	
the following paragraph, Class I Preferred Shareholders may demand	
that the Company acquire the Class I Preferred Stock that they hold.	
Upon receipt of an acquisition demand, the Company will deliver to	
the Class I Preferred Shareholders the assets set forth in Paragraph 3	
in exchange for the Class I Preferred Stock for which the Class I	
Preferred Shareholders has demanded acquisition. However,	
acquisition demands under this paragraph cannot be made for shares	
of the Company that are less than one unit.	
2 The purchase demand period shall be from the establishment date of	
the Company until September 30, 2024 (the "Acquisition Demand	
Period").	
3 In exchange for the Class I Preferred Stock for which the Class I Preferred Shareholders has demanded acquisition, the Company will	
deliver common stock in a number found by dividing \$5,000 by 0.46 per	
share of Class I Preferred Stock for which acquisition is demanded	
(however, this will be appropriately adjusted in the event of a stock split,	
gratis allotment of shares, or reverse stock split, etc. for Class I Preferred	
Stock), and dividing that amount by the acquisition price set forth in	
Paragraph 4 to Paragraph 8. Any fractions of less than one share of	
common stock delivered in exchange for Class I Preferred Stock will be	
handled as set forth in Article 167, paragraph (3) of the Companies Act.	
4 The initial acquisition price shall be the market value on the day on	
which the Company is established. The initial acquisition price shall be	
the market value on the day on which the Company is established. The	
market value on the day of the Company's establishment shall be the	
amount (calculated as a yen amount down to the first decimal place and	
rounded down to the nearest yen) found by dividing an amount	
equivalent to the average daily closing price of The Michinoku Bank's	
common stock for the five consecutive trading days immediately	
preceding the third Friday of March 2022 ("Initial Acquisition Price	
Finalization Day") (including the day on which the initial acquisition	
price is determined and excluding days on which a closing price	
(including quotations; "Closing Price" below) for The Michinoku Bank's common stock on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. is not	
calculated) by 0.46. However, the Minimum Acquisition Price shall be	
used if this calculation results in an acquisition price below the	
Minimum Acquisition Price set forth in Paragraph 7.	
5 During the Acquisition Demand Period, from the day following the	
third Friday of each month ("Finalization Date") onwards, the	
acquisition price will be revised to an amount (calculated as a yen	
amount down to the first decimal place and rounded down to the nearest	
yen) equivalent to the average daily Closing Price of the Company's	
common stock for the five consecutive trading days immediately	
preceding the Finalization Date (inclusive) (however, excluding days on	
which there is no Closing Price; if the Finalization Date is not a trading	
day, the five consecutive trading days immediately preceding the	
Finalization Date). However, the Minimum Acquisition Price shall be	
used as the Revised Acquisition Price if this calculation results in a	
Revised Acquisition Price that is less than the Minimum Acquisition	

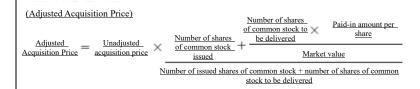
Price set forth in Paragraph 7. If an acquisition price adjustment event as set forth in Paragraph 8 occurs during the period from the first day of the five consecutive trading days above and the Finalization Date (inclusive), the Revised Acquisition Price shall be an amount adjusted

as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

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- 6 There is no maximum acquisition price.
- 7 "Minimum Acquisition Price" refers to the amount found by dividing ¥958 by 0.46 (subject to adjustment as set forth in the following paragraph).
- 8 (a) The acquisition price (including Minimum Acquisition Price) will be adjusted according to the following formula (the "Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula") upon the occurrence of any of the events set forth in the following subparagraphs after the issuance of Class I Preferred Stock ("Adjusted Acquisition Price"). Calculations of the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula will be made in yen to the first decimal place and any fractional amounts rounded down to the nearest yen.

(Adjusted Acquisition Price)



(i) If common stock is issued or common stock within treasury stock is disposed at a paid-in amount that is below the market value (defined in (c) below; hereinafter the same) used in the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula (including gratis allotments) (however, excluding stock with put options, warrants (including instruments attached to warrant bonds: the same in Paragraph 8 below) and other securities ("Stock with Put Options, etc.") for which delivery of the Company's common stock can be demanded, and the acquisition or exercise of stock with Call Options, warrants with call options, or other securities ("Stock with Call Options, etc.") that the Company can acquire in exchange for the delivery the Company's common stock, and common stock is delivered)

The Adjusted Acquisition Price is applied beginning the day following the Pay-In Date (the final day of the pay-in period if a pay-in period is established; hereinafter the same) (the effective date for a gratis allotment), or the day following the day on which rights to receive allotments of solicited shares are granted to shareholders, or the day following that record date of a gratis allotment.

#### (ii) Stock split

The increased number of shares of common stock resulting from the split on the record date of the stock split (excluding increases in the number of shares of common stock for common stock within the Company's treasury stock on the record date) is deemed to have been delivered and applied in the calculation of the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula, and the Adjusted Acquisition Price is applied beginning the day following the record date.

(iii) If Stock with Put Options, etc. is issued and allows demands for delivery of the Company's common stock at a price (defined in (d) below; and the same in this subparagraph (iii), Subparagraphs (iv) and (v) below, and (c)(iv) below) below the market value used in the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula (including gratis allotments)

In the calculation of the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula, all Shares with Put Options, etc. are deemed to have been acquired or exercised and common stock delivered at the initial terms and conditions on the Pay-In Date of the Shares with Put Options, etc. (the allotment date for warrants) (the effective date for a gratis allotment) or on the record date, if any, on which rights are granted to shareholders to receive allotment of Shares with

Put Options, etc. or gratis allotments, and the Adjusted Acquisition Price	
applies beginning the day following the Pay-In Date (the allotment date	
for warrants) (the effective date for a gratis allotment) or the day following	
the record date.	

