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(Stock Exchange Code 9810) June 5, 2017

To Shareholders:

Kenji Hiwatari President and Representative Director NIPPON STEEL & SUMIKIN BUSSAN CORPORATION 5-27, Akasaka 8-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo

NOTICE OF THE 40TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Dear Shareholders:

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

You are cordially invited to attend the 40th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of NIPPON STEEL & SUMIKIN BUSSAN CORPORATION (the "Company"). The meeting will be held for the purposes as described below.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you are requested to review the attached Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders and exercise your voting rights either by submitting the Voting Rights Exercise Form by mail or via the Internet, as instructed below.

Exercise of voting rights in writing (by mail)

Please indicate your vote for or against each of the proposals on the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form and return it so that it is received by 5:20 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2017, Japan standard time.

Exercise of voting rights electronically (via the Internet)

Please vote on the website for exercising voting rights designated by the Company (http://www.web54.net) by 5:20 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2017, Japan standard time. Institutional investors can use the Electronic Voting Platform operated by ICJ, Inc.

1. Date and Time: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Japan standard time

2. Place: Bellesalle Tokyo Nihombashi located at

B2, Tokyo Nihombashi Tower

7-1, Nihombashi 2-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan

3. Meeting Agenda:

Matters to be reported: 1. The Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 40th Fiscal Year (April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017) and results of audits by the

Accounting Auditor and the Audit & Supervisory Board of the Consolidated Financial Statements

2. Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 40th Fiscal Year (April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017)

Proposals to be resolved:

Proposal 1: Appropriation of Surplus

Proposal 2: Election of Eleven (11) Directors

Proposal 3: Election of Three (3) Audit & Supervisory Board Members

- 1. Reception desk opens at 9:00 a.m.
- 2. When attending the meeting, please submit the enclosed **Voting Rights Exercise Form** at the reception desk.
- 3. Of the documents required to be appended to this Notice of convocation as attachments, the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity and the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, which are part of the Consolidated Financial Statements, and the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Notes to the Non-consolidated Financial Statements, which are part of the Non-consolidated Financial Statements, have been posted on the Company's website in accordance with laws and regulations and Article 16 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Company, and are therefore not included in the attached documents.
- 4. The Consolidated Financial Statements and the Non-consolidated Financial Statements audited by the Audit & Supervisory Board and the Accounting Auditor consist of documents included in this Notice and the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Notes to the Non-consolidated Financial Statements posted on the Company's website.
- 5. Any updates to the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, the Business Report, the Non-consolidated Financial Statements and the Consolidated Financial Statements will be posted on the Company's website.

Company's website http://www.nssb.nssmc.com

Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders

Proposal 1: Appropriation of Surplus

Based on due consideration of the business results for the 40th fiscal year and the internal reserve, it is proposed that a year-end dividend be paid as follows.

1. Type of dividend property

Cash

2. Allocation of dividend property and total amount thereof

¥105 per share of common stock of the Company for shareholders at the end of the 40th fiscal year. Total amount of dividends: ¥3,246,124,350

The Company carried out a share consolidation of the Company shares under which every 10 shares were consolidated into 1 share with the effective date of October 1, 2016. As ¥7.50 per share was paid as an interim dividend in December 2016, which would be equal to ¥75 after the share consolidation, the total amount of annual dividends, including the proposed year-end dividend will be equal to ¥180 per share for the 40th fiscal year.

3. Effective date of dividends from surplus

June 28, 2017

Proposal 2: Election of Eleven (11) Directors

The terms of office of all eleven (11) Directors will expire at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, the election of eleven (11) Directors is proposed. The candidates for Director are as follows:

	The Candidates it	or Director are as	TOHOWS.	
	Name		Past experience, positions, responsibilities	Number of
No.	(Date of birth)		and significant concurrent positions	shares of the
	(Bute of offili)		and significant concurrent positions	Company held
1	Kenji Hiwatari (January 16, 1953) [Reappointment]	April 1975 April 2007 April 2011 October 2012 April 2013 June 2013 October 2013	Joined Nippon Steel Corporation (current Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation) Director (under the Executive Management System), General Manager of Osaka Sales Office, Nippon Steel Corporation Managing Director (under the Executive Management System); Director, Plate Division; Director, Construction Materials & Products Division, Nippon Steel Corporation Managing Executive Officer; Director, Plate Division; Director, Construction Materials & Products Division, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation Executive Officer, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation; Advisor, Nippon Steel Trading Co., Ltd. President and Representative Director, Nippon Steel Trading Co., Ltd. Vice President and Representative Director, the Company	6,100
		Mr. Kenji Hiw Serving as a D management s Company nom	President and Representative Director, the Company (present) mination as a candidate for Director) ratari has many years of rich experience in the steel business. irector since June 2013, he is demonstrating his excellent kills and leadership in order to enhance corporate value. The tinated him again as a candidate for Director because of his that and capabilities as well as knowledge about overall	
2	Akio Tamagawa (December 23, 1952) [Reappointment]	April 1975 April 2009 June 2010 April 2011 October 2013 April 2015 (Responsibilities Supervises Texmanages Corper (Reasons for normal Mr. Akio Tamand administration supervises Texmaning & Accandidate for I	Joined Nippon Steel Corporation (current Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation) Managing Executive Officer, Nippon Steel Trading Co., Ltd. Director and Managing Executive Officer, Nippon Steel Trading Co., Ltd. Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer, Nippon Steel Trading Co., Ltd. Director, Member of the Board, and Senior Managing Executive Officer, the Company Director, Member of the Board, and Executive Vice President, the Company (present) S) stiles Division and Foodstuffs Division corate Planning & Administration Division mination as a candidate for Director) agawa has many years of rich experience in corporate planning tion. Serving as a Director since June 2010, he currently citles Division and Foodstuffs Division and manages Corporate diministration Division. The Company nominated him again as a Director because of his profound insight and capabilities as well about overall management.	8,400

N	Name		Past experience, positions, responsibilities	Number of
No.	(Date of birth)		and significant concurrent positions	shares of the
	, ,			Company held
3	Tsuneo Miyamoto (November 20, 1955) [Reappointment]	April 1980 April 2011 October 2012 April 2014 April 2016 June 2016	Joined Nippon Steel Corporation (current Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation) Director (under the Executive Management System), General Manager of Sales Administration & Planning Division, Nippon Steel Corporation Executive Officer; General Manager of Sales Administration & Planning Division, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation Managing Executive Officer, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation Executive Officer, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation; Advisor, the Company Director, Member of the Board, and Executive Vice President,	500
4	Yuichi Nomura (July 8, 1955) [Reappointment]	(Responsibilities Supervises Stee (Reasons for nor Mr. Tsuneo Mi Serving as a Di and Industrial Sagain as a cand capabilities as April 1978 April 2011 April 2012 December 2013 April 2014 June 2014 April 2017 (Responsibilities Manages Steel Support & Safe Osaka Office, I Steel Business Cooperates on Cooperates on Cooperates on Branch Office (Reasons for nor Mr. Yuichi No Serving as a Di businesses. The	the Company (present)) el Division and Industrial Supply & Infrastructure Division mination as a candidate for Director) (yamoto has many years of rich experience in the steel business. firector since June 2016, he currently supervises Steel Division Supply & Infrastructure Division. The Company nominated him lidate for Director because of his profound insight and well as knowledge about overall management. Joined Mitsui & Co., Ltd. Chairman & Managing Director, MITSUI & CO. (HONG KONG), LTD. Associate Officer, Mitsui & Co., Ltd., Chairman & Managing Director, MITSUI & CO. (HONG KONG), LTD. Advisor, the Company Managing Executive Officer, the Company Director, Member of the Board, and Managing Executive Officer, the Company Director, Member of the Board, and Senior Managing Executive Officer, the Company (present)) Planning, Overseas Administration & Planning, Technical ety Management, Logistics Management, Export Sales (except Nagoya Branch Office, and Kyushu Branch Office) and Overseas matters concerning steel materials of Russia & CIS Export Sales of Osaka Office, Nagoya Branch Office, and Kyushu mination as a candidate for Director) mura has many years of rich experience in the steel business. irector since June 2014, he currently manages the above of Company nominated him again as a candidate for Director profound insight and capabilities as well as knowledge about	2,600

