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## To Shareholders with Voting Rights:

Takeshi Kaneko Representative Director, President, CEO Core Concept Technologies Inc. 1-16-15 Minami Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo, Japan

## NOTICE OF THE 14th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Dear Shareholders:

We would like to express our appreciation for your continued support and patronage. Please be advised that the 14th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Core Concept Technologies Inc. (the "Company") will be held as shown below.

The Company has adopted an electronic method of providing notice of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, and has posted the matters to be electronically provided on the following website.

The Company's website

https://www.cct-inc.co.jp/en/ir/library/

The information is also posted on the following website.

Website of the Tokyo Stock Exchange

https://www2.jpx.co.jp/tseHpFront/JJK020010Action.do?Show=Show

Please access the Tokyo Stock Exchange website (Listed Company Search) above, perform a search by entering "Core Concept Technologies Inc." in the "Issue name (company name)" field or the Company's securities code of 4371 in the "Code" field, and select "Basic information" and "Documents for public inspection/PR information" in that order.

In light of the recent spread of the novel coronavirus, we recommend that shareholders, regardless of their health condition, refrain from coming to the venue on the day of the meeting and exercise their voting rights in advance by mailing the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form or via the Internet. Please review the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders contained in the matters to be electronically provided, and exercise your voting rights by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 (Japan time).

1. Date and Time: Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Japan time

(Reception desk opens at 9:30 a.m.)

**2. Place:** 4th floor of DaiyaGate Ikebukuro,

1-16-15 Minami Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo, Japan

3. Meeting Agenda:

Matters to be reported: Report on the Contents of the Business Report and the Non-

consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 14th Fiscal Year

(from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022)

Proposals to be resolved:

**Proposal 1:** Election of Five (5) Directors (Excluding Directors Concurrently Serving as

Audit & Supervisory Committee Members)

**Proposal 2:** Election of Four (4) Directors Concurrently Serving as Audit & Supervisory

Committee Members

**Proposal 3:** Revision of Maximum Amount of Remuneration for Directors (Excluding

Directors Concurrently Serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee

Members)

Proposal 4: Revision of Maximum Amount of Remuneration for Directors Concurrently

Serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members

- \* In the event of any revision to matters to be electronically provided, the revised version will be posted on the respective websites where it is posted.
- \* The documents to be sent to shareholders who have requested the Notice in writing do not include the "Notes of the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements," in accordance with laws and regulations and Article 17 of the Company's Articles of Incorporation. Accordingly, the documents to be sent to such shareholders constitute a portion of the documents audited by the Audit & Supervisory Committee and the Accounting Auditor in the preparation of the Audit Reports.
- \* The "Notice of Resolutions" will be posted on the Company's website (https://www.cct-inc.co.jp/ir/ (in Japanese)) and will not be sent in writing after the General Meeting of Shareholders. Your understanding would be much appreciated.

<sup>\*</sup> When attending the Meeting in person, you are kindly requested to submit the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form at the reception desk.

## Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders

## **Proposals and References**

**Proposal 1:** Election of Five (5) Directors (Excluding Directors Concurrently Serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members)

The terms of office of all five (5) Directors (excluding those concurrently serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members) will expire at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, the Company proposes the election of five (5) Directors (excluding those concurrently serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members). The Audit & Supervisory Committee has reported to the Company that this proposal is appropriate. The candidates for Director (excluding Director Concurrently serving as an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member) are as follows.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Care	Number of shares of the Company held		
		April 2000	Joined INCS Inc. (currently SOLIZE Corporation)		
		April 2006	Established Laguna Co., Ltd.		
	Takeshi Kaneko	December 2006	Joined KT Consulting Co., Ltd.		
	(May 19, 1976)	September 2009	Corporate Auditor of ShinStar Co., Ltd.	2,720,000	
		October 2010	Joined the Company	2,720,000	
	[Reappointment]	January 2013	Director, Vice President		
		July 2015	Representative Director, President, CEO (current position)		
1	[Reasons for nominatio	n as candidate for I	Director]		
	Since joining the Comp	oany in 2010, Mr. T	akeshi Kaneko has served as Director and Vice Presion	lent, and	
		=	has played an important role in enhancing the Compa		
	value as a member of th	ne top management	of the Company. He has an extremely high-level pers	spective and a	
	strong ability to lead positive change, and we believe that he is the right person to help the Company achieve				
	sustained growth and enhance its corporate value over the medium to long term. For these reasons, we have				
	determined that he has the experience and abilities appropriate for the position of Director of the Company, and				
	have nominated him as a candidate for Director.				
		April 1979	Joined NEC Software Co., Ltd.		
	Katsunori Shimomura (February 26, 1956)	March 1991	Joined INCS Inc. (currently SOLIZE Corporation)		
		July 1995	Managing Director of INCS Inc.		
		February 1996	Director of Geiyo Senzai K.K. (current position)	1,320,000	
	[Reappointment]	September 2009	Established the Company		
		December 2009	Representative Director		
2		November 2020	Director, Chairman (current position)		
	[Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director]				
	Mr. Katsunori Shimomura established the Company in 2009 and has served as Representative Director, and				
	Director and Chairman, and has a wealth of experience and accomplishments. For these reasons, we have				
	determined that he has the experience and abilities appropriate for the position of Director of the Company, and				
	have nominated him as a candidate for Director.				