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
Notwithstanding the above, if the price is not finalized on the day on	
which common stock is deemed to have been delivered as set forth	
above, the Shares with Put Options, etc. are issued at a price finalized	
on a predetermined subsequent date ("Price Finalization Date"), and the	
finalized price is below the market value used in the Acquisition Price	
Adjustment Formula, in the calculation of the Acquisition Price	
Adjustment Formula, all of the Stock with Put Options, etc. remaining	
on the Price Finalization Date are deemed to have been acquired or	
exercised and common stock delivered at the finalized terms and	
conditions on the Price Finalization Date, and the Adjusted Acquisition	
Price applies beginning the day following the Price Finalization Date.	
(iv) If Shares with Put Options, etc. issued by the Company include	
conditions under which the price is revised after the Issue Date	
(excluding adjustments to prevent dilution similar to Subparagraphs (a)	
and (b)), and the revised price ("Revised Price") on the revision date	
("Revision Date") is below the market value used in the Acquisition	
Price Adjustment Formula. In the calculation of the Acquisition Price	
Adjustment Formula, all remaining Shares with Put Options, etc. are	
deemed to have been acquired or exercised at the Revised Price and	
common stock delivered on the Revision Date, and the Adjusted	
Acquisition Price applies from the day following the Revision Date.	
In the application of the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula in the	
circumstances set forth in Items (a) through (c) below, the unadjusted	
acquisition price is deemed to be the amount found by multiplying the	
effective acquisition price on the day prior to the date of Adjusted	
Acquisition Price application by the indicated ratios (the "Adjustment	
Factor").	
(a) If there have been no adjustments to the Stock with Put Options, etc.	
under Subparagraph (iii) or this subparagraph (iv) prior to the Revision	
Date	
The Adjustment Factor is 1.	
(b) If there has been an adjustment to the Stock with Put Options, etc.	
under Subparagraph (iii) or this subparagraph (iv) and the acquisition	
price has been revised pursuant to Paragraph 5 during the period	
between the adjustment and the Revision Date	
The Adjustment Factor is 1.	
However, in the calculation of the Minimum Acquisition Price, the	
Adjustment Factor will be the ratio found by dividing the Minimum	
Acquisition Price immediately prior to adjustment under Paragraph (iii)	
or this Subparagraph (iv) by the Adjusted Minimum Acquisition Price.	
(c) If there has been an adjustment to the Stock with Put Options, etc.	
under Subparagraph (iii) or this subparagraph (iv) prior to the Revision	
Date but no revision of the acquisition price pursuant to Paragraph 5	
during the period from the adjustment to the Revision Date	
The Adjustment Factor will be the ratio found by dividing the acquisition	
price immediately prior to adjustment under Subparagraph (iii) or this	
subparagraph (iv) by the adjusted acquisition price.	

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
(v) If common stock is delivered at a price below the market value used	
in the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula in exchange for acquisition	
of Stock with Call Options, etc.	
The Adjusted Acquisition Price applies beginning the day following the	
acquisition date.	
However, if the acquisition price of the Stock with Call Options, etc. has	
already been adjusted under Subparagraph (iii) or Subparagraph (iv) and	
if, and only if, the fully-diluted number of shares of common stock	
(defined in (e) below) after delivery of common stock in exchange for	
acquisition exceeds the number of issued shares of common stock	
immediately prior to acquisition, the excess number of shares of	
common stock will be deemed to have been delivered in the calculation	
of the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula; if the number of issued	
shares of common stock immediately prior to acquisition is not	
exceeded, there will be no adjustment under this subparagraph (v).	
(vi) Reverse stock split	

Beginning the effective date of the reverse stock split, the reduced number of shares of common stock resulting from the reverse stock split (excluding the reduced number of shares of common stock within the Company's treasury stock on the effective date) is presented as a negative and deemed to be the number of delivered shares of common stock for calculation of the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula, and the resulting Adjusted Acquisition Price applied.

- (b) In addition to the circumstances set forth in (a)(i) through (vi), the acquisition price (including the Minimum Acquisition Price) will be changed as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors if adjustments are required to the acquisition price (including the Minimum Acquisition Price) as a result of merger, demerger, share swap or share transfer, etc.
- (c) (i) The "market value" used in the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula will be the average Closing Price of the Company's common stock on the five consecutive trading days preceding the date of Adjusted Acquisition Price application (excluding the number of days for which there is no Closing Price). Calculations of the average value will be made to the first decimal place and rounded down to the nearest yen. Adjustments will be made to the Adjusted Acquisition Price in accordance with Paragraph 8 if an acquisition price adjustment event occurs during the five consecutive trading days above.
- (ii) The "unadjusted acquisition price" used in the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula is the effective acquisition price on the day prior to date of Adjusted Acquisition Price application.
- (iii) The "number of issued shares of common stock" used in the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula is the aggregate of the common stock deemed to be the "number of delivered shares of common stock" under (a) and (b) above prior to adjustment of the acquisition price for the number of shares of common stock issued by the Company (excluding the number of shares of common stock in treasury stock) on the record date (not including the number of shares of common stock deemed delivered on the record date under (a)(i) through (iii) above) or on a day one month prior to the date of Adjusted Acquisition Price application if there is no record date and the number of undelivered shares of common stock (beginning the day (inclusive) on which adjustments under (a)(iv)(b) or (c) are applied to a Stock with Put Options, etc., and the number of shares of common stock deemed "number of delivered shares of common stock" as a result of the above adjustments under (a)(iii) or (iv) applied prior to the most recent

adjustments under(a)(iv)(b) or (c) to the Stock with Put Options, etc.).	

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
(iv) The "per share paid-in amount" used in the Acquisition Price	
Adjustment Formula will, in the circumstances set forth in (a)(i) be the	
paid-in amount (¥0 for gratis allotment) (appropriate valuation for	
payments of non-monetary assets); in the circumstances set forth in	
(a)(ii) and (vi), \(\frac{\pma}{2}\); and in the circumstances set forth in (a)(iii) through	
(v), the price (however, the Revised Price in the case of (iv)).	
(d) The "price" in the circumstances set forth in (a)(iii) through (v)	
and in (c)(iv) above will be the amount found by deducting the price	
of non-common stock assets delivered to holders of the Stock with	
Put Options, etc. or Stock with Call Options, etc. upon acquisition	
or exercise from the amount paid in upon issue of Stock with Put	
Options, etc. or Stock with Call Options, etc. (for warrants, the	
amount to which is added the value of assets invested upon	
exercise), divided by the number of shares of common stock	
delivered upon acquisition or exercise.	
(e) In (a)(v) above, "fully-diluted number of shares of common stock"	
refers to the number of issued shares of common stock on the date	
of application of Adjusted Acquisition Price minus the number of undelivered shares of common stock included in the number of	
issued shares of common stock in (c)(iii) above for Stock with Call	
Options, etc., to which is added the number of shares of common	
stock delivered as a result of acquisition of Stock with Call Options,	
etc.	
(f) In (a)(i) through (iii), if a record date is established for the action	
and the action has as condition precedent a resolution of approval	
for certain matters in a general meeting of shareholders of the	
Company convened on or after the record date, the Adjusted	
Acquisition Price will apply beginning the day following the date	
of the conclusion of the general meeting of shareholders at which a	
resolution of approval is adopted, notwithstanding the provisions	
of (a)(i) through (iii).	

