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### To Those Shareholders with Voting Rights

Akihiko Ishihara Representative Director, President & CEO SANKYO CO., LTD. 3-29-14 Shibuya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan

## NOTICE OF THE 57th ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

You are cordially invited to the 57<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company. The meeting will be held as stated below.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can exercise your voting rights in writing or via the Internet. Please review the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders as described hereinafter, and exercise your voting rights by no later than 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

**1. Date and Time:** Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Place: Star Room, The Westin Tokyo, B2F, 1-4-1 Mita, Meguro-ku, Tokyo (located within

Yebisu Garden Place)

3. Agenda of the Meeting:

Matters to be reported: 1. Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements for the 57<sup>th</sup> Fiscal Term

(from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022) and results of audits by the Accounting Auditor and the Board of Statutory Auditors of the Consolidated Financial

Statements

2. Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for the 57th Fiscal Term (from April 1,

2021 to March 31, 2022)

**Proposals to be resolved:** 

**Proposal No. 1:** Appropriation of Surplus

**Proposal No. 2:** Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

**Proposal No. 3:** Election of Five Directors

# Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders

### Proposals and references

# **Proposal No. 1:** Appropriation of Surplus

The Company regards the return of profits to shareholders as one of the most important management priorities. The Company's dividend policy is to continue stable dividend payments, taking into consideration financial results, the financial position, the payout ratio, and other factors comprehensively.

The Company will effectively utilize retained earnings, such as for investment that contributes to the strengthening of product capabilities to ensure competitiveness is maintained in the persistently challenging pachinko and pachislot industry, with a view to enhancing corporate value.

For the 57th fiscal term, based on the above dividend policy, the Company proposes to pay a year-end dividend of ¥50 per share. Including the interim dividend of ¥50 per share, the amount of full-year dividends will be ¥100 per share.

Matters concerning the year-end dividends

(1) Type of dividend property

Dividends will be paid in cash.

(2) Appropriation of dividend property to shareholders and total amount

¥50 per share of the Company's common stock, for a total amount of ¥2,912,846,750

As a result, the annual dividend for this term, including interim dividend, would be \\$100 per share.

(3) Effective date of dividends from surplus

June 30, 2022

### **Proposal No. 2:** Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

#### 1. Reason for Amendments

The amended provisions stipulated in the proviso of Article 1 of the Supplementary Provisions to the Act Partially Amending the Companies Act (Act No. 70 of 2019) will come into force on September 1, 2022. Accordingly, in order to prepare for the introduction of the system for electronic provision of materials for general meetings of shareholders, the Articles of Incorporation of the Company shall be amended as follows.

- (1) The proposed Article 19, Paragraph 1 provides that information contained in the reference materials for the general meeting of shareholders, etc. shall be provided electronically.
- (2) The purpose of the proposed Article 19, Paragraph 2 is to establish a provision to limit the scope of matters to be included in the paper copy to be deliverd to shareholders who have requested it.
- (3) The provisions related to the internet disclosure and deemed provision of the reference materials for the general meeting of shareholders, etc. (Article 19 of the current Articles of Incorporation) will become unnecessary and will therefore be deleted.
- (4) In line with the above establishment and deletion of the provisions, supplementary provisions related to the effective date, etc. shall be established.

### 2. Details of the Proposed Amendments

The details of the proposed amendments are stated below.

(Underlined parts are amended.)

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| Current Articles of Incorporation  | Proposed Amendment   |
| (Disclosure via Internet and deemed provision of reference materials, etc. for General Meeting of Shareholders)  Article 19. When convening the General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company may be deemed to have provided shareholders with necessary information that should be described or presented in statutory documents, including reference materials for the General Meeting of Shareholders, business reports, non-consolidated and consolidated financial statements, if they are disclosed via the Internet in accordance with the ministerial ordinance of Ministry of Justice. | (Deleted)  |
| (Newly established)  | (Measures for providing information in electronic format, etc.)  Article 19.  When the Company convenes a General Meeting of Shareholders, it shall take measures for providing information that constitutes the content of reference materials for the General Meeting of Shareholders, etc. in electronic format.  2 Among items for which the measures for providing information in electronic format will be taken, the Company may exclude all or some of those items designated by the Ministry of Justice Order from statements in the paper-based documents to be delivered to shareholders who requested the delivery of paper-based documents by the record date of voting rights. |

