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(Security Code: 5411)

June 7, 2023

(Date of commencement of measures for electronic provision: May 25, 2023)

Notice of the 21st Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders

Dear Shareholders:

JFE Holdings, Inc. (“JFE” or the “Company”) would hereby like to inform you that the 21st Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders (the “Meeting”) will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, and we are pleased to present you with this notice of convocation of the Meeting.

As set forth in the Guide to Exercising Your Voting Rights, you can exercise your voting rights for the Meeting via the Internet or in writing. Please review the attached Reference Materials for General Meeting of Shareholders and consider using the methods provided to exercise your voting rights in advance.

Under its seventh Medium-Term Business Plan, launched in FY2021, the JFE Group will push ahead with a range of measures, including those to boost profitability and address the issue of climate change.

I would like to ask for the continued guidance and support of our shareholders.

Yours faithfully,

Koji Kakigi

Representative Director, President and CEO

JFE Holdings, Inc.

2-3 Uchisaiwai-cho 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

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- 1. Date and Time:** Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m. (doors scheduled to open at 9:00 a.m.)
- 2. Venue:** Peacock Room of the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo (Teikoku Hotel), 2nd floor of the Main Building
1-1 Uchisaiwai-cho 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

3. Objectives of Meeting:

Items to be reported

1. Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements and Accounting Auditor's and Audit & Supervisory Board's Reports on Consolidated Financial Statements for the 21st term (from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)
2. Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the 21st term (from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

Items to be resolved

<The Company's Proposals (Proposal 1 and Proposal 2)>

Proposal 1: Dividend of surplus

Proposal 2: Election of eight Directors

<Shareholder's Proposal (Proposal 3)>

Proposal 3: Dividend of surplus

4. Other Resolutions Determined upon Convocation

- (1) If a proxy exercises your voting rights on your behalf, please have your proxy submit your Voting Rights Exercise Form and a form stating that you give power of attorney to your proxy. Please note that you may exercise your voting rights by proxy by delegating your voting rights to one shareholder who holds a voting right, as provided for in the Articles of Incorporation.
- (2) If you do not indicate your vote on a proposal on the Voting Rights Exercise Form, this will be treated as a vote in favor of the proposal in the case of the Company's proposals, and a vote against the proposal in the case of a shareholder's proposal.
- (3) When you exercise your voting rights both via the Internet and in writing, the voting rights exercised via the Internet shall be deemed and treated as a valid vote.
- (4) When you exercise your voting rights twice or more via the Internet, the voting rights exercised last shall be deemed and treated as a valid vote.

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5. Matters Provided Electronically

- Measures for electronic provision of information have been adopted for the Meeting. Please access the Company's Internet website, shown below, to view the information posted as "Notice of the 21st Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders" and "Matters Omitted from the Paper Copy of the Notice of the 21st Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders."

The Company's website:

https://www.jfe-holdings.co.jp/en/investor/stock/general_meeting/index.html

- In addition to the Company's website, the matters provided electronically are also posted on the website of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Please access the website shown below (the Tokyo Stock Exchange Listed Company Search), enter the name or securities code (5411) of the Company to search, and click on "Basic Information" then "Documents for public inspection/PR information" to view the information.

Tokyo Stock Exchange website:

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

The information is also posted on the following Internet website:

Net de Shoshu: <https://s.srdb.jp/5411/> (in Japanese)

If you decide not to attend the Meeting, please exercise your voting rights via the Internet (smartphone or personal computer) or in writing in advance.

The presentations at the Meeting can be viewed on the Company's website at a later date.

*Please note that among the matters provided electronically, "Systems to Ensure the Propriety of Business Operations and the Status of Operation of Such System" in the business report, "Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity" and "Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements" in the consolidated financial statements, and "Non-consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity" and "Notes to the Non-consolidated Financial Statements" in the non-consolidated financial statements are not included in the paper copy sent to shareholders who requested it, in accordance with the provisions of applicable rules and regulations and Article 15 of the Articles of Incorporation. Accordingly, the paper copy sent to shareholders who requested it contains a portion of the consolidated financial statements and non-consolidated financial statements subject to audit when the Accounting Auditor prepared its audit reports and a portion of the business report, consolidated financial statements, and non-consolidated financial statements subject to audit when the Audit & Supervisory Board Members prepared their audit report.

***Proposal 1 and Proposal 3 are mutually contradictory. Accordingly, please note that if you vote in favor of both Proposal 1 and Proposal 3, neither vote will be valid.**

*In the event of a change or modification to the matters provided electronically, the change or modification, and the matters before and after the change or modification, will be posted on each website through which the matters are provided.

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Guide to Exercising Your Voting Rights

If you attend the Meeting:

Please submit the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form at the reception desk, without removing the right side of the form.

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, June 27, 2023
10:00 a.m. (doors scheduled to open at 9:00 a.m.)

If you do not attend the Meeting:

Please exercise your voting rights in advance via the Internet or in writing.

Deadline for Voting: 17:30 on Monday, June 26, 2023

[Via the Internet]

By Smartphone (Smart Exercise)

- (1) Please scan the QR code on the bottom right of the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form using a smartphone, access “Smart Exercise,” and enter your votes in accordance with the instructions on the screen.
- (2) If you wish to change your vote after exercising voting rights, please follow “By Personal Computer, etc.” below to change your vote.

Note: Proposal 1 and Proposal 3 are mutually contradictory, so you cannot vote in favor of both.

By Personal Computer, etc. (Website for Exercising Voting Rights)

- (1) Please access the website for exercising voting rights (URL: <https://soukai.mizuho-tb.co.jp/>).
- (2) Please enter the code and password, which are printed on the Voting Rights Exercise Form enclosed herewith, and click “Log in.” Then, set a new password for actual use (the password needs to be entered twice) and click “Log in.”
- (3) Select “Vote” from the main screen and enter your vote following the instructions on the screen.

Note: Proposal 1 and Proposal 3 are mutually contradictory, so you cannot vote in favor of both.

[In writing]

Please indicate your approval or disapproval of each Proposal on the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form and send the form to us.

Proposal 1

- If you approve of the proposal: Circle in the “Agree” column
- If you disapprove the proposal: Circle in the “Disagree” column

Proposal 2

- If you approve all the candidates: Circle in the “Agree” column
- If you disapprove all the candidates: Circle in the “Disagree” column
- If you disapprove some of the candidates:
Circle in the “Agree” column and enter the number of the candidate you disapprove.