- (g) The Acquisition Price will not be adjusted if the difference between the Adjusted Acquisition Price calculated based on the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula and the Acquisition Price before adjustment remains less than one (1) yen. However, when calculating the acquisition price upon the occurrence of an event requiring adjustment of the acquisition price using the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula, the unadjusted acquisition price after deduction of the difference will be used in place of the unadjusted acquisition price in the Acquisition Price Adjustment Formula.
- 9 The acquisition price set forth in Paragraph 4 through Paragraph 8 (including the Mandatory Acquisition Price set forth in Article 19.2; the same in this paragraph) is interpreted as preventing dilution and maintaining essential fairness among shareholders of different classes of stock, and the Board of Directors of the Company may appropriately adjust the acquisition price or take other reasonably necessary measures if calculation is difficult or if calculation results are unreasonable.

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
Article 18 Provisions for Acquisition with Cash as Consideration  1 The Company may acquire all or a part of Class I Preferred Stock to the extent possible under applicable laws and regulations upon the arrival of a date to be stipulated separately by the Board of Directors (the "Acquisition Date"). However, the Board of Directors may only stipulate the Acquisition Date if, on all of the 30 consecutive trading days prior to the date of the Board of Directors meeting (including the meeting day) the Closing Price of the Company's common stock is below the Minimum Acquisition Price and the prior approval of the Financial Services Agency is obtained. In these circumstances, the Company shall deliver the assets set forth in the following paragraph to Class I Preferred Shareholders in exchange for acquisition of Class I Preferred Stock, acquisition will be made in proportion to holdings. This does not impede exercise of the right to demand purchase set forth in Paragraph 1 of the preceding article after the finalization of an acquisition date.  2 The Company shall deliver a monetary amount found as ¥5,000 divided by 0.46 per share of Class I Preferred Stock (however, this will be appropriately adjusted in the event of a stock split, gratis allotment of shares, or reverse stock split, etc. for Class I Preferred Stock) plus the accrued Class I Preferred Dividend equivalent in exchange for acquisition of Class I Preferred Stock. In the context of this paragraph, "date of residual asset distribution" and "Distribution Date" in the	Proposed Amendments [Deleted]
"date of residual asset distribution" and "Distribution Date" in the calculation of the accrued Class I Preferred Dividend equivalent set	
forth in Article 15.1 shall both be read "Acquisition Date" to calculate	
the accrued Class I Preferred Dividend equivalent.	
Article 19 Provisions for Acquisition with Common Stock as Consideration  1 The Company will acquire all Class I Preferred Stock not acquired by the Company by the final day of the Acquisition Demand Period on the day following the final day of the Acquisition Demand Period ("Mandatory Acquisition Date"). In these circumstances, the Company will, in exchange for acquisition of Class I Preferred Stock, deliver to Class I Preferred Shareholders the number shares of common stock found by multiplying the number of Class I Preferred Shares by the amount found by dividing ¥5,000 by 0.46 (however, this will be appropriately adjusted in the event of a stock split, gratis allotment of shares, or reverse stock split, etc. for Class I Preferred Stock), divided by the market value of common stock as set forth in the following paragraph ("Mandatory Acquisition Price"). Any fractional amounts of less than one share of common stock to be delivered in exchange for acquisition Class I Preferred Stock shall be treated as set forth in Article 234 of the Companies Act.  2 The Mandatory Acquisition Price will be an amount equivalent to the average daily Closing Price (excluding dates on which no Closing Price is calculated) of the Company's common stock for 30 consecutive trading days beginning on the 45th consecutive trading day prior to the Mandatory Acquisition Date (calculated as a yen amount down to the first decimal place and rounded down to the nearest yen). If this calculation results in a Mandatory Acquisition Price that is below the Minimum Acquisition Price, the Mandatory Acquisition Price will be the Minimum Acquisition Price.	[Deleted]

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
1 When executing a stock split or reverse split, the Company shall	
execute at the same time and the same ratio for both common stock	
and Class I Preferred Stock.	
2 When performing a gratis allotment of shares, the Company shall	
perform the gratis allotment of the relevant class of stock at the same	
time and the same ratio for both common stock and Class I Preferred	
Stock.	

Current A	rticles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
Article 21 Exclusion Period		[Deleted]
	48 will apply mutatis mutandis to the	
payment of Class I Preferred	<u>l Dividends.</u>	
Chapter 4 General Meeting of Article 22 to Article 28		Chapter 3 General Meeting of Shareholders Article 13 to Article 19 [Renumbered upward with no changes in text]
Article 29 General Meetings	of Class Shareholders	[Deleted]
1 The provisions of Articles	s 24, 25, 26.1, 27 and 28 apply mutatis	
mutandis to general meeting		
	e 23 apply mutatis mutandis to general	
	ers held on the same day as the annual	
shareholders' meeting.  3 Resolutions of general me	etings of class shareholders prescribed in	
	f the Companies Act shall be made by at	
	g rights of the shareholders present at the	
	f class shareholders where shareholders	
holding at least one-third of t	the voting rights that may be exercised are	
present.		
Chapter 5 Directors and Boa	rd of Directors	Chapter 4 Directors and Board of Directors
Article 30 to Article 39	[Text omitted]	Article 20 to Article 29 Renumbered upward
		with no changes in text]
Chapter 6 Audit and Supervi	sory Committee	Chapter 5 Audit and Supervisory
		Committee
Article <u>40</u> to Article <u>42</u>	[Text omitted]	Article $\underline{30}$ to Article $\underline{32}$
		[Renumbered upward
		with no changes in text]
Chapter 7 Financial Auditor		Chapter 6 Financial Auditor
Article 43 to Article 44	[Text omitted]	Article 33 to Article 34
1 Indicate <u>15</u> to 1 Indicate <u>11</u>	[Tent officeu]	[Renumbered upward
		with no changes in text]
Chapter 8 Accounts		Chapter 7 Accounts
Article 45 to Article 48	[Text omitted]	Article $35$ to Article $38$
	- -	Renumbered upward
		with no changes in text]

## Proposal 3: Election of Ten (10) Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)

The terms of office of all ten (10) Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members) will expire at the conclusion of this meeting.