| Current Articles of Incorporation | Proposed Amendment  |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| (Newly established)               | SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS  1 The deletion of the current Article 19 (Disclosure via Internet and deemed provision of reference materials, etc. for General Meeting of Shareholders) of the Articles of Incorporation and the new establishment of the proposed amendment in Article 19 (Measures for providing information in electronic format, etc.) shall be effective from September 1, 2022, the date of enforcement of the amended provisions stipulated in the proviso of Article 1 of the Supplementary Provisions to the Act Partially Amending the Companies Act (Act No. 70 of 2019) (hereinafter referred to as the "Date of Enforcement").  2 Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the current Article 19 of the Articles of Incorporation shall be still effective for the General Meeting of Shareholders held on a date within six months from the Date of Enforcement.  3 These supplementary provisions shall be deleted on the date when six months have elapsed from the date of the General Meeting of Shareholders in the preceding paragraph, whichever is later. |

## **Proposal No. 3:** Election of Five Directors

All five Directors of the Company will complete their terms of office at the closing of this General Meeting of Shareholders. Consequently, the Company proposes the election of five Directors.

The candidates for Directors are as follows:

| No. | Nan   | ne | Current position and assignment at the Company   | Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors  94% (15/16)  100% (16/16) |  |  |
|-----|---|----|--|---|--|--|
| 1   | Reappointment Hideyuki Busujima                                       |    | Director & Chairman  | -   |  |  |
| 2   | Reappointment Akihiko Ishihara  |    | Representative Director, President & CEO   |   |  |  |
| 3   | Reappointment Ichiro Tomiyama   |    | Representative Director & Senior Executive Vice President & COO Supervising Sales & Marketing Division & Product Management Division |   |  |  |
| 4   | Reappointment Outside Director Taro Kitani Independent Director       |    | Outside Director   | 100%<br>(16/16)   |  |  |
| 5   | Reappointment Outside Director Hiroyuki Yamasaki Independent Director |    | Outside Director   | 100%<br>(16/16)   |  |  |

Note: The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance contract, as stipulated in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, with an insurance company. The said insurance contract covers damages including compensation for damages and litigation expenses to be borne by the insured. If candidates for Director assume the office of Director, they will become the insured under the said insurance contract, which is scheduled for renewal during their terms of office.

| No. | Name<br>(Date of birth)                               | С   | Number of shares of the Company held  |           |
|-----|---|---|---|-----------|
| 1   | Reappointment  Hideyuki Busujima (September 30, 1952) | June 1985 January 1988 February 1992 June 1992 June 1996 April 2008 | Executive Director of the Company Senior Executive Director of the Company Representative Senior Executive Director of the Company Representative Director & Senior Executive Vice President of the Company Representative Director, President & CEO of the Company Representative Director, Chairman of the Board & CEO of the Company | 1,976,400 |
|     |   | April 2022  | Director & Chairman of the Company (to present)   |           |

### Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director

Ever since his appointment as Representative Director, President & CEO of the Company in 1996, Mr. Hideyuki Busujima has concentrated resources on the pachinko and pachislot machines businesses and contributed to the Company's development. As well as leading development, manufacturing, and sales of innovative models that set the pace in the industry, he launched the strategy to expand SANKYO as a group and established the foundation for the current three-brand structure. From 2008, as Representative Director, Chairman of the Board & CEO, he demonstrated his leadership for maintaining the Company's position as an industry leader and establishing a stable financial and management foundation despite the industry's challenging operating environment, and strove to enhance shareholder value. Having assumed the office of Director & Chairman in April 2022, he is supervising management based on a wealth of experience and knowledge of management.

The Company expects that his continuous performance of duties will contribute to sustainable enhancement of the Group's corporate value. Therefore, the Company has nominated Mr. Busujima as a candidate for Director.