Proposal 3

- If you disapprove the shareholder’s proposal: Circle in the “Disagree” column. The Company’s Board of Directors opposes Proposal 3.
- If you approve of the proposal: Circle in the “Agree” column.

Note: Proposal 1 and Proposal 3 are mutually contradictory. Accordingly, please note that if you place a circle in the “Agree” column of both Proposal 1 and Proposal 3, neither vote will be valid.

If you do not indicate your vote on a proposal on the Voting Rights Exercise Form, this will be treated as a vote in favor of the proposal in the case of the Company’s proposals, and a vote against

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the proposal in the case of a shareholder's proposal.

For inquiries about the operation of "Smart Exercise" and the website for exercising voting rights, please contact **Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd., Transfer Agent Department** below,

Toll free number: 0120-768-524

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., excluding year-end and new-year holidays

<Guide to a Platform for the Exercise of Voting Rights for Institutional Investors>

A platform operated by ICJ Inc. will be available to institutional investors for the electronic exercise of voting rights for the General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company.

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No.	Name (Age)	Current Positions and Responsibilities in the Company	Current Positions in the Significant Subsidiary	Number of Meetings of the Board of Directors Attended (FY2022)
1	<Reappointment> Koji Kakigi (Age 70)	Representative Director, President and CEO (Chief Executive Officer)	—	15/15 (100%)
2	<Reappointment> Yoshihisa Kitano (Age 65)	Representative Director	Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Steel Corporation	15/15 (100%)
3	<Reappointment> Masashi Terahata (Age 63)	Representative Director, Executive Vice President and CFO (Chief Financial Officer) Supervision of General Administration Dept., Corporate Planning Dept., Investor Relations Dept., Finance Dept. and Keihin Area Land Development Dept.	Director of JFE Steel Corporation	15/15 (100%)
4	<Reappointment> Hajime Oshita (Age 65)	Director	Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Engineering Corporation	15/15 (100%)
5	<Reappointment> Toshinori Kobayashi (Age 65)	Director	Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Shoji Corporation	15/15 (100%)
6	<Reappointment> Masami Yamamoto (Age 69) Candidate for Outside Director Independent Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member	Outside Director	—	15/15 (100%)
7	<Reappointment> Nobumasa Kemori (Age 72) Candidate for Outside Director Independent Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member	Outside Director	—	15/15 (100%)
8	<Reappointment> Yoshiko Ando (Age 64) Candidate for Outside Director Independent Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member	Outside Director	—	15/15 (100%)

Note: The age of each candidate is given as of the date of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

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No. 1	Koji Kakigi	Reappointment Nomination Committee Member Remuneration Committee Member
Date of birth: May 3, 1953 (Age 70)	Career summary, positions and responsibilities, and significant concurrent posts	
Number of the Company's shares held: 68,800	April 1977	Joined Kawasaki Steel Corporation
Number of years of service as Director (at the close of this General Meeting of Shareholders): Eight	April 2007	Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation
Number of meetings of the Board of Directors attended (FY2022): 15/15 (100%)	April 2010	Senior Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation
	April 2012	Representative Director and Executive Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation
	April 2015	Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Steel Corporation
	June 2015	Representative Director of JFE Holdings, Inc.
	April 2019	Retired as Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Steel Corporation
		Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Holdings, Inc. (current post)
		(Significant concurrent post)
		Chairman of the Board of Directors of JFE 21st Century Foundation (Public Interest Incorporated Foundation)
		(Duties as Corporate Officer)
		CEO (Chief Executive Officer)
<p>• Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director: Mr. Kakigi has abundant experience and knowledge required in management of the Group, which he has accumulated through his experience in operations in human resource and labor relations departments, and execution of duties as Corporate Officer in management divisions such as general administration, legal, accounting, finance, and procurement departments in JFE Steel Corporation, the Group's core company. He also has abundant experience and knowledge as a corporate manager, which was nurtured through his experience as Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Steel Corporation. Currently, as Representative Director, President and CEO of the Company, he is striving to sustain the growth and enhance the corporate value of the Group. For these reasons, the Company has judged Mr. Kakigi to be suitable as a Director of the Company.</p>		

No. 2	Yoshihisa Kitano	Reappointment Nomination Committee Member
Date of birth: February 20, 1958 (Age 65)	Career summary, positions and responsibilities, and significant concurrent posts	
Number of the Company's shares held: 31,004	April 1982	Joined Kawasaki Steel Corporation
Number of years of service as Director (at the close of this General Meeting of Shareholders): Four	April 2011	Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation
Number of meetings of the Board of Directors attended (FY2022): 15/15 (100%)	April 2014	Senior Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation
	April 2018	Representative Director and Executive Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation
	April 2019	Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Steel Corporation (current post)
	June 2019	Representative Director of JFE Holdings, Inc. (current post)
		(Significant concurrent post)
		Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Steel Corporation
<p>• Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director: Mr. Kitano has abundant experience and knowledge required in management of the Group, which he has accumulated through his experience in operations in steel making technology and production control departments, and execution of duties as Corporate Officer such as supervision of steel works and overseas business, corporate planning, and IT in JFE Steel Corporation, the Group's core company. Currently, as Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Steel Corporation, he is making aggressive efforts such as implementing structural reforms, and strengthening the revenue base and promoting the growth strategy with leading-edge technologies. Also, as Representative Director of the Company, he is striving to sustain the growth and enhance the corporate value of the Group. For these reasons, the Company has judged Mr. Kitano to be suitable as a Director of the Company.</p>		

