

Basic Policy on Proxy Voting

We vote proxies for the purpose of seeking to maximize the interests of our clients (investors) and beneficiaries over time, acknowledging the importance of corporate governance, based on fiduciary duties to our clients (investors) and beneficiaries. We do not vote proxies for the interests of ourselves and any third party other than clients (investors) and beneficiaries. The interests of clients (investors) and beneficiaries is to expand the corporate value or the economic interest of shareholders or the preventing of damage thereto. . Proxy voting is an integral part of our stewardship activities and we make voting decisions considering whether or not the proposal would contribute to the corporate value expansion and sustainable growth.

In order to vote proxies adequately we have established the Corporate Governance Committee and developed these Proxy Voting Guidelines to oversee control of the decision making process concerning proxy voting. While we may seek advice from an external service provider based on our own guidelines, our investment professionals make voting decisions in principle, based on our proxy voting guidelines, taking into account whether or not they contribute to shareholder value enhancement of the subject company.

Responsible proxy voting and constructive dialogue with investee companies are important components of stewardship activities. While the proxy voting guidelines are principles for our making voting decisions, depending on the proposals, we may make special decisions to maximize the interests of clients (investors) and beneficiaries, through the establishment of constructive dialogue with the investee companies. In such case, approval of the Corporate Governance Committee shall be obtained.

The Corporate Governance Committee is consisted of members including Director in charge of the Investment Division as the chair, Head of Compliance, Corporate Governance Officer, investment professionals nominated by the chair and persons in charge at the Client Reporting Department.

We have developed the Conflict of Interest Control Policy and, even in the situation where any conflict of interest is likely to arise, we work to control conflict of interest to protect the interests of clients (investors) and beneficiaries. The Compliance Department is responsible for overseeing company-wide control of conflict of interest. The Compliance Department is independent from investment and marketing divisions, and shall not receive any command or order with respect to the matters concerning compliance with the laws and regulations including the matters concerning conflict of interest from investment and marketing divisions.

Proxy Voting Guidelines

1. Profit Allocation and Dividends

We decide how to vote on the proposals seeking approval for profit allocation and dividends, taking into account the financial conditions and business performance of the subject company, and the economic interest of shareholders, etc.

- Taking into account the status of capital adequacy and business strategies, etc. of the subject company, if the total payout ratio including dividends and share buybacks is significantly low, we consider to vote against the proposals, unless reasonable explanation is given by the company.

With respect to the company where profit allocation is determined by the board of directors, taking into account the status of capital adequacy and business strategies, etc. of the subject company, if the total payout ratio including dividends and share buybacks is significantly low, we consider to vote against reelection of directors, unless reasonable explanation is given by the company.

Taking into account the status of capital adequacy and business strategies, etc. of the subject company, if the total payout ratio including dividends and share buybacks is significantly low, we consider to vote for the shareholder proposals that require more payout to shareholders.

2. Election of Directors

We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning election of directors, taking into account independence, competence and existence of anti-social acts of director candidates, etc. We decide how to vote on reelection of director candidates, taking into account their approach to corporate governance and accountability during their tenure, business performance of the company and existence of anti-social acts of the company, etc. in addition to the above factors.

Directors should make efforts to continuously gain knowledge and skills from time to time to fulfill the important role and responsibilities in governance of the subject company. Companies are also required to provide sufficient opportunities of such training.

Independent outside directors are expected to play a significant role such as to secure the interest of minority shareholders through activities based on their insights to increase the corporate value of the subject company. It is desirable to enhance the board's governance function with independent outside directors accounting for the majority of the board. However,

given the challenge to secure competent candidates, we also recognize that, under the current conditions, it is difficult for all the companies, irrespective of their size, to deploy a majority of the board with independent outside directors.