Accordingly, the election of ten (10) Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members) is proposed.

This proposal was settled on after deliberation and a report by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee. It has also been reviewed by the Audit and Supervisory Committee, which has expressed that there are no particular issues to point out.

The candidates for Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members) are as follows:

No.	Name		Current position at the Company	Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors
1	Susumu Narita (Male)	[Reappointment]	President (Representative Director)	20/20 (100%)
2	Takayuki Fujisawa (Male)	[Reappointment]	Vice President (Representative Director)	20/20 (100%)
3	Keitaro Ishikawa (Male)	[Reappointment]	Vice President (Representative Director)	20/20 (100%)
4	Tsuyoshi Tamura (Male)	[Reappointment]	Director	20/20 (100%)
5	Yo Mori (Male)	[Reappointment]	Director	20/20 (100%)
6	Motomi Shiratori (Male)	[Reappointment]	Director	20/20 (100%)
7	Shinji Suto (Male)	[Reappointment]	Director	20/20 (100%)
8	Hideyuki Okawa (Male)	[Reappointment]	Director	16/16 (100%)
9	Katsunori Mikuniya (Male)	[Reappointment] [Outside] [Independent]	Director	19/20 (95%)
10	Kazunari Higuchi (Male)	[Reappointment] [Outside] [Independent]	Director	20/20 (100%)

Note: Mr. Hideyuki Okawa was newly elected as a Director at last year's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders (held on June 28, 2023). Therefore, the status of his attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors is based on the meetings of the Board of Directors held on or after the above date.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurre positions	Class and number of shares of the Company held
1	Susumu Narita (September 27, 1954)  [Reappointment]  [Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings] 100% (20/20)	April 1978 June 2007 June 2008 Executive Officer / General Manager, Credit Supervision Division  June 2010 Executive Officer / General Manager, Hirosaki Branch April 2011 Executive Officer / Hirosaki Area Supervisor June 2011 Managing Director June 2014 April 2015 April 2022 President (current position) in charge of Auditing Division, the Company June 2023 Chairperson (current position), The Aomori Ban Ltd.	

Mr. Susumu Narita possesses a wealth of practical experience and deep insights gained through involvement in corporate sales planning, credit management services, and other areas at The Aomori Bank. He has provided leadership for many years since appointment as the representative director in June 2014, leading The Aomori Bank to sustainable growth and higher enterprise value.

As the chief executive officer of the Company, he has supervised and guided the merger of the subsidiary banks and made steady progress. He is nominated as a director candidate because it is judged that he can continue to contribute to sustainable growth and improvement of enterprise value and that he can be expected to increase the effectiveness of decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

		April 1990	Joined The Michinoku Bank, Ltd.	
		April 2007	General Manager, Management Planning Division	
		April 2010	General Manager, Furukawa Branch	
	Takayuki Fujisawa	April 2012	General Manager, Personnel Division	
	(August 26, 1966)	April 2015	Executive Officer, Director of Business Promotion	
			Headquarters, and General Manager, Sales	
	[Reappointment]		Strategy Division	Common stock:
		June 2016	Managing Executive Officer, Director of Business	1,250 shares
	[Attendance at the		Promotion Headquarters, and General Manager,	1,230 shares
	Board of Directors		Sales Strategy Division	
	meetings]	April 2017	Senior Executive Officer and Director of Business	
2	100% (20/20)		Promotion Headquarters	
2.		June 2018	President (current position)	
		April 2022	Vice President (current position) in charge of HR	
			Planning Division, the Company	

[Reason for nomination as candidate for Director]

Mr. Takayuki Fujisawa possesses a wealth of practical experience and expert knowledge gained through involvement in business planning, human resources, sales promotion, and other areas at The Michinoku Bank. He has provided leadership since appointment as the representative director in June 2018, leading The Michinoku Bank to sustainable growth and higher enterprise value.

He has been fulfilling his duties and responsibilities appropriately, including assisting the chief executive officer of the Company. He is nominated as a director candidate because it is judged that he can continue to contribute to sustainable growth and improvement of enterprise value and that he can be expected to increase the effectiveness of decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary	, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions	Class and number of shares of the Company held
3	Keitaro Ishikawa (April 26, 1961)  [Reappointment]  [Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings] 100% (20/20)	April 1984 April 2010 April 2011 June 2013 June 2014 June 2015  June 2016  June 2018  June 2019 June 2021 April 2022 June 2022  June 2023	Joined The Aomori Bank, Ltd. General Manager, Personnel Division General Manager, General Planning Division General Manager, Head Office Executive Officer / General Manager, Head Office Executive Officer / General Manager, Business Administration Division Director / Executive General Manager, Regional Headquarters (Hirosaki Area) Managing Executive Officer / Executive General Manager, Regional Headquarters (Hirosaki Area) Director / Managing Executive Officer Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer Director, the Company Director / Deputy President, The Aomori Bank, Ltd. Vice President (current position) in charge of Business Execution Management and Management Planning Division, the Company Director / President (current position) in charge of Auditing Division, The Aomori Bank, Ltd.	Common stock: 2,560 shares

Mr. Keitaro Ishikawa possesses a wealth of practical experience and expert knowledge gained through involvement in business planning, retail sales planning, human resources, and other areas at The Aomori Bank. He has provided leadership since appointment as the representative director in June 2022, leading The Aomori Bank to sustainable growth and higher enterprise value.