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No. 3	Masashi Terahata	Reappointment Remuneration Committee Member																																				
<p>Date of birth: October 31, 1959 (Age 63)</p> <p>Number of the Company's shares held: 24,500</p> <p>Number of years of service as Director (at the close of this General Meeting of Shareholders): Four</p> <p>Number of meetings of the Board of Directors attended (FY2022): 15/15 (100%)</p>	<p>Career summary, positions and responsibilities, and significant concurrent posts</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 275 592 300">April 1982</td> <td data-bbox="724 275 1070 300">Joined Kawasaki Steel Corporation</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 304 592 329">April 2012</td> <td data-bbox="724 304 1078 329">Vice President of JFE Holdings, Inc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 333 592 358"></td> <td data-bbox="724 333 1114 358">Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 362 592 387">April 2015</td> <td data-bbox="724 362 1150 387">Senior Vice President of JFE Holdings, Inc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 392 592 416"></td> <td data-bbox="724 392 1182 416">Senior Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 421 592 445">April 2016</td> <td data-bbox="724 421 1054 445">Director of JFE Shoji Corporation</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 450 592 474">March 2018</td> <td data-bbox="724 450 1251 474">Retired as Senior Vice President of JFE Holdings, Inc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 479 592 504">April 2018</td> <td data-bbox="724 479 1158 504">Retired as Director of JFE Shoji Corporation</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 508 592 533"></td> <td data-bbox="724 508 1318 533">Representative Director and Executive Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 537 592 562">April 2019</td> <td data-bbox="724 537 1318 562">Executive Vice President of JFE Holdings, Inc. (current post)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 566 592 591"></td> <td data-bbox="724 566 1190 591">Director of JFE Steel Corporation (current post)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 595 592 620">June 2019</td> <td data-bbox="724 595 1310 620">Representative Director of JFE Holdings, Inc. (current post)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="470 669 762 694">(Significant concurrent posts)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="470 698 804 723">Director of JFE Steel Corporation</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="470 728 1307 779">Representative Director of JFE 21st Century Foundation (Public Interest Incorporated Foundation)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="470 813 759 837">(Duties as Corporate Officer)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="470 842 770 866">CFO (Chief Financial Officer)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="470 871 1262 936">Supervision of General Administration Dept., Corporate Planning Dept., Investor Relations Dept., Finance Dept. and Keihin Area Land Development Dept.</td> </tr> </table>		April 1982	Joined Kawasaki Steel Corporation	April 2012	Vice President of JFE Holdings, Inc.		Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation	April 2015	Senior Vice President of JFE Holdings, Inc.		Senior Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation	April 2016	Director of JFE Shoji Corporation	March 2018	Retired as Senior Vice President of JFE Holdings, Inc.	April 2018	Retired as Director of JFE Shoji Corporation		Representative Director and Executive Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation	April 2019	Executive Vice President of JFE Holdings, Inc. (current post)		Director of JFE Steel Corporation (current post)	June 2019	Representative Director of JFE Holdings, Inc. (current post)	(Significant concurrent posts)		Director of JFE Steel Corporation		Representative Director of JFE 21st Century Foundation (Public Interest Incorporated Foundation)		(Duties as Corporate Officer)		CFO (Chief Financial Officer)		Supervision of General Administration Dept., Corporate Planning Dept., Investor Relations Dept., Finance Dept. and Keihin Area Land Development Dept.	
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<p>• Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director: Mr. Terahata has abundant experience and knowledge required in management of the Group, which he has accumulated through his experience in operations such as general administration and legal departments in the Company as well as operations in human resources and labor relations departments, and execution of duties as Corporate Officer in management divisions such as accounting, finance and procurement departments in JFE Steel Corporation, the Group's core company. He also has abundant experience and knowledge as a corporate manager through his experience as Representative Director and Executive Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation, and currently, as Representative Director, Executive Vice President of the Company, he is engaged in management control of the Group and implementation of financial and capital policies, while implementing management control of JFE Steel Corporation, the Group's core company, as its part-time Director. For these reasons, the Company has judged Mr. Terahata to be suitable as a Director of the Company.</p>																																						

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No. 4	Hajime Oshita	Reappointment
Date of birth: September 11, 1957 (Age 65)	Career summary, positions and responsibilities, and significant concurrent posts	
Number of the Company's shares held: 31,900	April 1982	Joined NKK Corporation
	April 2012	Vice President of JFE Engineering Corporation
Number of years of service as Director (at the close of this General Meeting of Shareholders): Six	April 2014	Senior Vice President of JFE Engineering Corporation
	April 2015	Director and Senior Vice President of JFE Engineering Corporation
Number of meetings of the Board of Directors attended (FY2022): 15/15 (100%)	April 2016	Representative Director and Senior Vice President of JFE Engineering Corporation
	March 2017	Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Engineering Corporation (current post)
	June 2017	Director of JFE Holdings, Inc. (current post)
	(Significant concurrent post) Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Engineering Corporation	
<p>• Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director: Mr. Oshita has abundant experience and knowledge required in management of the Group, which he has accumulated through his experience in corporate planning, accounting and finance, and execution of a wide range of duties as Corporate Officer such as supervision of domestic and overseas business in JFE Engineering Corporation, the Group's core company. In addition, Mr. Oshita has abundant experience and knowledge as a corporate manager, which was nurtured through his experience as Representative Director and Senior Vice President of JFE Engineering Corporation. Currently, as Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Engineering Corporation., he is making aggressive efforts such as reinforcing the domestic earnings base, and expanding overseas business. For these reasons, the Company has judged Mr. Oshita to be suitable as a Director of the Company.</p>		

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No. 5	Toshinori Kobayashi	Reappointment
<p>Date of birth: December 19, 1957 (Age 65)</p> <p>Number of the Company's shares held: 31,633</p> <p>Number of years of service as Director (at the close of this General Meeting of Shareholders): Two</p> <p>Number of meetings of the Board of Directors attended (FY2022): 15/15 (100%)</p>	<p>Career summary, positions and responsibilities, and significant concurrent posts</p> <p>April 1980 Joined Kawasaki Steel Corporation</p> <p>April 2011 Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation</p> <p>April 2014 Senior Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation</p> <p>April 2016 Representative Director and Executive Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation</p> <p>April 2021 Retired as Representative Director and Executive Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation</p> <p> Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Shoji Corporation (current post)</p> <p>June 2021 Director of JFE Holdings, Inc. (current post)</p> <p>(Significant concurrent post)</p> <p>Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Shoji Corporation</p>	
<p>• Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director: Mr. Kobayashi has abundant experience and knowledge required in management of the Group, which he has accumulated through his experience in operations related to sales of automobile steel, and execution of duties as Corporate Officer such as supervision of sales divisions in JFE Steel Corporation, the Group's core company. In addition, Mr. Kobayashi has abundant experience and knowledge as a corporate manager, which was nurtured through his experience as Representative Director and Executive Vice President of JFE Steel Corporation. Currently, as Representative Director, President and CEO of JFE Shoji Corporation, the Group's core company, he is making aggressive efforts such as reinforcing the domestic earnings base, and expanding overseas business. For these reasons, the Company has judged Mr. Kobayashi to be suitable as a Director of the Company.</p>		