(1) Independence

- We generally vote for election of outside directors; provided, however, that we vote against the candidate who is not regarded as independent from the subject company. With respect to independence, it is desirable that the subject company discloses numerical standard which should support our decision. .
- We judge independence based on the independence criteria stipulated by the stock exchange, with focus on whether independence is substantially secured.
- We regard the outside director with significantly long tenure as non-independent, and vote against reelection of such outside director.
- In the case where the subject company is the company with a three committee board structure or the company with a board with audit committee structure, we judge independence of outside director candidates who become members of the audit committee or the similar committee based on the same independence criteria for election of statutory auditors in principle.
- In the case where the subject company is the company with a three committee board structure or the company with a board with audit committee structure, we generally consider to vote against the director candidates who are top executives of the subject company, if independent outside directors of the subject company account for less than 1/3 of the board after the shareholders meeting.
- In the case where the subject company is the company with a statutory auditor structure, we generally vote against the director candidates who are top executives, unless there are at least two outside directors who are independent from the subject company after the shareholders meeting.
- In the case where the subject company has a parent company, we generally consider to vote against the director candidates who are top executives of the subject company, if outside directors who are independent from the subject company account for less than half of the board after the shareholders meeting.

(2) Attendance rate

- All members are expected to attend the board meetings and each committees in principle, and companies are generally obligated to facilitate all members to attend meetings. We generally vote against reelection of the director candidate who attended less than 75% of

the board meetings or the respective committee.

- We take into account not only the number of attendance but reasons for nomination and substantial contribution, if disclosed.

(3) Business performance of the company

- We consider voting against reelection of director candidates, if the subject company made a loss for the three consecutive year during their tenure.
- We consider voting against reelection of director candidates, if it is judged that the business performance of the subject company is significantly behind peers in the same industry during their tenure.
- We consider voting against the directors who are top executives, if business strategies that enable the corporate value enhancement and sustainable growth are not demonstrated and no constructive dialogue is conducted, with respect to capital efficiency including return on capital.

(4) Anti-social acts of the company

- If it is judged that there has been any corporate scandal that has significant social effects and has impaired, or is likely to impair, the shareholder value during the tenure, we shall conduct sufficient dialogue with the subject company on the background and subsequent resolutions of the scandal. Based on the dialogue and taking into account impact on the shareholder value, we decide how to vote on reelection of the director candidates who are top executives, directors in charge of those cases and members of the audit committee or the similar committee.
 - With respect to domestic scandals, if the company has received administrative disposition on cartel or bid-rigging, we consider to vote against reelection of the director candidates who are top executives, directors in charge and members of the audit committee or the similar committee, at the time when the disposition is determined by the Fair Trade Commission, etc. If the final disposition is subsequently determined on appeal or complaint, we do not vote against reelection again at such time. We decide case-by-case with respect to an order for compensation in a civil case or disposition by the Consumer Affairs Agency and administrative disposition imposed overseas.
 - With respect to administrative disposition imposed on a subsidiary or affiliate, if the subsidiary or affiliate is unlisted, we consider to vote against reelection of the director candidates who are top executives, directors in charge and members of the audit committee or the similar committee of the holding company or the parent company. If the subsidiary or affiliate is listed, we consider to vote against reelection of the

director candidates who are top executives, directors in charge and members of the audit committee or the similar committee of the subsidiary or affiliate and the parent company; provided, however, that we decide case-by-case depending on importance of the disposition on the subsidiary or affiliate, its impact on business performance of the holding company or parent company.

- With respect to a scandal of an individual employee, if such scandal has impaired, or is likely to impair the shareholder value, and it is judged that the subject company should assume responsibility as a manager, we consider to vote against reelection of the director candidates who are top executives, directors in charge and members of the audit committee or the similar committee.
- We consider to vote against reelection of director candidates, if the subject company has committed window-dressing and inadequate accounting activities during their tenure.