No.	Name		Past experience, positions, responsibilities	Number of shares of the
110.	(Date of birth)		and significant concurrent positions	Company held
		April 1979	Joined Itoman Co., Ltd. (current NIPPON STEEL & SUMIKIN	Company neid
		April 1979	BUSSAN CORPORATION)	
		April 2005	Executive Officer, General Manager, Men's Wear Department 2,	
		April 2003	Sumikin Bussan Corporation	
		April 2007	Executive Officer, Representative in China, Sumikin Bussan	
		11pm 2007	Corporation	
		April 2010	Managing Executive Officer, Representative in China, Sumikin	
			Bussan Corporation	
	Eiichi Nakamura	April 2011	Managing Executive Officer, Sumikin Bussan Corporation	
_	(January 17, 1956)	71pm 2011	Managing Executive Officer, Bulliani Bussain Corporation	F 246
5		October 2013	Managing Executive Officer, the Company	5,346
	[Reappointment]	June 2015	Director, Member of the Board, and Managing Executive	
			Officer, the Company (present)	
		(Responsibilities)		
		Manages Textil		
		(Significant conc	*	
			ang Shenjin Fashion Co., Ltd.	
			geng Garments (Dalian) Co., Ltd.	
			he Fashion Garment Co., Ltd.	
			ctor, Sihong Rijin Fashion Co., Ltd. nination as a candidate for Director)	
			amura has many years of rich experience in the textiles business.	
			rector since June 2015, he currently manages Textiles Division.	
			nominated him again as a candidate for Director because of his	
			at and capabilities as well as knowledge about overall	
		management.	to and capaciffices as well as knowledge acoust overall	
		April 1979	Joined Itoman Co., Ltd. (current NIPPON STEEL & SUMIKIN	
		•	BUSSAN CORPORATION)	
		June 2008	Executive Officer, General Manager of Machinery Department,	
			Sumikin Bussan Corporation	
		September 2009	Executive Officer, General Manager of Machinery Department	
			and General Manager of New Project Promotion Section,	
		April 2010	Sumikin Bussan Corporation Executive Officer, General Manager of New Project Promotion	
	Yasuhiro Sugiguchi	April 2010	Section, Sumikin Bussan Corporation	
	(March 12, 1957)	June 2011	Executive Officer, Sumikin Bussan Corporation;	
6	. m	0 0000 2011	President and Representative Director, SUMIKIN BUSSAN	4,524
	[Reappointment]		MATEX CO., LTD.	
		October 2013	Executive Officer, the Company; President and Representative	
			Director, NIPPON STEEL & SUMIKIN BUSSAN MATEX	
			CO., LTD.	
		April 2015	Managing Executive Officer, the Company	
		June 2016	Director, Member of the Board, and Managing Executive	
		(Responsibilities)	Officer, the Company (present)	
		Manages Industrial Supply & Infrastructure Division (Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director) Mr. Yasuhiro Sugiguchi has many years of rich experience in the industrial supply & infrastructure business. Serving as a Director since June 2016, he		
		currently manag		
		nominated him		
		and capabilities	as well as knowledge about overall management.	