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No. 6	Masami Yamamoto	Reappointment Candidate for Outside Director Independent Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member Chairperson of Nomination Committee Remuneration Committee Member
Date of birth: January 11, 1954 (Age 69) Number of the Company's shares held: 21,200 Number of years of service as Outside Director (at the close of this General Meeting of Shareholders): Six Number of meetings of the Board of Directors attended (FY2022): 15/15 (100%)	Career summary, positions and responsibilities, and significant concurrent posts April 1976 Joined Fujitsu Limited January 2010 Corporate Senior Executive Vice President of Fujitsu Limited April 2010 President of Fujitsu Limited June 2010 President and Representative Director of Fujitsu Limited June 2015 Chairman and Representative Director of Fujitsu Limited June 2017 Chairman and Director of Fujitsu Limited Director of JFE Holdings, Inc. (current post) June 2019 Director and Senior Advisor of Fujitsu Limited (current post) (Significant concurrent posts) Director and Senior Advisor of Fujitsu Limited Outside Member of the Board of Directors of Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.	
<p>• Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director and outline of expected roles: Mr. Yamamoto has been successful in managing Fujitsu Limited for many years, a company that engages in the total solutions business globally in ICT fields, and has been involved reforming conventional business structures and processes in the rapidly changing ICT industry. The Company expects him to play a role in strengthening governance based on such extensive experience and broad insight in corporate management. Based on such in-depth knowledge and his outstanding insight, as well as his performance as an Outside Director of the Company since he assumed office as such, the Company has judged Mr. Yamamoto to be suitable as an Outside Director of the Company.</p> <p>• Special matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Yamamoto is a candidate for Outside Director who satisfies the requirements of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. for Independent Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member as well as the “Standards for Independence of Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members” stipulated by the Company and the Company has designated him as Independent Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member as stipulated under the regulations of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. and registered him as such with the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Furthermore, in FY2022, transactions between Fujitsu Limited, where Mr. Yamamoto served as Representative Director until June 2017, and the Company and its operating companies did not exceed 1% of the annual consolidated net sales (revenue) of either the Company or Fujitsu Limited. Accordingly, Fujitsu Limited does not fall under the category of a person for whom the Company or its operating company is a major business partner, or a person who is a major business partner of the Company or its operating company. As of March 31, 2023, neither the Company nor any of its operating companies owned any shares of Fujitsu Limited. 2. Mizuho Financial Group, Inc., for which Mr. Yamamoto serves as an Outside Member of the Board of Directors, received a business improvement order from the Financial Services Agency in November 2021, during his term of office, pursuant to the provisions of the Banking Act, concerning a series of system failures, etc. that occurred starting from February 28, 2021. Prior to the occurrence of the series of incidents, he had provided opinions and proposals from the viewpoint of group governance, risk management, compliance with laws and regulations, etc., at meetings of the Board of Directors of said company. After the series of incidents occurred, Mr. Yamamoto fulfilled his responsibilities by offering opinions and proposals to strengthen the governance function of the entire group and strengthening the supervisory function, based on the report of the System Failure Response Evaluation Committee, at meetings of the Board of Directors of said company. 		

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No. 7	Nobumasa Kemori	Reappointment Candidate for Outside Director Independent Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member Chairperson of Remuneration Committee
Date of birth: April 12, 1951 (Age 72) Number of the Company's shares held: 16,900 Number of years of service as Outside Director (at the close of this General Meeting of Shareholders): Five Number of meetings of the Board of Directors attended (FY2022): 15/15 (100%)	Career summary, positions and responsibilities, and significant concurrent posts September 1980 Joined Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. June 2006 Director, Managing Executive Officer and General Manager of Non-Ferrous Metals Div. of Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. June 2007 Representative Director and President of Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. June 2013 Representative Director and Chairman of the Board of Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. June 2016 Director and Chairman of the Board of Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. June 2017 Retired as Director and Chairman of the Board of Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. Executive Advisor of Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. June 2018 Director of JFE Holdings, Inc. (current post) June 2021 Honorary Advisor of Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. (current post) (Significant concurrent posts) Honorary Advisor of Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. Outside Director of Sumitomo Realty & Development Co., Ltd.	
<p>• Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director and outline of expected roles: Mr. Kemori has been successful in managing Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd., which engages in a broad range of businesses in non-ferrous metal resource development, smelting, materials production, etc., for many years, and has remarkable knowledge in metallic materials. He also led the construction of an overseas plant for nickel smelting, a mainstay business of Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd., and a development project for a large copper mine. The Company expects him to play a role in strengthening governance based on such broad experience in corporate management and his academic knowledge of metal materials. Based on such in-depth knowledge and his outstanding insight, as well as his performance as an Outside Director of the Company since he assumed office as such, the Company has judged Mr. Kemori to be suitable as an Outside Director of the Company.</p> <p>• Special matter: Mr. Kemori is a candidate for Outside Director who satisfies the requirements of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. for Independent Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member as well as the "Standards for Independence of Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members" stipulated by the Company and the Company has designated him as Independent Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member as stipulated under the regulations of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. and registered him as such with the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Furthermore, in FY2022, transactions between Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd., where Mr. Kemori served as Representative Director and Chairman of the Board until June 2016, and the Company and its operating companies did not exceed 1% of the annual consolidated net sales (revenue) of either the Company or Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. Accordingly, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. does not fall under the category of a person for whom the Company or its operating company is a major business partner, or a person who is a major business partner of the Company or its operating company. As of March 31, 2023, neither the Company nor any of its operating companies owned any shares of Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.</p>		