(5) Acts against the interest of shareholders

- If the company has increased capital through a third-party allotment that is excessively dilutive without resolution by the shareholders meeting, we consider to vote against reelection of director candidates, particularly the director candidates who are top executives.
- If the company has increased capital through a large-scale public offering without reasonable explanation, we consider to vote against reelection of director candidates, particularly the director candidates who are top executives.
- If the shareholder proposal that is judged desirable for minority shareholders has received the majority support but the company does not implement such proposal or make the similar proposal as the company proposal at the shareholders meeting in the following year, we consider voting against the director candidates who are top executives.

(6) Other

- If information of a director candidate is not fully disclosed, we generally vote against such director candidate.

3. Composition of Board of Directors, etc.

Depending on the size of companies, etc., we believe that a three committee board structure is desirable to achieve better governance as a listed company. Even for a company with a statutory auditor structure or a company with a board with audit committee, it is also desirable to voluntarily deploy the nomination committee, compensation committee and other necessary committees. It is also desirable that the chair of the board of directors is an independent outside director. We believe that composition of the highly transparent board of directors secures

transparency of the management and contributes to a persistent increase in the enterprise value. It is also desirable that the third-party assessment of the board of directors is disclosed.

We are concerned about the retired director assuming a consulting, advisory or other similar position which is likely to have negative impact on greater transparency and decision making of the board of directors. If such position or a person assuming such position exists, it is desirable that its existence, expected role and effects or compensation and other treatment for such position are fully disclosed.

(1) Number of members and change in constituents of the board of directors

- We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning the number of members and change in constituents of the board of directors, by comparing with the current structure and taking into account impact on the subject company and the economic interest of shareholders.
 - We favorably consider a decrease in the number of directors other than outside directors, but in the case of an increase in the number of directors other than outside directors, unless reasons are clearly and reasonably stated, we consider to vote against reelection of the director candidates who are top executives.
 - If there are too many board members and we are concerned that swift decision making may be hindered, we vote against the director candidates who are top executives.
 - We favorably consider an increase in the number of outside directors, but in the case of a decrease in the number of outside directors, unless reasons are clearly and reasonably stated, we consider to vote against reelection of the director candidates who are top executives.

(2) Procedures for election of directors, scope of responsibilities of directors, etc.

- We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning a change in procedures for election of directors, by comparing with the current procedures and taking into account reasonableness of such change, etc.
- We generally vote against the proposals that reduce responsibility of directors for monetary damages due to their breach of duty of care of a prudent manager.
- Responsibilities of the board of directors include proper supervision over the succession plan for top executives. The nomination committee at the company with a three-committee board structure, or the nomination committee that should be voluntarily deployed by the company with a different structure, should provide proper supervision over fostering and

election of successors with secured transparency. It is desirable that an independent outside director serves as the chair of the nomination committee. If the process is judged to significantly lack transparency and reasonableness, we consider to vote against the director candidates who are top executives.

4. Election of Statutory Auditors

We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning election of statutory auditors, taking into account independence, competence and existence of anti-social acts of auditor candidates, etc. We decide how to vote on reelection of statutory auditor candidates, taking into account their approach to corporate governance and accountability during their tenure, existence of anti-social acts of the company, etc. in addition to the above factors.

Statutory auditors and directors who are members of the audit committee or the similar committee are required to have deep specialized knowledge of accounting and laws and regulations, and should make efforts to continuously gain knowledge and skills from time to time to fulfill the important role and responsibilities in governance of the subject company. Companies are also required to provide sufficient opportunities of such training.

(1) Independence

- We generally vote against non-independent outside statutory auditors.
 - The person who has no relationship with the subject company other than being elected as a statutory auditor is regarded as independent.
 - We regard the outside statutory auditor with significantly long tenure as non-independent, and vote against reelection of such outside statutory auditor.

(2) Attendance rate

- All statutory auditors are expected to attend meetings of the board of directors or the board of statutory auditors in principle, and companies are generally obligated to facilitate all statutory auditors to attend meetings. We generally vote against reelection of the statutory auditor candidate who attended less than 75% of meetings of the board of directors or the board of statutory auditors.
 - We take into account not only the number of attendance but reasons for nomination and substantial contribution, if disclosed.