	Name	Past experience, positions, responsibilities	Number of
No.	(Date of birth)	and significant concurrent positions	shares of the
	(Butto of office)		Company held
7	Yasuyuki Tomioka (December 25, 1959) [Reappointment]	April 1983 Joined Itoman Co., Ltd. (current NIPPON STEEL & SUMIKIN BUSSAN CORPORATION) October 2009 President and Representative Director, NIKKYO FOODS CO., LTD. April 2011 Executive Officer, Sumikin Bussan Corporation; President and Representative Director, NIKKYO FOODS CO., LTD. April 2013 Executive Officer, General Manager of Overseas Market Development Department, Sumikin Bussan Corporation; President and Representative Director, NIKKYO FOODS CO., LTD. October 2013 Executive Officer, General Manager of Overseas Market Development Department, the Company; President and Representative Director, NIKKYO FOODS CO., LTD. April 2014 Executive Officer, the Company Managing Executive Officer, the Company Director, Member of the Board, and Managing Executive Officer, the Company (present)	2,604
		(Responsibilities) Manages Foodstuffs Division (Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director) Mr. Yasuyuki Tomioka has many years of rich experience in the foodstuffs business. Serving as a Director since June 2016, he currently manages Industrial Foodstuffs Division. The Company nominated him again as a candidate for Director because of his profound insight and capabilities as well as knowledge about overall management.	
8	Yoshihiro Ogura (December 8, 1945) [Reappointment] [Outside Director] [Independent Director]	April 1973 Registered as attorney-at-law; Joined Araya Takeshi Law Office April 1982 Established Ogura Tanaka Law Office (current Hibiki Law Office) June 2009 Outside Auditor, Nippon Steel Trading Co., Ltd. June 2013 Outside Auditor, Nippon Steel Trading Co., Ltd.; Outside Director, Toshiba Machine Co., Ltd. (present) October 2013 Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member, the Company June 2016 Outside Director, the Company (present) (Significant concurrent positions) Attorney-at-law, Hibiki Law Office Outside Director, Toshiba Machine Co., Ltd. (Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director) Mr. Yoshihiro Ogura assumed office as an Outside Director of the Company in June 2016. Based on his many years of experience and deep insight as an attorney-at-law, he has been expressing opinions about proposals etc. appropriately. Although he has never been directly involved in corporate management, the Company judges that he is suitable for the position of Outside Director for the above reasons and nominated him again as a candidate for Outside Director.	100

	Nomo		D (1 112	Number of
No.	Name (Data of hirth)		Past experience, positions, responsibilities	shares of the
	(Date of birth)		and significant concurrent positions	Company held
		July 1971	Joined The Industrial Bank of Japan, Limited (current Mizuho	
		•	Bank, Ltd.)	
		June 2001	Executive Officer, Chairman of China Committee, The	
			Industrial Bank of Japan, Limited	
		April 2002	Managing Executive Officer, Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.	
		1 2002	(current Mizuho Bank, Ltd.)	
	Keishiro Kinoshita	June 2002	Administrative Officer, Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.	
	(November 6, 1948)	October 2002	Administrative Officer, Sompo Japan Insurance Inc. (current Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance Inc.)	
		April 2003	Executive Officer, Sompo Japan Insurance Inc.	
9	[Reappointment]	April 2003 April 2004	Managing Officer, Chairman of Asia/China Committee, Sompo	100
	[Outside Director]	71pm 2004	Japan Insurance Inc.	
	[Independent	June 2007	Director, Senior Managing Executive Officer, Sompo Japan	
	Director]		Insurance Inc.	
		April 2009	Director, Sompo Japan Insurance Inc.	
		June 2009	Outside Auditor, Nippon Suisan Kaisha, Ltd.	
		June 2013	Outside Board Member, Nippon Suisan Kaisha, Ltd. (present)	
		June 2016	Outside Director, the Company (present)	
		(Significant con		
			Member, Nippon Suisan Kaisha, Ltd. mination as a candidate for Outside Director)	
		*	Kinoshita assumed office as an Outside Director of the Company in	
			sed on his knowledge and experience gained through many years	
			nancial institutions and in the course of his career at listed	
			has been expressing opinions about proposals etc. appropriately.	
			judges that he is suitable for the position of Outside Director for	
			ons and nominated him again as a candidate for Outside Director.	
		April 1980	Joined Sumikin Bussan Corporation	
		April 2003	General Manager of Tokyo Steel Sheet and Stainless Steel	
			Department, Sumikin Bussan Corporation	
		April 2005	General Manager of Steel Department No.1, Nagoya Branch	
			Office, Sumikin Bussan Corporation	
		April 2008	Executive Officer, General Manager of Nagoya Branch Office,	
	Shunji Shimada		General Manager of Steel Department No.1, Nagoya Branch Office, Sumikin Bussan Corporation	
	(December 5, 1955)	October 2008	Executive Officer, General Manager of Nagoya Branch Office,	
10		October 2000	Sumikin Bussan Corporation	3,540
	[New appointment]	April 2010	Executive Officer, Sumikin Bussan Corporation	
		April 2012	Managing Executive Officer, Sumikin Bussan Corporation	
		October 2013	Managing Executive Officer, the Company	
		April 2015	Managing Executive Officer, the Company	
			President, NIPPON STEEL & SUMIKIN BUSSAN	
		A :1.2017	(THAILAND) CO., LTD.	
		April 2017	Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of Osaka Office, the Company (present)	
		(Responsibilities		
			a Office <general manager="" of="" office="" osaka=""></general>	
			nanages Nagoya Branch Office and Kyushu Branch Office	
			Steel Planning, Overseas Administration & Planning, and	
		Technical Support & Safety Management		
		(Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director)		
		Mr. Shunji Shi		
		currently serve		
		businesses. Th		
		_	nsight and capabilities as well as knowledge about overall	
		management.		