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No. 8	Yoshiko Ando	Reappointment Candidate for Outside Director Independent Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member Nomination Committee Member
Date of birth: March 17, 1959 (Age 64)	Career summary, positions and responsibilities, and significant concurrent posts	
Number of the Company's shares held: 2,600	April 1982	Joined Ministry of Labour
Number of years of service as Outside Director (at the close of this General Meeting of Shareholders): Three	July 2013	General Manager, Workers' Compensation Division, Labour Standards Bureau of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
Number of meetings of the Board of Directors attended (FY2022): 15/15 (100%)	July 2014	Director-General, Equal Employment and Child and Family Bureau of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
	October 2015	Director-General for Labour of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
	June 2016	Director-General for Statistics and Information Policy of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
	July 2017	Director-General for Human Resources Development of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
	July 2018	Retired from Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
	June 2020	Director of JFE Holdings, Inc. (current post)
	(Significant concurrent posts) Audit & Supervisory Board Member of Kirin Holdings Company, Limited Outside Director of Sansei Technologies, Inc.	
<p>• Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director and outline of expected roles: Ms. Ando has worked as an administrative official for many years, engaged in policy making in labor administration including woman's active participation in the workforce. The Company expects her to play a role in strengthening governance based on such professional expertise and abundant experience in a wide range of fields of employment and labor. Although she has no experience of participating in corporate management other than as an outside director or outside audit & supervisory board member, based on such in-depth knowledge and outstanding insight, as well as her performance as an Outside Director of the Company since she assumed office as such, the Company has judged Ms. Ando to be suitable as an Outside Director of the Company.</p> <p>• Special matter: Ms. Ando is a candidate for Outside Director who satisfies the requirements of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. for Independent Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member as well as the "Standards for Independence of Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members" stipulated by the Company and the Company has designated her as Independent Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member as stipulated under the regulations of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. and registered her as such with the Tokyo Stock Exchange.</p>		

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Notes:

1. There is no conflict of special interests between each candidate and the Company.
2. The Company has entered into agreements with Mr. Masami Yamamoto, Mr. Nobumasa Kemori, and Ms. Yoshiko Ando in accordance with Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, which limits Outside Directors' indemnity liability provided for in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the said Act to the amount defined under laws and regulations. If the resolution is adopted as proposed, the Company intends to continue the liability limitation agreements with them.
3. The Company has entered into an indemnity agreement stipulated in Article 430-2, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act with each Director, and a summary of the details of such indemnity agreement is provided in the Business Report 4. (3) Outline of the indemnity agreement, in the matters provided electronically. If the resolution is adopted as proposed, the Company intends to continue the indemnity agreement with each Director.
4. The Company has entered into a directors and officers liability insurance contract with an insurance company as provided for in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, which includes all Directors as insured parties, and a summary of the details of such insurance contract is provided in the Business Report 4. (4) Outline of the directors and officers liability insurance contract, in the matters provided electronically. If the resolution is adopted as proposed, each candidate will become an insured party of the said insurance contract. The Company plans to renew the said insurance contract during their terms of office.

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<Reference> Skill Matrix of Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members

The Company has established the “JFE Holdings, Inc. Basic Policy on Corporate Governance” for the purpose of pursuing and further enhancing the best corporate governance in order for the Company and the JFE Group to achieve sustainable growth and enhance corporate value over the medium to long term, and to practice the corporate mission. With regard to the composition of the Board of Directors, the Company aims to enhance diversity in terms of expertise, knowledge, and experience in various fields, and selects candidates for Directors after deliberations at the Nomination Committee based on the business content and management issues of the Company and its operating companies, identifying the skills required for the management of the Company, and taking into consideration the appropriate size and balance of the Board of Directors.

If Proposal 2 is approved as proposed, the skill matrix based on the knowledge, experience, and abilities of each Director and Audit & Supervisory Board Member with respect to the identified skills will be as follows.

Name	Corporate management/ Management strategy	Sustainability/ Environment	Technology/ DX	Finance/ Accounting	Internal control/ Governance	Legal/ Compliance	Personnel and labor/ Human resources development	Sales/ Marketing	Operation with knowledge
Koji Kakigi	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		Steel
Yoshihisa Kitano	●	●	●		●				Steel
Masashi Terahata	●	●		●	●	●	●		Steel/ Trading
Hajime Oshita	●	●	●	●	●			●	Engineering
Toshinori Kobayashi	●	●	●		●			●	Steel/ Trading
Masami Yamamoto	●	●	●		●				—
Nobumasa Kemori	●	●	●		●				—
Yoshiko Ando		●			●	●	●		—
Nobuya Hara	●			●	●				Steel
Nakaba Akimoto					●	●			Steel/ Engineering/ Trading
Isao Saiki					●	●	●		—
Tsuyoshi Numagami	●			●	●			●	—
Takuya Shimamura	●	●			●			●	—

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Standards for Independence of Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members of JFE Holdings, Inc.

JFE Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) establishes the standards for independence of Outside Directors and Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members as described below. An Outside Director or Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member is deemed not to have sufficient independence from the Company in the event that he/she falls under any of the items below.

- 1) A person who is or was an executive director, executive officer or employee (collectively the “Executive”) of the Company or its subsidiary.
- 2) A person who is currently a major shareholder of the Company. In the event that the person is a legal entity such as a company, a person who is or, in the past 3 years, was the Executive of such legal entity or a parent company or a significant subsidiary of such legal entity.
- 3) A person for whom the Company or its operating company is a major business partner. In the event that the person is a legal entity such as a company, a person who is or, in the past 3 years, was the Executive of such legal entity or a parent company or a significant subsidiary of such legal entity.
- 4) A person who is a major business partner of the Company or its operating company. In the event that the person is a legal entity such as a company, a person who is or, in the past 3 years, was the Executive of such legal entity or a parent company or a significant subsidiary of such legal entity.
- 5) A financial institution or other major creditor of the Company or its operating company who is indispensable for the fundraising of the Company or its operating company and on whom the Company or its operating company depends to the extent that it is irreplaceable. In the event that the financial institution or other major creditor is a legal entity, a person who is or, in the past 3 years, was the Executive of such legal entity or a parent company or a significant subsidiary of such legal entity.
- 6) A person who has received donations exceeding a certain amount (an annual average of either 10 million yen or 30% of the person’s total expenses, whichever is larger, over the past 3 years) from the Company or its operating company. In the event that the person is a legal entity such as a company, a person who is or, in the past 3 years, was the Executive of such legal entity or a parent company or a significant subsidiary of such legal entity.
- 7) A consultant, accounting professional such as a certified public accountant, or legal professional such as a lawyer who has received a large amount of money or other assets (an annual average of 10 million yen or larger over the past 3 years) in addition to the director’s or audit & supervisory board member’s remuneration from the Company or its operating company. In the event that the consultant, accounting professional or legal professional is an organization such as a legal entity or an association, a person who belongs to such organization.
- 8) An accounting auditor of the Company or its operating company, or a person who is a partner, etc. of such accounting auditor; or a person who performed auditing on the Company or its operating company as a partner, etc. of such accounting auditor in the past 3 years.
- 9) A person who is a director, audit & supervisory board member, executive officer or corporate officer of a company or a parent company or a subsidiary of such company, in the event that such company has accepted directors from the Company or its operating company.
- 10) A person who is or, in the past 3 years, was the Executive of a lead managing underwriter of the Company.
- 11) A relative of a person falling under any of foregoing items 1) through 10) (the person’s spouse, relatives within the third degree of kinship, or relatives living with the person).