(3) Accountability

- If there are material concerns about the provided auditor report or auditing procedures, or if

the matters to be disclosed are not fully disclosed, we vote against reelection of statutory auditor candidates.

(4) Anti-social acts of the company

- If it is judged that there has been any corporate scandal that has significant social effects and has impaired, or is likely to impair, the shareholder value during the tenure, we shall conduct sufficient engagement with the subject company on the background and subsequent resolutions of the scandal. Based on the engagement and taking into account impact on the shareholder value, we decide how to vote on reelection of statutory auditor candidates.
 - With respect to domestic scandals, if the company has received administrative disposition on cartel or bid-rigging, we consider to vote against reelection of statutory auditor candidates, at the time when the disposition is determined by the Fair Trade Commission, etc. If the final disposition is subsequently determined on appeal or complaint, we do not vote against reelection again at such time. We decide case-by-case with respect to an order for compensation in a civil case or disposition by the Consumer Affairs Agency and administrative disposition imposed overseas.
 - With respect to administrative disposition imposed on a subsidiary or affiliate, if the subsidiary or affiliate is unlisted, we consider to vote against reelection of statutory auditor candidates of the holding company or the parent company. If the subsidiary or affiliate is listed, we consider to vote against reelection of statutory auditor candidates of the subsidiary or affiliate and the holding company; provided, however, that we decide case-by-case depending on importance of the disposition on the subsidiary or affiliate, its impact on business performance of the holding company or parent company.
 - With respect to a scandal of an individual employee, if such scandal has impaired, or is likely to impair the shareholder value, and it is judged that the subject company should assume responsibility as a manager, we consider to vote against reelection of statutory auditor candidates.
- We consider voting against reelection of statutory auditor candidates, if the subject company has committed window-dressing and inadequate accounting activities during their tenure.

5. Composition of Board of Statutory Auditors

We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning the number of members and change in constituents of the board of statutory auditors, by comparing with the current structure and taking into account impact on the subject company and the economic interest of shareholders.

- We favorably consider an increase in the number of statutory auditors, but in the case of a decrease in the number of statutory auditors, unless reasons are clearly and reasonably stated, we consider to vote against reelection of the director candidates who are top executives.

6. Election and Removal of Accounting Auditors

We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning election and removal of accounting auditors, taking into account competence of candidates and the level of costs for the accounting audit, etc.

- If it is judged that there are following problems with the accounting audit services in the subject company, and the accounting auditor in question is not removed but reelected, we generally vote against reelection of the statutory auditor candidates and the director candidates who are members of the audit committee or the similar committee:
 - It is judged that the accounting auditor has expressed incorrect opinions on financial conditions;
 - In the case where there are concerns on the financial statements, the matters to be disclosed are not fully disclosed;
 - In the case where the accounting auditor has a contract of non-accounting audit services with the subject company, it is judged that such non-accounting audit services are recognized to have conflict of interest with accounting audit services;
 - In the case where excessive accounting audit costs are paid;
 - It is judged that gross fraudulence or negligence of the accounting auditor is recognized.
- If it is judged that there are problems with accounting audit services in another company, and the accounting auditor in question becomes a candidate for election or is not removed but reelected, we decide how to vote, giving full consideration to impact on the enterprise value of the subject company.
- We generally vote against the proposals concerning a change in accounting auditors, if difference in views about the accounting principles between the previous accounting auditor and the subject company is judged to be the reason for such change.

7. Compensation and Bonuses for Directors, Statutory Auditors and Employees

(1) Compensation and bonuses for Directors

- In determining compensation and bonuses for directors, it is desirable to increase the

proportion of stocks in compensation and bonuses, taking into account whether the performance-based compensation structure is developed, whether transparency is fully secured such as disclosure of an index or formula as a basis for calculation, and impact on shareholders such as dilution. The compensation committee at the company with a three-committee board structure, or the compensation committee that should be voluntarily deployed by the company with a different structure, should ensure the compensation structure with secured transparency. It is desirable that an independent outside director serves as the chair of the compensation committee.