As a business execution supervisor at the Company, he has promoted the merger of subsidiary banks and made steady progress. He is nominated as a director candidate because it is judged that he can continue to contribute to sustainable growth and improvement of enterprise value and that he can be expected to increase the effectiveness of decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions		Class and number of shares of the Company held
		April 1985 April 2009 June 2011	Joined The Aomori Bank, Ltd. General Manager, Shiroshita Branch General Manager, Sendai Branch	
		October 2012	General Manager, Corporate Banking Division	
	Tsuyoshi Tamura	June 2015	General Manager, Credit Supervision Division	
	(September 22, 1962)	June 2016	Executive Officer and General Manager, Credit Supervision Division	
	[Reappointment]	June 2018	Managing Executive Officer	Common stock:
	[Attendance at the	April 2022	Director (current position) in charge of System and Operations Administration Division, the Company	2,400 shares
	Board of Directors meetings]	June 2022	Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer, The Aomori Bank, Ltd.	
4	100% (20/20)	October 2023	Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer / Executive General Manager, Regional Headquarters (Aomori Area) (current position) in charge of System Development Division and	
			Operations Administration Division, The Aomori Bank, Ltd.	

Mr. Tsuyoshi Tamura has a wealth of practical experience gained through involvement in corporate sales planning, credit management, and other areas at The Aomori Bank. Most recently, he has led the Systems Division and Administrative Division, where he was instrumental in promoting system integration and the implementation of digital transformation (DX).

His experiences and insights have been applied at the Company. He is nominated as a director candidate because it is judged that he can continue to contribute to sustainable growth and improvement of enterprise value and that he can be expected to increase the effectiveness of decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

N	Name	Career summary	, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent	Class and number of
No.	(Date of birth)			shares of the
	,		1	Company held
		April 1986	Joined The Aomori Bank, Ltd.	
		July 2009	General Manager, Namidate-Dori Branch	
		April 2011	General Manager, Misawa Branch	
		June 2013	General Manager, Personnel Division	
		June 2015	General Manager, Head Office	
	Yo Mori	June 2017	Executive Officer and General Manager, Head	
	(December 6, 1963)		Office	
		June 2019	Managing Executive Officer / Executive General	
	[Reappointment]		Manager, Regional Headquarters (Aomori Area)	G 1
	. 11	April 2022	Director (current position) in charge of Regional	Common stock:
	[Attendance at the		Co-creation Division, the Company	2,600 shares
	Board of Directors	June 2022	Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer, and	
	meetings]		Executive General Manager, Regional	
5	100% (20/20)		Headquarters (Aomori Area), The Aomori Bank	
		October 2023	Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer	
		00000112020	(current position) in charge of Business	
			Administration Division, Business Promotion	
			Division, and Business Partnering Division, The	
			Aomori Bank	
	[Reason for nomination	<u> </u>		

Mr. Yo Mori has a wealth of practical experience gained through the management of three sales offices and involvement in human resources and other areas at The Aomori Bank. Most recently, he has led the sales divisions, where he has provided leadership in formulating sales strategies and building the sales structure.

His experiences and insights have been applied at the Company. He is nominated as a director candidate because it is judged that he can continue to contribute to sustainable growth and improvement of enterprise value and that he can be expected to increase the effectiveness of decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

	the Board of Directors.				
		April 1989	Joined The Aomori Bank, Ltd.		
		April 2010	General Manager, Ominato Branch		
	Motomi Shiratori	October 2012	General Manager, Sendai Branch		
	(January 1, 1967)	June 2015	General Manager, Corporate Banking Division		
		July 2017	General Manager, Hirosaki Branch		
	[Reappointment]	June 2019	Executive Officer and General Manager, Head	Common stock:	
			Office	2,200 shares	
	[Attendance at the	April 2022	Director (current position) in charge of Credit	2,200 shares	
	Board of Directors		Planning Division, the Company		
	meetings]	April 2022	Managing Executive Officer (current position) in		
6	100% (20/20)		charge of Risk Administration Division, Credit		
			Supervision Division, and Personnel Division, The		
			Aomori Bank, Ltd.		

[Reason for nomination as candidate for Director]

Mr. Motomi Shiratori has a wealth of practical experience gained through the management of four sales offices and involvement in corporate sales planning and other areas at The Aomori Bank. Most recently, he has provided leadership by leading the risk management, credit supervision, and personnel divisions.

His experiences and insights have been applied at the Company. He is nominated as a director candidate because it is judged that he can continue to contribute to sustainable growth and improvement of enterprise value and that he can be expected to increase the effectiveness of decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions, responsibilitie positions	es, and significant concurrent numbe shares of Company	er of of the
7	Shinji Suto (July 30, 1969)  [Reappointment]  [Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings] 100% (20/20)	April 2008 April 2012 April 2015 April 2017 April 2017 April 2017 April 2018 April 2018 April 2019 April 2019 April 2022 Director (current posit Promotion Division, the Division, in charge of Division, Treasury and	es Management Division es Development Division rukawa Branch nagement Planning Division General Manager, g Division Officer cer 982 s tion) in charge of Integration	stock: shares

Mr. Shinji Suto has a wealth of practical experience gained through involvement in business planning, business management, personnel and general affairs, sales promotion, and other areas at The Michinoku Bank. Most recently, he has led the Management Planning Division, where he has provided leadership in all aspects of the business strategy, business improvement, and general management.

His experiences and insights have been applied at the Company. He is nominated as a director candidate because it is judged that he can continue to contribute to sustainable growth and improvement of enterprise value and that he can be expected to increase the effectiveness of decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

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		April 1989	Joined The Michinoku Bank, Ltd.	
		July 2009	General Manager, Aomori-Minami Branch	
		July 2011	General Manager, Credit Planning Division	
		April 2015	General Manager, KeyMan Promotion Division	
		August 2016	General Manager, Sapporo Branch	
	Hideyuki Okawa	April 2018	Executive Officer and General Manager, Sapporo	
	-	_	Branch	
	(September 1, 1966)	April 2019	Executive Officer and Director of Business	
	[Doomointmont]		Promotion Headquarters	
	[Reappointment]	April 2021	Executive Officer and General Manager, Credit	Common stock:
	[Attandance at the		Supervision Division	606 shares
	[Attendance at the Board of Directors	April 2022	Managing Executive Officer	
		October 2022	General Manager, Credit Planning Division, the	
8	meetings] 100% (16/16)		Company	
0	10070 (10/10)	June 2023	Director (current position) in charge of Risk	
			Administration Division, the Company	
		June 2023	Director and Managing Executive Officer (current	
			position) in charge of Personnel and General	
			Affairs Division, Credit Division, and Risk	
			Management Division, The Michinoku Bank, Ltd.	