Nevertheless, in the event that a person who falls under any of the foregoing items is deemed by the Company appropriate for an independent outside director/audit & supervisory board member of the Company in light of the person’s personality, insight, etc., the Company may nominate such person as a candidate for an independent outside director/audit & supervisory board member, by providing the reason to believe that the person is appropriate for an independent outside director/audit & supervisory board member of the Company, and by explaining that the person fulfills the requirements for an independent outside director/audit & supervisory board member.

* “Operating company” refers to JFE Steel Corporation, JFE Engineering Corporation and JFE Shoji Corporation.

* “Major business partner” refers to the case where the aggregate amount of transactions with the business partner exceeds 1% of consolidated net sales in the most recent fiscal year.

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<Shareholder's Proposal (Proposal 3)>

Proposal 3 is a proposal submitted by one shareholder.

The details of the proposal and reason for the proposal have been presented verbatim as submitted by the shareholder, with the addition of a title, which was not provided in the proposal submitted.

Proposal 3: Dividend of surplus

Details of the proposal: Allocate the year-end dividend to employee salaries and similar purposes, and discontinue the payment of dividends.

Reason for the proposal: An amount of 50 yen, payable in a lump sum, and equivalent to the interim dividend, is an appropriate amount for the annual dividend. Therefore, year-end dividends should be canceled. Rather than idly paying dividends to shareholders, the Company should: 1. Reward employees for their diligent efforts and, as a result of raising their incentive, expect them to contribute to enhancing profits; and 2. Allocate any remaining surplus to renewing equipment for research and development.

[Opinion of the Board of Directors]

The Company's Board of Directors opposes this proposal.

(Reason)

The Company believes that appropriation of profit to shareholders is one of the most critical management objectives, and considers that its basic policy is to actively distribute dividends while building as the Group a sustainable, highly profitable business structure, pursuing investments, and improving the financial base to promote growth.

The Company believes that, under this basic policy, the payment of a year-end dividend is appropriate.

The Board of Directors therefore opposes this proposal.

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[Appendixes]

Business Report for the 21st Term

(From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

1. Overview of the Corporate Group

(1) Business progress and results, and tasks requiring attention

[Performance of the Group]

The JFE Group continued to achieve sustainable growth and improve its corporate value for shareholders and other stakeholders by pursuing its corporate mission of “Contributing to society with the world’s most innovative technology.”

The Japanese and global economies continued to recover from the economic slump brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, despite price increases and supply-side constraints due to the economic impacts of the ongoing war in Ukraine, suppressed economic activity in China, growing global inflation concerns, and a weaker yen.

Under these circumstances, the JFE Group worked to increase its ratio of high-value-added products and raise selling prices by passing on the costs of primary raw materials and various commodities. The JFE Group also advanced efforts to reinforce its earnings base by steadily pursuing structural reforms and blast furnace renovations. Nevertheless, negative factors including foreign exchange effects and inventory-valuation differences resulted in year-on-year decreases in both business profit and profit attributable to owners of parent. The following explanation presents operating results in each segment.

<Performance of JFE Steel Corporation>

In JFE Steel Corporation, consolidated crude-steel production volume declined to 25.48 million tons, reflecting the company’s emphasis on maintaining prices in the face of softening demand for steel products, both in Japan and abroad, as well as related market conditions, especially in the second half of the year when costs of materials and equipment rose sharply and supplies of semiconductors and other components were constrained. Nevertheless, sales revenue increased significantly to 3,881.1 billion yen, despite a decrease in sales volume, due to efforts to raise selling prices and also factors such as the foreign exchange effects of a weaker yen. Despite efforts to reduce costs and improve selling prices, segment profit declined significantly to 146.8 billion yen due to one-time factors that impacted profit, such as unrealized losses on inventories, as well as soaring raw material prices and foreign exchange effects.

<Performance of JFE Engineering Corporation>

In JFE Engineering Corporation, orders received rose to a record high as a result of aggressive sales efforts to win orders, primarily in the field of core infrastructure, both in Japan and abroad. Sales revenue rose to 512.5 billion yen. Segment profit, however, declined to 13.4 billion yen due to factors such as soaring costs of materials and equipment and the worsening profitability of a construction project in Europe.

<Performance of JFE Shoji Corporation>

In JFE Shoji Corporation, sales revenue rose to 1,514.1 billion yen and segment profit achieved a record high of 65.1 billion yen, thanks to efforts to expand sales of steel products as well as generally firm conditions for steel sales volume both in Japan and overseas. Also, selling prices trended upward in Japan and abroad, especially in North America.

<Consolidated business results of the Group>

On an overall consolidated basis, sales revenue rose firmly to 5,268.7 billion yen. Business profit declined to 235.8 billion yen. Among exceptional items, loss on liquidation of subsidiaries and associates etc. totaled 10.7 billion yen. Profit before tax came to 210.2 billion yen and profit attributable to owners of the parent totaled 162.6 billion yen.

<Non-consolidated business results>

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During the 21st term, JFE Holdings, Inc. received total management fee income of 4.5 billion yen from three operating companies. JFE Holdings also received total dividend income of 51.3 billion yen from three operating companies. As a result, on a non-consolidated basis, JFE Holdings recorded operating income of 52.3 billion yen and ordinary income of 52.3 billion yen.

With regard to distribution of surplus, JFE Holdings regards the return of profits to shareholders as one of its highest management priorities and has a policy of maintaining a dividend payout ratio of approximately 30%. We have decided to propose a year-end dividend of 30 yen per share to the General Meeting of Shareholders. The annual dividends, including the interim dividend of 50 yen per share, will be 80 yen per share. We appreciate your understanding.

(Notes)

1. Business profit: Profit before tax excluding financial income and one-time items of a materially significant value. It is a benchmark indicator of the consolidated earnings of JFE.
2. Segment profit: Business profit including financial income. It is a performance indicator of each segment.
3. Exceptional items: Items with a transitory nature that are material in terms of amount.
4. JFE Holdings uses JGAAP for its non-consolidated operating results.