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Care	Number of shares of the Company held		
3	Hajime Tsunoo (July 22, 1975) [Reappointment]	April 2002 May 2009 November 2009 October 2012 September 2016 January 2020	Joined INCS Inc. (currently SOLIZE Corporation) Joined NITORI Co., Ltd. Joined the Company Executive Officer, Head of Human Resources Director (current position) General Manager, System Integration Business Division (current position)	900,000	
	[Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director]  Mr. Hajime Tsunoo launched the support service for staffing of IT personnel and has been instrumental in establishing the service and developing the Company. For these reasons, we have determined that he has the experience and abilities appropriate for the position of Director of the Company, and have nominated him as a candidate for Director.				
4	Tadaaki Taguchi (April 16, 1977) [Reappointment]	April 2002 December 2009 October 2012 July 2015 January 2020	Joined INCS Inc. (currently SOLIZE Corporation) Joined the Company Executive Officer, Head of Technology Director, CTO (current position) General Manager, Marketing Division (current position)	1,320,000	
	[Reasons for nomination as candidate for Director]  Mr. Tadaaki Taguchi launched the DX solution "Orizuru" and has been instrumental in establishing the solution service and developing the Company. He also plays an important role in overseeing the marketing department. For these reasons, we have determined that he has the experience and abilities appropriate for the position of Director of the Company, and have nominated him as a candidate for Director.				
5	Kazuaki Nakajima (May 20, 1971)  [Reappointment]	April 1995 February 2014 May 2017 April 2018 July 2019 January 2020 December 2020	Joined The Industrial Bank of Japan, Limited (currently Mizuho Bank, Ltd.) Executive Officer of Human Holdings Co., Ltd. Director of S-cubism Inc. Joined the Company Executive Officer, CFO General Manager, Business Administration Division Director, CFO (current position)	660,000	
	Mr. Kazuaki Nakajima has extensive experience and a high level of insight in finance and general business management. He has spearheaded the establishment of governance and compliance systems and has led the Company's business management. For these reasons, we have determined that he has the experience and abilities appropriate for the position of Director of the Company, and have nominated him as a candidate for				

Director.

Notes: 1. There is no special interest between any of the candidates and the Company.

2. The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance agreement with an insurance company as stipulated in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, and a summary of the agreement is shown in "Matters Concerning the Company's Officers" of the Business Report (Japanese only). The insurance covers Directors (including those concurrently serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members). Each of the candidates is already included in the insured under the said agreement and will continue to be included in the insured if this proposal is approved and adopted. The Company will renew such agreement after the end of the insurance period.

**Proposal 2:** Election of Four (4) Directors Concurrently Serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members

The terms of office of all three (3) Directors concurrently serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members will expire at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders. In order to further enhance corporate governance, the Company proposes increasing the number of Directors concurrently serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members by one (1) and electing four (4) Directors concurrently serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members. The consent of The Audit & Supervisory Committee has given consent to this proposal. The candidates for Director concurrently serving as an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member are as follows.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Care	Number of shares of the Company held	
	Koshi Kakuta (June 12, 1950)	April 1969 January 1997	Joined The Mitsui Bank, Ltd. (currently Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation) Joined OTSUKA CORPORATION	
	[Reappointment] [Independent] [Outside]	May 1997 December 2002 July 2011	Chief Executive Officer of Ten Art-ni Corporation Representative Director of Zend Open Source Systems Japan, Ltd. Corporate Auditor of S-cubism Inc. (current position)	_
1	Number of years serving as Outside Director: 2 years	October 2019 March 2021	Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company Director, Audit & Supervisory Committee Member (current position)	

[Reasons for nomination as candidate for Outside Director and expected role]

Mr. Koshi Kakuta has experience, achievements, knowledge, and insight from his background in banking and management of IT companies, and as an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member, he supervises the execution of business by the Company's management and provides advice to the management. He is nominated as a candidate for Director concurrently serving as an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member in the expectation that he will continue to contribute to the strengthening of the Company's corporate governance.