- We consider to vote against the proposals seeking approval for compensation and bonuses in the following cases:
 - where negative correlation is seen between the business performance of the subject company and compensation and bonuses;
 - where there exist problematic system and practices;
 - where the aggregate amount of compensation and bonuses is not disclosed;
 - where mismanagement is clear as shown by share price erosion or and significant deterioration in profit;
 - where the person who is judged to be responsible for acts against the interest of shareholders is among recipients of compensation and bonuses.
- We generally vote for the proposals requesting disclosure of compensation and bonuses of individual directors.
 - If any measures are implemented to secure transparency of the system other than individual disclosure, such measures are taken into account.
- If there is no proposal seeking approval for compensation and bonuses and the system is not clear, we consider to vote against election of the director candidates who are top executives,
- We generally vote against bonuses for statutory auditors.
 - As directors who become members of the audit committee at the company with a three committee structure, directors who become members of the audit committee at the company with a board with audit committee structure and outside directors are required to perform duties as director, we consider their compensation and bonuses differently from statutory auditors at the company with a statutory auditor structure.

(2) Stock compensation

- We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning stock compensation including stock

option plans and restricted stock units, taking into account impact on the shareholder value and rights of shareholders, the level of compensation, the recipients of stock compensation, and reasonableness, etc.

- We generally vote against the proposals seeking to lower the strike price of stock options.
- We generally vote for the proposals seeking to require approval of shareholders for change in the strike price of stock options.
- We generally vote against the stock compensation, if terms of exercise including the percentage of dilution are unclear.
- We generally vote against the stock compensation granted to statutory auditors.
 - As directors who become members of the audit committee at the company with a three committee structure, directors who become members of the audit committee at the company with a board with audit committee structure and outside directors are required to perform duties as director, we consider the stock compensation for them differently from statutory auditors at the company with a statutory auditor structure.
- We generally vote against the stock compensation granted to any third parties other than employees.
- We generally vote against the stock compensation if it is judged likely to be used as a tool for takeover defense.

(3) Stock purchase plan

- We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning stock purchase plan, taking into account impact on the shareholder value and rights of shareholders, the recipients of stock compensation and reasonableness, etc.

(4) Retirement benefits for directors

- We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning grant of retirement benefits, taking into account the scope of recipients, existence of anti-social acts of recipients, business performance of the company and anti-social acts of the company, etc.
 - We generally vote for the proposals granting retirement benefits, if all of the following criteria are met:
 - The granted amount is disclosed;
 - Outside directors and statutory auditors are not included in recipients;
 - There has been no serious scandal involving recipients during their tenure;
 - The subject company has not suffered from loss for the three consecutive year, or its business performance is not judged to significantly lag relative to peers in the

same industry;

- There has been no corporate scandal that has significant social effects on the subject company and has impaired, or likely to impair, the shareholder value during the tenure of recipients;
- The subject company has not committed window-dressing and inadequate accounting activities during the tenure of recipients.

8. Cross-shareholdings

If the company holds shares for relationship purpose, we believe that the company is required to explain about medium- to long-term business and financial strategies and disclose criteria for proxy voting decisions and voting results, etc. If no reasonable views are indicated and no constructive dialogue is conducted, we consider to vote against the director candidates who are top executives.

9. Capital Policy

As the capital policy of listed companies is likely to have important impact on the shareholder value and the interest of shareholders of the subject company, the subject company should implement the reasonable capital policy and explain basic policies of the capital policy to shareholders. We consider voting against the proposals concerning the capital policy that is judged to impair the shareholder value. If there exists the capital policy that is not part of proposals at the shareholders meeting but is judged to impair the shareholder value, we consider voting against reelection of director candidates.