[Reason for nomination as candidate for Director]

Mr. Hideyuki Okawa has a wealth of practical experience gained through the management of two sales offices and involvement in credit supervision, sales promotion, and other areas at The Michinoku Bank. Most recently, he has provided leadership by leading the human resources, credit supervision, and risk management divisions.

His experiences and insights have been applied at the Company. He is nominated as a director candidate because it is judged that he can continue to contribute to sustainable growth and improvement of enterprise value and that he can be expected to increase the effectiveness of decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary,	positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions	Class and number of shares of the Company held
9	Katsunori Mikuniya (April 25, 1951)  [Reappointment]   [Outside]   [Independent]  [Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings]   95% (19/20)	April 1974 July 1979 June 1981  April 1982  July 1997  July 2002  July 2004  August 2005  July 2008  July 2009 October 2011  April 2012  March 2015 October 2017  April 2021  April 2022  June 2023	Joined the Ministry of Finance Director, Sanjo Tax Office Director, Economics Department, Agriculture and Forestry Division, Aomori Prefectural Government Director, Fiscal Policy Department, General Affairs Division, Aomori Prefectural Government Director, Corporate Finance Department, Securities Bureau, Ministry of Finance Councilor, Planning and Coordination Bureau, Financial Services Agency General Councilor, Financial Services Agency Director General, Planning and Coordination Bureau, Financial Services Agency Director General, Supervisory Bureau, Financial Services Agency Commissioner, Financial Services Agency Counselor, Nitori Holdings Co., Ltd. Professor, University of Tokyo (Policy Vision Research Center) Chair, Deposit Insurance Corporation of Japan Chair, International Association of Deposit Insurers (IADI) Counselor, Open House Co., Ltd. Outside Director (current position), the Company Trustee (part-time) (current position), Tokyo Keizai University	Common stock: 0 shares

Mr. Katsunori Mikuniya has a wealth of experience and broad insights into financial and monetary administration gained through service as Commissioner of the Financial Services Agency, Chair of the Deposit Insurance Corporation of Japan and in numerous other positions, and as a native of Aomori Prefecture, he has a deep understanding of the area.

His experiences and insights have been applied at the Company. He is nominated as an outside director candidate because it is judged that he can continue to contribute to sustainable growth and improvement of enterprise value and that he can be expected to increase the effectiveness of decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

His term of office as an outside director of the Company will have been two years and three months at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions		Class and number of shares of the Company held
10	Kazunari Higuchi (January 3, 1957) [Reappointment] [Outside] [Independent] [Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings] 100% (20/20)	April 1980 March 2006 April 2008 April 2009 April 2010 May 2011 May 2011 April 2016 June 2016 June 2020 April 2022 June 2023	Joined Fuji Bank, Ltd. (now Mizuho Bank, Ltd.) Manager, Kabutocho Corporate Banking and Securities Business Department, Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. (now Mizuho Bank, Ltd.) Manager, Payments Sales Division Executive Officer and Manager, Operations Auditing Department Counselor, Mizuho Research Institute Ltd. (now Mizuho Research & Technologies, Ltd.) Managing Executive Officer President and Representative Director, UC Card Co., Ltd. Director, Qubitous Co., Ltd. (now Credit Saison Co., Ltd.) Counselor, UC Card Co., Ltd. Full-Time Auditor, Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corp. (now Nippon Sanso Holdings Corp.) Outside Director, Kureha Corp. Director, The Michinoku Bank, Ltd. Outside Director (current position), the Company Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) (current position),	Common stock: 0 shares

Mr. Kazunari Higuchi has a wealth of experience and broad insights into corporate management and financial practice gained through service as an officer at a large bank and representative director of a major credit card company. He was appointed outside director of The Michinoku Bank in 2020, and continues to appropriately discharge his duties and responsibilities.

His experiences and insights have been applied at the Company. He is nominated as an outside director candidate because it is judged that he can continue to contribute to sustainable growth and improvement of enterprise value and that he can be expected to increase the effectiveness of decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

His term of office as an outside director of the Company will have been two years and three months at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

Notes: 1. There is no special interest between each candidate for Director and the Company.

- 2. Mr. Katsunori Mikuniya and Mr. Kazunari Higuchi are candidates for Outside Director.
- 3. The Company has registered Mr. Katsunori Mikuniya and Mr. Kazunari Higuchi as Independent Directors with the Tokyo Stock Exchange as set forth in the regulations of the Exchange, and if their reappointment is approved, the Company intends for them to continue as Independent Directors.
- 4. Liability limitation agreements with Directors

The Company has entered into an agreement with Mr. Katsunori Mikuniya and Mr. Kazunari Higuchi to limit their liability pursuant to Article 427, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, and if their reappointment is approved, the Company intends to continue the agreement with them. An overview of the content of the liability limitation agreement is as follows:

- In the event that a Director is liable for damages to the Company owing to failure to perform his or her duties, his or her liability shall be limited to the total amount provided for in each item of Article 425, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act.
- The aforementioned limitation of liability shall only be recognized in cases when the performance of duties by the Director that is the cause of the liability is done so in good faith and without serious negligence.

- 5. Directors and officers liability insurance agreement with Directors The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance agreement with an insurance company as stipulated in Article 430-3, Paragraph (1) of the Companies Act. At the time of renewal, the Company intends to renew the agreement under the same terms. Directors, if their reappointment is approved, will continue to be covered by the said insurance agreement. An overview of the contents of the directors and officers liability insurance agreement is as follows:
  - The insurance premium is fully borne by the Company.
  - The insurance agreement shall cover any damage that may arise as Directors, the insured, assume responsibility in executing their duties or receive claims related to the pursuit of such liability. However, there are certain exemptions, such as no compensation being given for liability attributable to acts in violation of laws or regulations that were carried out with full knowledge of their illegality.
- 6. Mr. Kazunari Higuchi was an Outside Director of The Michinoku Bank. Ltd., a subsidiary of the Company, from June 2020 until March 2022.