Mr. Koshi Kakuta is also a candidate for Outside Director. He meets the requirements for an Independent Director under the listing regulations of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and the Company has notified the exchange of his appointment as an Independent Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions		Number of shares of the Company held
	Takuo Hirose (June 28, 1971)	April 1997  September 2003  May 2004  October 2004	Registered as an attorney-at-law Joined Tomotsune, Kimura & Mitomi Law Firm (currently Anderson Mori & Tomotsune LPC) Associated with Shearman & Sterling, New York Registered as an attorney-at-law in the state of New York Returned to Anderson Mori & Tomotsune LPC	•
	[Reappointment] [Independent] [Outside]	January 2005 June 2007	Partner of Anderson Mori & Tomotsune LPC (current position) Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Roland DG Corporation	_
	Number of years serving as Outside Director: 2 years	June 2010 June 2018 December 2020	Outside Director of Roland DG Corporation Audit & Supervisory Board Member (Outside) of Cyfuse Biomedical K.K. (current position) Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company	
2		March 2021 December 2021	Director, Audit & Supervisory Committee Member (current position) Outside Director of Hamamatsu Photonics K.K.	

[Reasons for nomination as candidate for Outside Director and expected role]

Mr. Takuo Hirose has abundant experience and a high level of expertise in corporate legal affairs based on his many years of experience at a major law firm, and as a Director concurrently serving as an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member, he supervises the execution of business by the Company's management and provides advice to the management. He has not engaged in managing a company other than serving as an outside officer, but the Company expects that he will properly perform his duties as an Outside Director because of the reason described above. He is nominated as a candidate for Director concurrently serving as an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member in the expectation that he will continue to utilize his expertise and provide useful opinions on the Company's management from an objective standpoint for the future expansion of the Company's business.

Mr. Takuo Hirose is also a candidate for Outside Director. He meets the requirements for an Independent Director under the listing regulations of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and the Company has notified the exchange of his appointment as an Independent Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions		Number of shares of the Company held
	Masaya Suzuki (March 16, 1978)	October 2000 April 2004	Joined Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC Registered as a certified public accountant	
	[Reappointment] [Independent] [Outside]	November 2019 December 2020 March 2021	Opened Masaya Suzuki CPA Office (current position) Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company Director, Audit & Supervisory Committee Member	_
	Number of years serving as Outside Director: 2 years	November 2022	(current position) External Corporate Auditor of CCReB Advisors Inc. (current position)	

[Reasons for nomination as candidate for Outside Director and expected role]

Mr. Masaya Suzuki has expertise in accounting and taxation from his experience at a major audit firm and the firm he currently manages, and as a Director concurrently serving as an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member, he supervises the execution of business by the Company's management and provides advice to the management. He has not engaged in managing a company other than serving as an outside officer, but the Company expects that he will properly perform his duties as an Outside Director because of the reason described above. He is nominated as a candidate for Director concurrently serving as an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member in the expectation that he will continue to utilize his expertise and provide useful opinions on the Company's management from an objective standpoint for the future expansion of the Company's business.

Mr. Masaya Suzuki is also a candidate for Outside Director. He meets the requirements for an Independent Director under the listing regulations of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and the Company has notified the exchange of his appointment as an Independent Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions		Number of shares of the Company held
	Eri Nakajima (September 2, 1972)	April 1995	Joined Environment Agency (currently Ministry of the Environment)	
	[New appointment] [Independent] [Outside]  Number of years	June 2003 April 2015 June 2022	Seconded to Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Seconded to Nagano Prefecture as Deputy Governor Outside Director of IDEC CORPORATION (current position)	· <u> </u>
	serving as Outside Director: – years			

[Reasons for nomination as candidate for Outside Director and expected role]

Ms. Eri Nakajima has been involved in environmental administration for many years and has held various public positions. As Deputy Governor of Nagano Prefecture, she has been involved in women's participation and advancement in companies, work style reform, and SDGs promotion. Most recently, she held a management position at the Ministry of the Environment, where she was involved in the promotion of the SDGs and the administration of promoting a zero-carbon society, and has a wealth of experience and deep insight in the environmental and energy fields. She has not engaged in managing a company other than serving as an outside officer, but the Company expects that she will properly perform her duties as an Outside Director because of the reason described above. Based on these insights, she is nominated as a candidate for Director concurrently serving as an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member as we believe that she will be able to provide appropriate advice and supervision on the development of the Company's business and overall management after she is elected.