(1) Change in authorized capital

- We decide how to vote on the proposals seeking to increase authorized capital, taking into account impact of the change in authorized capital on the shareholder value and rights of shareholders, reasonableness of the change in authorized capital and impact on share listing or sustainability of the company, etc.
- We generally vote for the proposals seeking to increase authorized capital, if it is judged that not increasing authorized capital is likely to cause delisting of the subject company or have significant impact on sustainability of the company.
- We generally vote against the proposals seeking to increase authorized capital after emergence of acquirer.

(2) Issuance of new shares

- We decide how to vote on issuance of new shares, taking into account reasons for issuance

of new shares, issuing terms, impact of dilution on the shareholder value and rights of shareholders, and impact on share listing or sustainability of the company, etc.

(3) Share buybacks, reissuance of shares

- We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning share buybacks or reissuance of shares, taking into account their reasonableness, etc.

(4) Share split

- We generally vote for the proposals seeking to split shares.

(5) Consolidation of shares (reverse share split)

- We decide how to vote on the proposals seeking consolidation of shares, taking into account its reasonableness, etc.

(6) Preferred shares

- We generally vote against the proposals seeking to create, or increase authorized capital of, carte blanche preferred shares that are issued without specifying the voting right, dividends, conversion and other rights.
- We generally vote for the proposals seeking to create, or increase authorized capital of, preferred shares where the voting right, dividends, conversion and other rights are specified and those rights are judged reasonable.
- We generally vote for the proposals requiring approval of shareholders for issuance of preferred shares.

(7) Issuance of bonds with share options

- We decide how to vote on the proposals seeking to issue bonds with share options, taking into account the number of new shares and the redemption period of bonds, etc.

(8) Issuance of straight bonds, expansion of credit facility

- We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning issuance of straight bonds or expansion of credit facility, taking into account the financial conditions, etc. of the subject company.

(9) Capitalization of debt

- We decide how to vote on the proposals seeking to change authorized capital or issue shares in connection with restructuring of debt, taking into account the terms of change in authorized capital or issuance of shares, impact on the shareholder value and rights of shareholders, their reasonableness and impact on share listing or sustainability of the

company, etc.

(10) Capital reduction

- We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning reduction in capital, taking into account impact of capital reduction on the shareholder value and rights of shareholders, reasonableness of capital reduction and impact on share listing or sustainability of the company, etc.
- We generally vote for the proposals seeking to reduce capital as typical accounting procedures.

(11) Financing plan

- We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning financing plan, taking into account impact on the shareholder value and rights of shareholders, its reasonableness and impact on share listing or sustainability of the company, etc.

(12) Capitalization of reserves

- We decide how to vote on the proposals seeking capitalization of reserves, taking into account its reasonableness, etc.

10. Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, etc.

(1) Change in accounting period

- We generally vote for the proposals seeking to change the accounting period, unless it is judged to aim to delay the shareholders meeting.

(2) Amendments of articles of incorporation

- We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning article amendments, taking into account impact of article amendments on the shareholder value and rights of shareholders, necessity and reasonableness of article amendments, etc.
 - We generally vote for the proposals seeking article amendments, if such amendments are required by the laws.
 - We generally vote against the proposals seeking article amendments, if such amendments are judged to be likely to infringe on rights of shareholders or impair the shareholder value.
 - We generally vote for transition to the company with a three committee board structure.

- We decide how to vote on the proposals seeking to ease or eliminate requirements for special resolutions, taking into account its reasonableness.
- We are concerned about the retired director assuming a consulting, advisory or other similar position which is likely to have negative impact on greater transparency and decision making of the board of directors. We generally vote against the proposals seeking to create such position.

(3) Change in quorum for the shareholders meeting

- We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning change in quorum for the shareholders meeting, taking into account impact on the shareholder value and rights of shareholders, etc.

11. Change in company organization, etc

(1) Change in trade name and registered address

- We decide how to vote on the proposals seeking to change the trade name, taking into account impact on the shareholder value, etc.
- We generally vote for the proposals seeking to change the registered address.