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[Tasks requiring attention]

In the business environment surrounding the JFE Group, indications of an economic recovery have appeared, with an upturn after the slump due to the spread of COVID-19 and China's transition to policies aimed at living with the virus. However, the outlook is expected to remain clouded due to factors such as Russia's prolonged invasion of Ukraine and rising geopolitical risk in some regions, in addition to continuing inflation associated with soaring energy and resource prices and fears of a recession due to monetary tightening in countries in Europe and the United States. Moreover, for the JFE Group, which is mainly engaged in the steel business, addressing the issue of climate change is becoming an ever more important management issue amid a deepening sense of crisis over global climate change.

<Seventh Medium-Term Business Plan>

Against this backdrop, the JFE Group is pushing ahead with measures announced in its seventh Medium-Term Business Plan (FY2021–FY2024), and is continuing to take on the challenge of transformation, aiming to be an essential entity for the sustainable development of society and the safe and comfortable lives of people. The JFE Group will continue to promote initiatives to address climate change issues as indicated in the JFE Group Environmental Vision for 2050, as well as promote the advancement of human resources, contribute to local communities, and resolve social issues such as respect for human rights in the supply chain, in order to secure environmental and social sustainability. At the same time, we will complete structural reforms and promote DX strategies to boost cost competitiveness in the steel business and, perceiving the progress of decarbonization as a business opportunity, we will expand the supply of high value-added products that contribute to reducing environmental impact, such as high-function electrical steel sheets, and renewable energy power generation. By promoting these and other growth strategies, we will establish a strong management base and secure economic sustainability.

		Seventh Medium-Term Business Plan
Consolidated	Consolidated business profit	320 billion yen
	Profit attributable to owners of parent	220 billion yen
	ROE	10%
	Debt/EBITDA ratio	About 3 times
	D/E ratio	About 70%
Operating companies	Steel business • Profit per ton • Segment profit	10,000 yen/ton 230 billion yen
	Engineering business • Segment profit • Revenue	35 billion yen 650 billion yen
	Trading business • Segment profit	40 billion yen

Notes: 1. D/E ratio: For liabilities with equity subject to credit ratings, these equities reflect the evaluations of rating agencies.

2. Steel business profit per ton: (consolidated segment profit ÷ non-consolidated sales volume)

<Initiatives at each operating company>

- At JFE Steel Corporation, the domestic steel market is expected to shrink due to population decline, while overseas, in addition to intensifying price competition for commodity products, the trend toward local production of steel products for local use is expected to strengthen. JFE Steel will thoroughly pursue the shift from expanding volume to pursuing quality set forth in the seventh Medium-Term Business Plan, and steadily promote its growth strategy.

In FY2022, JFE Steel Corporation shut down facilities manufacturing steel sheet for cans in the Chiba district of its East Japan Works, consolidating production to the Fukuyama district of its West Japan Works. It also plans to shut down its iron making, steelmaking, and hot rolling equipment in the Keihin district of its East Japan Works in September 2023. By reducing fixed costs through the completion of structural reforms and achieving drastic cost reductions through

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measures including DX promotion to achieve more efficient production, JFE Steel will transform itself into a leaner and stronger business structure. Furthermore, with further rapid rises anticipated in the price of commodities including iron ore, coking coal and other major raw materials, JFE Steel will aim to expand profitability by further strengthening its existing efforts to fundamentally review the sales price system.

Regarding high-function electrical steel sheets, in particular, JFE Steel will boost its supply systems to capture the rapid growth in demand anticipated due to factors such as expanding worldwide electricity demand and the progressive shift to electric vehicles. Within Japan, it is enhancing capability at the Kurashiki district of the West Japan Works, while overseas, it is proceeding with feasibility studies on the establishment of a joint venture with JSW Steel Ltd. in India for manufacturing and selling grain-oriented electrical steel sheets.

JFE Steel will endeavor to expand earnings by steadily promoting growth strategies such as deepening its business strategy through local production and expanding the manufacture of high value-added products through a more sophisticated product mix, as well as the development of a solution business that provides advanced manufacturing, operational and research know-how related to reducing environmental impact.

- JFE Engineering Corporation will promote its business with the mission of supporting the lives of people around the world and protecting the earth for the next generation under the purpose of “Foundations of Life—Just For the Earth.”

In addition to striving to expand its orders received, focused on the areas of Waste to Resource* and carbon-neutrality, JFE Engineering Corporation aims to secure stable revenue from existing project orders through measures to counter the rapid rise in equipment and material costs and the appropriate allocation of personnel, etc., to achieve the targets of the seventh Medium-Term Business Plan.

In addition to ensuring it captures expanding demand for the rebuilding of waste-fueled power generation facilities, JFE Engineering Corporation will accelerate the development of its operation business, expected to generate stable earnings, by providing services that leverage its strength in DX, such as the remote monitoring of facilities operation. It will also work towards achieving a carbon-neutral society by contributing to the reduction of CO₂ emissions across society through its businesses. This includes strengthening its initiatives in the offshore wind power generation and geothermal power generation fields, in addition to its existing efforts in solar and biomass power generation.

In October 2023, JFE Engineering Corporation will integrate its domestic water engineering business with Tsukishima Aqua Solution Co., Ltd. As it continues to enhance its competitive strength, including through measures such as M&A and business alliances, JFE Engineering Corporation will pursue initiatives to create a safe and secure society as a company that supports people's lives.

* Waste to Resource refers to recycling, waste-fueled power generation, etc.

- JFE Shoji Corporation is engaged in establishing the world's No. 1 global distribution and processing system for electrical steel sheets. At present, in addition to its five bases in Japan, its business spans 15 bases in 11 countries overseas, including China, the ASEAN region, India, Mexico, Canada, and elsewhere. In FY2022, it upgraded its press processing equipment in Nagoya and Zhejiang, China, and it will continue its steady efforts to establish a distribution and processing system to capture the rapid expansion in demand anticipated for electrical steel sheets.