No.	Name (Date of birth)		Past experience, positions, responsibilities and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
11	Keiji Moriwaki (March 20, 1957) [New appointment]	Kyushu Branch Concurrently, r Cooperates on Technical Supp (Significant conc Outside Audito (Reasons for non Mr. Keiji Mori currently serves businesses. The	estic Sales (except Osaka Office, Nagoya Branch Office and n Office) manages Project Development and Manila Office Steel Planning, Overseas Administration & Planning, and cort & Safety Management current position) or, GODO STEEL, Ltd. mination as a candidate for Director) waki has many years of rich experience in the steel business. He is as a Managing Executive Officer and manages the above to Company nominated him as a new candidate for Director profound insight and capabilities as well as knowledge about	3,930

(Notes)

- 1. No special interest exists between candidates for Director and the Company.
- Mr. Yoshihiro Ogura will have served as an Outside Director of the Company for one year at the conclusion of this
 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. He served as an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the
 Company for seven years from June 2009 to June 2016.
- 3. Mr. Keishiro Kinoshita will have served as an Outside Director of the Company for one year at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.
- 4. The Company has appointed Mr. Yoshihiro Ogura and Mr. Keishiro Kinoshita as Independent Directors who have no conflict of interest with general shareholders as mandated by Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. and notified the said exchange of their appointment.
- 5. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into agreements with Mr. Yoshihiro Ogura and Mr. Keishiro Kinoshita that limit their liability under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the said Act to the minimum liability amount prescribed by Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the said Act. If this proposal is approved, the Company intends to continue the said agreements with them.

Proposal 3: Election of Three (3) Audit & Supervisory Board Members

The terms of office of Audit & Supervisory Board Members Mr. Yasuhiro Imabayashi, Mr. Nobuyuki Arayashiki, and Mr. Tsuyoshi Watanabe will expire and Audit & Supervisory Board Member Mr. Toru Takegoshi will resign at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, the election of three (3) Audit & Supervisory Board Members is proposed.

The consent of the Audit & Supervisory Board has been obtained for the submission of this proposal.

The candidates for Audit & Supervisory Board Member are as follows:

Г	The candidates to	r Audit & Superv	isory Board Member are as follows:	N 1 C
	Name		Past experience, positions	Number of
No.	(Date of birth)		and significant concurrent positions	shares of the
	(Bute of offul)			Company held
		April 1977	Joined Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd. (current Nippon Steel	
			& Sumitomo Metal Corporation)	
		April 2007	General Manager of Sales Administration Department,	
	Nobuyuki Arayashiki		Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd.	
	(August 29, 1953)	June 2007	Outside Auditor, Sumikin Bussan Corporation, General	
			Manager of Sales Administration Department, Sumitomo	
	[Reappointment]		Metal Industries, Ltd.	
1	[Outside Audit &	January 2009	Outside Auditor, Sumikin Bussan Corporation, Counsellor,	7,216
	Supervisory Board		Internal Auditing Department and Auditors' Office, Sumitomo	
	Member]		Metal Industries, Ltd.	
	[Independent Auditor]	June 2009	Outside Auditor, Sumikin Bussan Corporation	
		June 2013	Senior Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Outside Auditor,	
			Sumikin Bussan Corporation	
		October 2013	Senior Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Outside Auditor,	
			the Company (present)	
			nination as a candidate for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board	
		Member)		
			Arayashiki has many years of rich experience in the steel business.	
			ice as an Outside Auditor of Sumikin Bussan Corporation in June	
		2007, and he ha	s been serving as an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member	
		of the Company	since the merger of the Company with Sumikin Bussan	
			October 2013. The Company judges that he is capable of	
			duties as an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member	
		appropriately by	y reflecting his many years of experience and deep insight about	
			ry and as an auditor in auditing of the Company and nominated	
		him again as a c	candidate for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member.	
		April 1983	Joined Itoman Co., Ltd. (current NIPPON STEEL & SUMIKIN	
	Tadayoshi Minatani	•	BUSSAN CORPORATION)	
	-	September 2009	General Manager of Textile Planning Department, Sumikin	
2	(May 19, 1960)	_	Bussan Corporation	747
2	DY	April 2011	General Manager of Internal Auditing Department, Sumikin	/4/
	[New appointment]	•	Bussan Corporation	
		October 2013	General Manager of Internal Auditing Department, the	
			Company (present)	
			nination as a candidate for Audit & Supervisory Board Member)	
			Minatani has many years of rich experience in the textile	
			rrently serves as the General Manager of Internal Auditing	
			e Company judges that he is capable of performing the duties as	
			ervisory Board Member appropriately by reflecting his	
			deep insight about the textile industry and as the General	
			ernal Auditing Department in auditing of the Company and	
		nominated him	as a candidate for Audit & Supervisory Board Member.	

No.	Name (Date of birth)		Past experience, positions and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
3	Akio Migita (October 19, 1961) [New appointment] [Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member]	Member) Mr. Akio Mig Company judg & Supervisory experience and	Joined Nippon Steel Corporation (current Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation) General Manager of Tinplates Sales Department, Flat Products Division, Nippon Steel Corporation General Manager of Flat Products Sales Department, Flat Products Division, Nippon Steel Corporation Head of Division, Flat Products Marketing Division, Flat Products Unit, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation Executive Officer, Head of Division, Flat Products Marketing Division, Flat Products Unit, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation Executive Officer, Head of Division, Human Resources Division, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation Managing Executive Officer, Head of Division, Human Resources Division, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation (present) mination as a candidate for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board ita has many years of rich experience in the steel business. The ges that he is capable of performing the duties as an Outside Audit Board Member appropriately by reflecting his many years of deep insight about the steel industry in auditing of the Company him as a candidate for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board	-

(Notes)

- 1. There is no special interest between the candidates for Audit & Supervisory Board Member and the Company.
- 2. Mr. Nobuyuki Arayashiki assumed office as an Outside Auditor of Sumikin Bussan Corporation in June 2007, and he has been serving as an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company since the merger of the Company with Sumikin Bussan Corporation in October 2013. He will have served as an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company for three years and eight months at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. The Company intends to appoint Mr. Noriyuki Arayashiki and Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member Mr. Shigeji Sugimoto as Independent Auditors who have no conflict of interest with general shareholders as mandated by Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. and notify the said exchange of their appointment.
- 3. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into an agreement with Mr. Nobuyuki Arayashiki that limits his liability under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the said Act to the minimum liability amount prescribed by Article 425, Paragraph 1 of the said Act. If this proposal is approved, the Company intends to continue the said agreement with him and enter into the same agreement with Mr. Tadayoshi Minatani and Mr. Akio Migita, respectively.