(2) Company reorganization

- We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning the following company reorganization, taking into account their respective impact on the shareholder value and rights of shareholders, impact on financial conditions and business performance of the subject company, and impact on share listing or sustainability of the company, etc.

Mergers and acquisitions

Transfer of business

Spin-off

Sale of assets

Sale of company

Liquidation

12. Proxy Fight

(1) Proxy fight

- We decide how to vote on the proposals concerning election of directors among rival candidates, taking into account independence, competence, existence of anti-social acts, approach to corporate governance and accountability of director candidates, business performance of the company, existence of anti-social acts of the company, as well as the background of the proxy fight, etc.

(2) Proxy fight defense measures

- **Classified board structure**
 - We generally vote against the proposals seeking to introduce the classified board structure.
 - We generally vote for the proposals seeking to set a director's term of one year.

- **Right to remove directors**
 - We generally vote against the proposals seeking to tighten requirements for shareholders to remove directors.

- **Cumulative voting system**
 - We decide how to vote on the proposals seeking to introduce the cumulative voting system for election of directors, taking into account its background, etc.
 - We decide how to vote on the proposals seeking to eliminate the cumulative voting system for election of directors, taking into account its background, etc.

13. Takeover Defense

We believe that the interests of the management and shareholders do not always align with each other, and generally vote against new establishment, amendment and update of takeover defense measures that are judged to decrease the shareholder value or interfere with rights of shareholders. We generally vote against reelection of director candidates, if there exist takeover defense measures that are not part of proposals at the shareholders meeting but are judged to decrease the shareholder value or interfere with rights of shareholders.

- **Relaxation of requirements for amendment to the articles of incorporation and company regulations**
 - We decide how to vote on the proposals seeking to relax the requirements for amendment to the articles of incorporation or company regulations, taking into account impact on the shareholder value and rights of shareholders, etc.

- **Relaxation of requirements for approval of mergers**
 - We decide how to vote on the proposals seeking to relax the requirements for approval of mergers, taking into account impact on the shareholder value and rights of shareholders.

14. ESG

We support the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment and acknowledge that how companies address to ESG is an important factor in making investment decisions. Thus, we consider voting against reelection of the director candidates who are top executives and directors in charge, if it is judged that any event that is likely to significantly impair the enterprise value has occurred. We consider to vote for the related proposal, if it is judged to contribute to protection from impairment of, or enhancement of, the enterprise value, and if not, vote against such proposal.

15. Disclosure

Disclosure of information and constructive dialogue based thereon are important in making proxy voting decisions and investment decisions.

- We generally vote against the proposals where sufficient information to make proxy voting decision is not disclosed.
- We generally vote for the proposals seeking to enhance disclosure of information, if such information is beneficial to shareholders.
- If disclosure of information about financial and non-financial information of the subject company is significantly poor, and if the level of investor relations activities by the management or persons in charge is significantly low, we consider to vote against reelection of the director candidates who are top executives and directors in charge.

16. Conflict of Interest

We abstain from voting proxies of the following companies that are likely to have conflict of interest.

We also abstain from voting proxies with respect to the following investment trusts, etc. that are managed by us or Invesco Group companies, as conflict of interest is likely to arise.

- Companies and investment trusts, etc. that we abstain from voting proxies:
 - Invesco Ltd.
 - Investment corporations managed by Invesco Global Real Estate Asia Pacific, Inc.

We have developed the Conflict of Interest Control Policy and, in the situation where any conflict of interest is likely to arise, we work to control conflict of interest to protect the interests of clients (investors) and beneficiaries. The Compliance Department is responsible for overseeing company-wide control of conflict of interest. The Compliance Department is independent from investment and marketing divisions, and shall not receive any command or order with respect to the matters concerning compliance with the laws and regulations including

the matters concerning conflict of interest from investment and marketing divisions.

17. Shareholder Proposals

We vote case-by-case on the shareholder proposals in accordance with the Guidelines along with the company proposals in principle.

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