# Proposal 4: Election of Four (4) Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members

The terms of office of all four (4) Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members will expire at the conclusion of this meeting.

Accordingly, the election of four (4) Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members is proposed.

The Audit and Supervisory Committee has given its consent to this proposal.

The candidates for Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee members are as follows:

No.	Nar	me	Current position at the Company	[Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings]
1	Shunsuke Kasai [New appointment]			_
2	Masashi Iwakigawa (Male)	[Reappointment] [Outside] [Independent]	Director  Audit and Supervisory Committee  Member	20/20 (100%)
3	Tetsutaro Wakatsuki (Male)	[Reappointment] [Outside] [Independent]	Director  Audit and Supervisory Committee  Member	20/20 (100%)
4	Mie Ishida (Female)	[Reappointment] [Outside] [Independent]	Director  Audit and Supervisory Committee  Member	20/20 (100%)

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary,	Class and number of shares of the Company held	
1	Shunsuke Kasai (July 24, 1964)  [New appointment]  [Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings]	April 1987 July 2009 June 2011 June 2013  October 2014 July 2016 June 2019  March 2020  June 2020  February 2021  April 2022  June 2022	Joined The Aomori Bank, Ltd. General Manager, Matsuzonocho Branch General Manager, Shiroshita Branch Deputy General Manager, Corporate Sales Department General Manager, Hakodate Branch General Manager, Auditing Division Executive Officer and General Manager, Hirosaki Branch Executive Officer and General Manager, Hirosaki Branch, and General Manager, Dotemachi Branch Executive Officer and General Manager, Corporate Support Division Executive Officer and General Manager, Business Promotion Division Executive Officer in charge of Audit and Supervisory Committee Office Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member (current position)	Common stock: 3,100 shares

Mr. Shunsuke Kasai has a broad range of practical experience through service as a manager of four branch offices and involvement in corporate sales planning, auditing and other areas at The Aomori Bank. He has served as Director and member of the Audit and Supervisory Committee of The Aomori Bank since 2022, and has since been contributing to the activation of the Board of Directors.

He is nominated as a candidate for Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member because it is judged that by applying his experiences and insights, he can be expected to contribute to increasing the effectiveness of the Group's audit function as well as the decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary,	Class and number of shares of the	
2.	Masashi Iwakigawa (May 26, 1959)  [Reappointment]    [Outside]    [Independent]  [Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings]    100% (20/20)	April 1982 December 1998 March 2001 March 2002 February 2005 February 2006 February 2007  April 2015  March 2018 June 2019 March 2020 August 2020 October 2021 April 2022	Joined Nikko Securities Co., Ltd. General Manager, Sales Planning Department General Manager, Product Planning Department Executive Officer and Manager, Joint Head Office Executive Managing Director Senior Executive Managing Director Senior Executive Managing Director, Nikko Cordial Securities, Inc. (now SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.) Representative Director, Executive Deputy President, SMBC Nikko Securities Inc. Executive Officer, Executive Deputy President Director and Deputy President Advisor Executive Officer, HUREX k.k. Counselor (current position) Outside Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member (current position), the	Company held  Common stock:  0 shares

Mr. Masashi Iwakigawa has a wealth of experience and broad insights into financial services area gained through his experience as a representative director of a major securities company and other positions, and as a native of Aomori Prefecture, he has a deep understanding of the area.

His experiences and insights have been applied at the Company. He is nominated as a candidate for Outside Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member because it is judged that he can continue to contribute to sustainable growth and improvement of enterprise value and that he can be expected to increase the effectiveness of the Group's audit function as well as the decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

His term of office as an outside director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of the Company will have been two years and three months at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary,	Class and number of shares of the Company held	
3	Tetsutaro Wakatsuki (October 22, 1974)  [Reappointment]    [Outside]    [Independent]  [Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings]    100% (20/20)	April 2000 April 2000 April 2004 April 2008 April 2010 December 2012 March 2014 June 2014 March 2015 June 2015 June 2019 June 2020 April 2022	Registered as an attorney-at-law (Tokyo Bar Association) Joined Mori Sogo (now Mori Hamada & Matsumoto) Founding and Representative Partner, Murata & Wakatsuki Law Offices (current position) Part-Time Instructor, Graduate School of Law, Hosei University Part-Time Professor, Graduate School of Law, Hosei University Outside Auditor, Do House Inc. Outside Auditor, TPC KK Outside Auditor, SBI Life Living Co., Ltd. Outside Auditor, Otsuka Corporation Outside Auditor, SBI Money Plaza Co., Ltd. Director, The Michinoku Bank, Ltd. Director (Member of the Audit and Supervisory Committee) Outside Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member (current position), the	Common stock: 0 shares

As an attorney-at-law, Mr. Tetsutaro Wakatsuki has a deep insight and expertise in law, as well as a wealth of practical experience in corporate legal affairs and knowledge of IT, etc. He was appointed outside director of The Michinoku Bank in 2019, and has since been contributing to the vitalization of the Board of Directors by making proposals, etc., from a position independent of management.

His experiences and insights have been applied at the Company. He is nominated as a candidate for Outside Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member because it is judged that he can continue to contribute to sustainable growth and improvement of enterprise value and that he can be expected to increase the effectiveness of the Group's audit function as well as the decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

His term of office as an outside director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of the Company will have been two years and three months at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, p	Class and number of shares of the Company held	
4	Mie Ishida (April 25, 1975)  [Reappointment]    [Outside]    [Independent]  [Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings]    100% (20/20)	September 2008 September 2008 June 2018 April 2022	Registered as an attorney-at-law (Daini Tokyo Bar Association) Joined Ishida Law Office (current position) Director and Member of the Audit and Supervisory Committee, The Aomori Bank, Ltd. Outside Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member (current position), the Company	Common stock: 0 shares

As an attorney-at-law, Ms. Mie Ishida has a deep insight and expertise in law, as well as a wealth of practical experience in corporate legal affairs. She was appointed Outside Director, Audit and Supervisory Committee Member of The Aomori Bank in 2018, and has since been contributing to the vitalization of the Board of Directors by making proposals, etc., from a position independent of management.