- Note: 1. Marf Corporation where Mr. Hideyuki Busujima serves as Representative Director has a transactional relationship with the Company pertaining to real estate leasing. Yoshii Country Club Co., Ltd. where Mr. Hideyuki Busujima serves as Representative Director has a transactional relationship with the Company pertaining to a tie-up for usage of shareholder benefit coupons.
- Note: 2. Mr. Hideyuki Busujima and the Company had transactions for the purchase and sale of equipment in fiscal 2021. The transaction amount was determined based on the appraisal value.

| No. | Name<br>(Date of birth)                 |            | Number of shares of the Company held   |        |
|-----|---|------------|--|--------|
|     |   | April 2008 | Operating Officer & General Manager of Sales Planning Department of the Company  |        |
|     |   | April 2010 | Executive Operating Officer, Head of<br>Administration Division & General Manager of<br>General Affairs Department of the Company  |        |
|     |   | April 2011 | Senior Executive Operating Officer, Head of<br>Administration Division & General Manager of<br>General Affairs Department of the Company   |        |
|     |   | June 2012  | Director & Senior Executive Operating Officer,<br>Head of Administration Division & General<br>Manager of General Affairs Department of the<br>Company   |        |
|     | Reappointment                           | April 2015 | Representative Director, President of Sankyo Excel Co., Ltd.   |        |
| 2   | Akihiko Ishihara<br>(September 9, 1962) | April 2020 | Senior Executive Vice President, General Manager of Corporate Planning Division of the Company   | 17,700 |
|     |   | June 2020  | Director & Senior Executive Vice President,<br>General Manager of Corporate Planning Division of<br>the Company (Supervising Manufacturing Division<br>and Administration Division)                  |        |
|     |   | April 2021 | Representative Director & Senior Executive Vice<br>President, General Manager of Corporate Planning<br>Division of the Company(Supervising<br>Manufacturing Division and Administration<br>Division) |        |
|     |   | June 2021  | Representative Director, President & COO of the Company  |        |
|     |   | April 2022 | Representative Director, President & CEO of the Company (to present)   |        |

### Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director

Since he joined the Company, Mr. Akihiko Ishihara has cultivated a wealth of business experience through his engagement in sales planning, administration, and corporate planning. He has been involved in wide-ranging aspects of the Group's management, including his service as Representative Director of SANKYO EXCEL CO., LTD., a consolidated subsidiary of the Company that plays a role in manufacturing, for five years from 2015, and has been striving to enhance corporate value. He assumed the office of Representative Director, President & Chief Operating Officer (COO) in June 2021. Having assumed the office of Representative Director, President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in April 2022, he is leading management, including implementation of a business strategy to increase market share and promotion of organizational reform.

The Company expects that his continuous performance of duties will contribute to sustainable enhancement of the Group's corporate value. Therefore, the Company has nominated Mr. Ishihara as a candidate for Director.

Note: No conflict of interest exists between the Company and Mr. Ishihara.

| No. | Name<br>(Date of birth)                        | Career summa  | Number of shares of the Company held   |        |  |
|-----|--|---------------|--|--------|--|
|     |  | April 2008    | Operating Officer & Deputy Head of Sales &<br>Marketing Division & Regional General Manager<br>for the Kinki & Shikoku Region & General<br>Manager of Osaka Branch of the Company                                | 1 3    |  |
|     |  | April 2009    | Operating Officer & Deputy Head of Sales &<br>Marketing Division & Regional General Manager<br>for the Kinki Region & General Manager of Osaka<br>Branch of the Company  |        |  |
|     |  | April 2010    | Operating Officer & Deputy Head of Sales & Marketing Division of the Company   |        |  |
|     |  | April 2011    | Operating Officer & Regional General Manager   |        |  |
|     |  |               | for the Kinki Region & General Manager of Osaka<br>Branch of the Company   |        |  |
|     |  | April 2012    | Executive Operating Officer, Head of Sales & Marketing Division & General Manager of Sales Strategy Department & Senior General Manager of Head Office Sales Department of the Company                           |        |  |
|     |  | April 2014    | Executive Operating Officer, Head of Sales & Marketing Division & General Manager of Sales Strategy Department of the Company  |        |  |
| 3   | Reappointment Ichiro Tomiyama (March 13, 1958) | June 2014     | Director & Executive Operating Officer, Head of<br>Sales & Marketing Division & General Manager of<br>Sales Strategy Department of the Company   | 13,300 |  |
| 3   |  | April 2015    | Director & Senior Executive Operating Officer,<br>Head of Sales & Marketing Division & General<br>Manager of Sales Strategy Department of the<br>Company   | 13,300 |  |
|     |  | February 2016 | Director & Senior Executive Operating Officer,<br>Head of Sales & Marketing Division & Senior<br>General Manager of Parlor Business Division &<br>General Manager of Sales Strategy Department of<br>the Company |        |  |
|     |  | April 2016    | Director & Senior Executive Operating Officer,<br>Head of Sales & Marketing Division & Senior<br>General Manager of Parlor Business Division of<br>the Company   |        |  |
|     |  | April 2018    | Director & Senior Executive Vice President,<br>Head of Sales & Marketing Division & Head of<br>Product Management Division of the Company  |        |  |
|     |  | April 2022    | Representative Director, Senior Executive Vice<br>President & COO of the Company   |        |  |
|     |  |               | Supervising Sales & Marketing Division & Product Management Division (to present)  |        |  |
|     |  |               | ncurrent positions) Director, President of JB Co., Ltd.  |        |  |

#### Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director

Mr. Ichiro Tomiyama has gained a wealth of experience and a track record of achievements in the course of his career at the frontline of sales for many years. Since his appointment as Director & Senior Executive Operating Officer, he played a leading role in the continuous improvement of market share by strengthening marketing and promoting enhancement of the brand value of the Group in order to establish a position as a leading enterprise. He assumed the office of Director & Senior Executive Vice President in April 2018. Having assumed the office of Representative Director, Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer (COO) in April 2022, he is supervising sales & marketing, product planning, and R&D divisions and promoting the sales strategy and strengthening of product capabilities.

The Company expects that his continuous performance of duties will contribute to sustainable enhancement of the Group's corporate value. Therefore, the Company has nominated Mr. Tomiyama as a candidate for Director.

Note: No conflict of interest exists between the Company and Mr. Tomiyama.

| No. | Name<br>(Date of birth)                                   | Ca           | Number of shares of the Company held  |   |
|-----|---|--------------|---|---|
| 4   | Reappointment<br>Outside Director<br>Independent Director | October 2004 | Registered as attorney at law. Joined KOHWA SOHGOH LAW OFFICES (to present) | - |
|     | Taro Kitani<br>(May 4, 1976)                              | June 2015    | Director of the Company (to present)  |   |

### Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director and expected role

Mr. Taro Kitani is well versed in corporate legal affairs as an attorney at law and has sufficient insight into corporate governance. He has been stating objective and fair opinions at meetings of the Board of Directors from a third-party perspective, considering the achievement of both economic performance and social performance. He is overseeing the Company's management appropriately and is contributing to strengthening of the Company's corporate governance.

Although Mr. Kitani has never been directly involved in corporate management, for the reasons stated above, the Company believes that he will continue to be able to adequately perform decision-making on important matters of the Company's management and oversight of business execution. He also meets the standards for Independent Directors defined by Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. and is unlikely to cause conflict of interest with general shareholders. Therefore, the Company has nominated Mr. Kitani as a candidate for Outside Director. The Company expects him to continue to fulfill the role stated above following his election.

- Note:1. No conflict of interest exists between the Company and Mr. Kitani.
- Note:2. Pursuant to Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into a liability limitation agreement with Mr. Kitani. The limit of his liability for damages in accordance with the said liability limitation agreement is the amount stipulated by laws and regulations. If his reelection is approved, the Company intends to continue the said liability limitation agreement with him.
- Note:3. Mr. Kitani is a candidate for Outside Director. He is an Independent Director as defined in the Securities Listing Regulations of Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. If his election is approved, the Company intends to appoint him as Independent Director.
- Note:4. Mr. Kitani has never been the Company's legal advisor.
- Note:5. Mr. Kitani will have served as an Outside Director of the Company for seven years at the closing of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

| No. | Name<br>(Date of birth)   | Career summar   | Number of shares of the Company held   |   |
|-----|---|---|--|---|
| 5   | Reappointment<br>Outside Director<br>Independent Director<br>Hiroyuki Yamasaki<br>(September 5, 1954) | August 2000 October 2005 May 2006 November 2007 August 2008 July 2013 July 2017 June 2018 (Significant cond Director & Vice | Joined Chuo Audit Corporation Partner, Chuo Audit Corporation Representative Partner, ChuoAoyama Audit Corporation Executive Officer, ChuoAoyama Audit Corporation Acting Chief Executive Officer, ChuoAoyama Audit Corporation Senior Partner, Shin Nihon & Co. (current Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC) Managing Director, Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC Auditor, Japan Venture Capital Association President, CPA Hiroyuki Yamasaki Office (to present) Director of the Company (to present) current positions) President of LAND BUSINESS CO., LTD. of UACJ Corporation | - |

#### Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director and expected role

Mr. Hiroyuki Yamasaki has a wealth of professional knowledge on finance and accounting cultivated through his career as a certified public accountant. He also has many years of experience in conducting accounting audits of companies at audit firms. He is providing advice and suggestions on overall management from an independent, objective standpoint based on his expertise, including experience as a manager of a listed company, and is contributing to strengthening the effectiveness of the decision-making function and the oversight function of the Company's Board of Directors.

For the reasons stated above, the Company believes that he will continue to be able to adequately perform decision-making on important matters of the Company's management and oversight of business execution as an Outside Director. He also meets the standards for Independent Directors defined by Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. and is unlikely to cause conflict of interest with general shareholders. Therefore, the Company has nominated Mr. Hiroyuki Yamasaki as a candidate for Outside Director. The Company expects him to continue to fulfill the role stated above following his election.

- Note: 1. No conflict of interest exists between the Company and Mr. Yamasaki.
- Note:2. Pursuant to Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into a liability limitation agreement with Mr. Yamasaki. The limit of his liability for damages in accordance with the said liability limitation agreement is the amount stipulated by laws and regulations. If his reelection is approved, the Company intends to continue the said liability limitation agreement with him.
- Note:3. Mr. Yamasaki is a candidate for Outside Director. He is an Independent Director as defined in the Securities Listing Regulations of Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. If his election is approved, the Company intends to appoint him as Independent Director.
- Note:4. Mr. Yamasaki will have served as an Outside Director of the Company for four years at the closing of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

## (Reference) Directors' and Statutory Auditors' Skills Matrix

The Company's Board of Directors consists of a small number of Directors in order to be able to swiftly respond to change in the laws and regulations to which the Company's pachinko and pachislot machines businesses are subject, change in the environment of the industry, and so forth.

Regarding candidates for Director, the Company considers the important requirements for candidates for internal Director are that, in addition to their management judgment and executive ability, the persons have made contributions to the Company and have a track record of achievements and have experience and knowledge in the pachinko and pachislot machines businesses. As for candidates for Outside Director, in order to ensure diversity, the Company selects persons who have a high level of expertise in accounting, law, etc. and who can be expected to provide management advice, supervision, etc. from a neutral standpoint and from a broad perspective. If Proposal No. 3 is approved and passed as originally proposed, the composition of the Board of Directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors will be as follows.

|           | Name              | Position  | Corporate<br>Management | Insight into the Industry | Administration/<br>Corporate<br>Planning/<br>Finance | Development | Manufacturing | Sales &<br>Marketing | Legal<br>Affairs /<br>Compliance |
|-----------|-------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
|           | Hideyuki Busujima | Director & Chairman   | •                       | •                         | •  |             |               |                      | •                                |
|           | Akihiko Ishihara  | Representative Director, President & CEO  | •                       | •                         | •  |             | •             |                      |                                  |
| Director  | Ichiro Tomiyama   | Representative Director, Senior Executive Vice President & COO Supervising Sales & Marketing Division & Product Management Division | •                       | •                         |  | •           |               | •                    |                                  |
|           | Taro Kitani       | Outside Director  |                         | •                         |  |             |               |                      | •                                |
|           | Hiroyuki Yamasaki | Outside Director  | •                       |                           | •  |             |               |                      | •                                |
|           | Takafumi Okubo    | Standing Statutomy Auditor  |                         |                           |  |             |               |                      |                                  |
|           |                   | Standing Statutory Auditor  |                         | •                         | -  |             |               |                      | •                                |
| Statutory | Toshiaki Ishiyama | Statutory Auditor   |                         |                           | •  |             |               |                      |                                  |
| Auditor   | Yoshiro Sanada    | Outside Statutory Auditor   |                         |                           |  |             |               |                      | •                                |
|           | Fumiyoshi Noda    | Outside Statutory Auditor   |                         |                           | •  |             |               |                      |                                  |

Note:1. Based on the expertise and experience of each person, up to four areas are marked for which the Company has particular expectations.

Note:2. The above list does not represent all the skills, etc. possessed by each person.