Ms. Eri Nakajima is also a candidate for Outside Director. She meets the requirements for an Independent Director under the listing regulations of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Notes: 1. There is no special interest between any of the candidates and the Company.

- 2. Pursuant to Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Company has entered into an agreement with Mr. Koshi Kakuta, Mr. Takuo Hirose, and Mr. Masaya Suzuki to limit their liability for damages to the total amount prescribed by Article 425, each item of Paragraph 1 of the said Act, provided that they acted in good faith and without gross negligence.
- 3. If the election of Ms. Eri Nakajima is approved, the Company will enter into an agreement with her to limit her liability for damages to the total amount prescribed by Article 425, each item of Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, provided that she acted in good faith and without gross negligence.
- 4. The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance agreement with an insurance company as stipulated in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, which covers compensation for damages and litigation costs incurred by the insured, including the Company's Directors, in the event of claims for damages in third party lawsuits, shareholder derivative lawsuits, or corporate litigations arising from their performance of duties as officers, etc. of the Company (however, this excludes claims arising from criminal acts, etc. by the insured). If the candidates are reelected or elected, they will be included as the insured under the agreement. In addition, such insurance agreement will be renewed at the time of the next renewal.

**Proposal 3:** Revision of Maximum Amount of Remuneration for Directors (Excluding Directors Concurrently Serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members)

The Company's 12th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on March 30, 2021 approved a proposal setting the maximum amount of remuneration, etc. for Directors (excluding Directors concurrently serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members) at 150 million yen per year.

In light of the increasing roles and responsibilities of Directors in response to the rapidly changing business environment, as well as the size of the company and its finances, the Company proposes to revise the limit of remuneration for Directors to 350 million yen per year. With respect to such revision of the maximum amount of remuneration for Directors, the Company proposes the amount of remuneration based on the total amount of remuneration, etc. for each individual Director in accordance with the amount of "Total Amount of Remuneration, etc. for Directors" after comprehensively considering the number of Directors in the future, their composition and roles, etc., and believes that the contents of this proposal are appropriate.

The number of Directors (excluding Directors concurrently serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members) is currently five (5), and the number of Directors will remain unchanged even if Proposal 1, "Election of Five (5) Directors (Excluding Directors Concurrently Serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members)," is approved and adopted as originally proposed.

In January 2023, the Company established the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, where Outside Directors form a majority, as an advisory body to the Board of Directors in order to strengthen the fairness, transparency, and objectivity of the remuneration for Directors. This proposal was discussed and reported by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, and the Company has determined that the contents of this proposal are appropriate. In addition, the Audit & Supervisory Committee considered this proposal and did not have any particular opinion on it. As in the past, the amount of the remuneration, etc. will not include portions paid as employees' salaries to Directors concurrently serving as employees.

**Proposal 4:** Revision of Maximum Amount of Remuneration for Directors Concurrently Serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members

The Company's 12th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on March 30, 2021 approved a proposal setting the maximum amount of remuneration, etc. for Directors concurrently serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members at 15 million yen per year.

Since then, as the Company's business has expanded, the importance of corporate governance and compliance has increased. In consideration of various circumstances, including the increase of one (1) Director concurrently serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Member, in order to further enhance the audit system, the Company requests a revision of the maximum amount of remuneration for Directors concurrently serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members to 40 million yen per year. With respect to such revision of the maximum amount of remuneration for Directors, the Company proposes the amount of remuneration based on the total amount of remuneration, etc. for each individual Director in accordance with the amount of "Total Amount of Remuneration, etc. for Directors" after comprehensively considering the number of Directors concurrently serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members in the future, their composition and roles, etc., and believes that the contents of this proposal are appropriate.

The number of Directors concurrently serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members is currently three (3), and if Proposal 2 is approved and adopted as originally proposed, the number of Directors concurrently serving as Audit & Supervisory Committee Members will be four (4).

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