Her experiences and insights have been applied at the Company. She is nominated as a candidate for Director who is an Audit and Supervisory Committee Member because it is judged that she can continue to contribute to sustainable growth and improvement of enterprise value and that she can be expected to increase the effectiveness of the Group's audit function as well as the decision-making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

Her term of office as an outside director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of the Company will have been two years and three months at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

Notes: 1. There is no special interest between each candidate and the Company.

- 2. Mr. Masashi Iwakigawa, Mr. Tetsutaro Wakatsuki, and Ms. Mie Ishida are candidates for Outside Director.
- 3. The Company has registered Mr. Masashi Iwakigawa, Mr. Tetsutaro Wakatsuki, and Ms. Mie Ishida as Independent Directors with the Tokyo Stock Exchange as set forth in the regulations of the Exchange, and if their reappointment is approved, the Company intends for them to continue as Independent Directors.
- 4. Liability limitation agreements with Directors

The Company has entered into an agreement with Mr. Masashi Iwakigawa, Mr. Tetsutaro Wakatsuki, and Ms. Mie Ishida to limit their liability pursuant to Article 427, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, and if their reappointment is approved, the Company intends to continue the agreement with them.

An overview of the content of the liability limitation agreement is as follows:

- In the event that a Director is liable for damages to the Company owing to failure to perform his or her duties, his or her liability shall be limited to the total amount provided for in each item of Article 425, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act.
- The aforementioned limitation of liability shall only be recognized in cases when the performance of duties by the Director that is the cause of the liability is done so in good faith and without serious negligence.
- 5. Directors and officers liability insurance agreement with Directors

The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance agreement with an insurance company as stipulated in Article 430-3, Paragraph (1) of the Companies Act. At the time of renewal, the Company intends to renew the agreement under the same terms. Directors, if their reappointment is approved, will continue to be covered by the said insurance agreement.

An overview of the contents of the directors and officers liability insurance agreement is as follows:

- The insurance premium is fully borne by the Company.
- The insurance agreement shall cover any damage that may arise as Directors, the insured, assume responsibility in executing their duties or receive claims related to the pursuit of such liability. However, there are certain exemptions, such as no compensation being given for liability attributable to acts in violation of laws or regulations that were carried out with full knowledge of their illegality.
- 6. Mr. Tetsutaro Wakatsuki was an Outside Director of The Michinoku Bank, Ltd., a subsidiary of the Company, from June 2019 until June 2020, and an Outside Director and a Member of the Audit and Supervisory Committee of the same bank from June 2020 until March 2022.
- 7. Ms. Mie Ishida was an Outside Director and a Member of the Audit and Supervisory Committee of the Aomori Bank, Ltd., a subsidiary of the Company, from June 2018 until March 2022.

## (Reference) Skills Matrix

As a whole, the Company's Board of Directors possesses a well-balanced composition of diverse knowledge and expertise.

The following skills in particular are expected to be demonstrated by the directors, both internal and outside, in the Board of Directors:

### **Internal Directors**

		Skills Expected to be Demonstrated in the Board of Directors						
Position	Name	Corporate Management	Sales/Marketing	Finance/Accoun ting	Risk Management	Human Resources/Talen t Development	DX/ICT	International/M arket Investments
President	Susumu Narita	•		•	•			
Vice President	Takayuki Fujisawa	•		•		•		
Vice President	Keitaro Ishikawa	•	•	•				
Director	Tsuyoshi Tamura				•	•	•	
Director	Yo Mori		•			•		
Director	Motomi Shiratori		•	•		•		
Director	Shinji Suto	•		•				•
Director	Hideyuki Okawa		•		•			
Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member)	Shunsuke Kasai		•		•			

#### Outside Director

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		Skills Expected to be Demonstrated					
		in the Board of Directors					
Position	Name	Corporate Management	Public Administration	Law	Finance	Regional Economy	
Outside Director	Outside Director Katsunori Mikuniya		•		•	•	
Outside Director Kazunari Higuchi		•			•		
Outside Director	utside Director						
(Audit and Supervisory	(Audit and Supervisory Masashi Iwakigawa				•	•	
Committee Member)							
Outside Director							
(Audit and Supervisory Tetsutaro Wakatsuki				•			
Committee Member)							
Outside Director							
(Audit and Supervisory Mie Ishida				•			
Committee Member)							

Notes: 1. This is the planned structure of the Board of Directors after the election of the director candidates in Proposal 3 and Proposal 4 for this General Meeting of Shareholders.

2. This is a list of skills that are particularly expected to be demonstrated and does not encompass all the knowledge possessed by each individual.

(Reference)

## **Independence Standards for Outside Officers**

The Company designates all Outside Officers who qualify as Independent Directors as Independent Directors.

(Independence Standards for Outside Directors)

The Company has formulated its Independence Standards as follows:

- (1) The person shall not be a party for whom the Procrea Holdings Group is a major business partner nor an executive thereof.
- (2) The person shall not be a party which is a major business partner of the Procrea Holdings Group nor an executive thereof.
- (3) The person shall not be a consultant, accounting specialist, or legal specialist who receives significant money or other financial benefits from the Procrea Holdings Group apart from the Director's remuneration.
- (4) The person shall not be a major shareholder of the Procrea Holdings Group nor an executive thereof.
- (5) The person shall not be a person who receives significant donations from the Procrea Holdings Group nor an executive thereof.
- (6) The person shall not have fallen under any of the criteria in (1) to (5) above within the past three (3) years.
- (7) The person shall not be a close relative of anyone falling under any of the criteria (1) to (6) above (except those who are not in a principal position).
  - \*1 "A party for whom the Procrea Holdings Group is a major business partner": Refers to a business partner for which transactions with the Procrea Holdings Group make up 2% or more of the business partner's consolidated net sales in the most recent fiscal year.
  - \*2 "A party which is a major business partner of the Procrea Holdings Group": Refers to a business partner for which income from transactions with the business partner makes up 2% or more of the Procrea Holdings Group's consolidated gross profit in the most recent fiscal year.
  - \*3 "Significant": An amount exceeding the greater of 10 million yen per year or 30% of the party's annual expenses, averaged over the past three (3) years
  - \*4 "A major shareholder": A shareholder that holds 10% or more in direct or indirect voting rights of the Procrea Holdings Group
  - \*5 "Those who are not in a principal position": A person who is not an officer or general manager of the company
  - \*6 "A close relative": A relative within the second degree of kinship