In the overseas building materials business, JFE Shoji acquired California Expanded Metal Products Co. (CEMCO), a steel frame manufacturing company in the United States. Demand for steel sheet building materials is expected to grow stably in North America. In addition to capturing this demand, JFE Shoji will endeavor to stabilize earnings through deeper collaboration with partners such as JFE Shoji Steel America, Inc. and California Steel Industries, Inc., an affiliate of JFE Steel. Moreover, in the area of automotive steel composite materials, JFE Shoji will aim to accelerate efforts to strengthen the supply chain through Group-wide collaboration, such as its decision to expand and upgrade facilities at a processing center adjacent to Nucor-JFE Steel Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V. In February 2023, JFE Shoji installed solar panels at its steel processing center in Shizuoka, achieving Japan's first steel processing with net zero CO₂ emissions. It will expand this initiative to other steel processing facilities in the future. JFE

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Shoji will continue to strive to increase the JFE Group's presence in the market and increase earnings in order to achieve the goals of the seventh Medium-Term Business Plan.

In FY2023, business profit for the JFE Group is expected to increase year-on-year to 290.0 billion yen due to factors such as the absence of one-off construction losses in the engineering business, in addition to cost reductions resulting from the completion of structural reforms in the steel business. The JFE Group will continue to strive to achieve its earnings target under the seventh Medium-Term Business Plan consolidated business profit of 320.0 billion yen.

<Initiatives common to all Group companies>

The JFE Group has positioned its response to climate change issues as a top priority management issue and is engaged in efforts pivoting on the strategies of reducing CO₂ emissions in the steel business and contributing to the reduction of CO₂ emissions in society, to achieve carbon neutrality as set forth in the JFE Group Environmental Vision for 2050.

In the steel business, the JFE Group targets a reduction in CO₂ emissions for FY2030 of 30% or more compared to FY2013, and is promoting initiatives such as energy conservation and greater efficiency in existing processes, as well as the use of electric arc furnace technology. The Group is also pursuing the challenge of developing super-innovative technologies such as carbon-recycling blast furnaces and hydrogen-based ironmaking (direct reduction), aiming for carbon neutrality by 2050.

To achieve its reduction targets for FY2030. The JFE Group has introduced processes in all districts to enable substantial reductions in CO₂ emissions through the increased use of steel scrap in converters. It has also decided on the enhancement of the electric arc furnace at the Sendai Works and the introduction of an electric arc furnace in the Chiba district stainless product manufacturing process, and is also considering the introduction of a high-efficiency large-scale electric arc furnace at the time of the scheduled blast furnace repairs in the Kurashiki district. The Group will continue to undertake the necessary capital expenditure to achieve its targets. Upon examination and verification of factors such as the progress of technological development during FY2023, the Group has determined that the current reduction targets are appropriate. Looking ahead, however, it will promote the development of transition technologies and consider revising these targets to further reduce CO₂ emissions.

Furthermore, with the support of the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), the JFE Group is concurrently pursuing multiple initiatives to develop super-innovative technologies aimed at achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. It has already commenced construction of a trial carbon-recycling blast furnace in the Chiba district, and will continue to promote research and development and strive for the early application of super-innovative technologies.

With society's need for decarbonization rising rapidly, the JFE Group has commenced the supply of JGreeX™ green steel applying the emissions reductions generated through its proprietary CO₂ emissions reduction technologies. Supply of approximately 200,000 tons is planned in FY2023, and the Group is actively engaged in creating markets to encourage customer recognition of the value of green steel, which can contribute to achieving a carbon-neutral society.

Regarding the JFE Group's contribution to reducing CO₂ emissions in society as a whole, it will engage in supplying environmentally-friendly products such as electrical steel sheets for EV motors and more efficient transformers, as well as expanding its renewable energy power generation business. It will continue to engage in initiatives to achieve a carbon-neutral society, such as commencing construction of a monopile factory in Kasaoka, Okayama, in FY2022, with the aim of establishing manufacturing and supply systems for seabed-fixed structures, part of its Group-wide efforts to commercialize wind power generation.

In March 2023, the JFE Group decided to link remuneration for Directors and Corporate Officers to indicators associated with climate change, as an incentive to accelerate initiatives to address this issue. We will continue to contribute to the realization of a sustainable society by strongly promoting efforts to solve climate change issues.

The seventh Medium-Term Business Plan positions DX as a key strategy for the biggest transformation since the foundation of the JFE Group. The massive amount of data, knowhow and technology accumulated over many years by the JFE Group is the source of its value creation, and

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it will continue to strive to differentiate itself by making maximum use of this data, knowhow and technology to promote DX strategies linked to enhancing labor productivity and providing new added value. These include initiatives such as automating blast furnace operation through CPS (cyber-physical systems),*¹ spreading this technology to all aspects of the steelmaking process, and providing customers with RODAS[®],*² a service to support the operation of power plants.

At the same time, it is becoming increasingly important to implement measures against cyberattacks and information leak risks in the context of promoting DX. The entire JFE Group will push ahead with even stronger cyber security measures to address increasingly serious and sophisticated cyber threats.

*1 Cyber-physical systems are technologies that integrate virtual models of manufacturing processes with actual processes in real time.

*2 RODAS[®] is a DX service for boiler power plants that combines AI technology and operational support technology.

Regarding the reuse of land in the Keihin district after the planned shutdown of iron making, steelmaking, and hot rolling equipment, the JFE Group has determined to sell the Ogimachi area. It has also selected a business partner and commenced urban development of the north side of the north district of the Minamiwatarida area, centered on research and development functions. This marks the first step in a large-scale land repurposing project covering approximately 400 hectares. The Company has established a repurposing policy for the Ogimachi area based on the land use policy established by the Kawasaki city government and plans to announce this repurposing policy upon the shutdown of its iron making and steelmaking equipment. We will continue to promote initiatives pivoting on land sales, land leasing, and business use.

Aggressive management aimed at medium- to long-term growth requires the establishment of a stable financial base, and to this end, it is important to achieve effective investment based on selection and concentration, as well as financial soundness. In FY2022, we worked towards asset downsizing by reviewing businesses to implement the sale of shares in Group companies, the sale of cross-shareholdings, and the partial sale of land in the Keihin district.

At the same time, due to soaring commodities prices and the progressive depreciation of the yen, in addition to the implementation of investment to achieve our growth strategies and contribute to carbon neutrality, the balance of interest-bearing liabilities at the end of FY2022 was 1,862.9 billion yen, an increase of 13.5 billion yen from the previous fiscal year. However, the net balance of interest-bearing liabilities* declined by 4.1 billion yen year-on-year to 1,743.5 billion yen. As a result, the Debt/EBITDA ratio and D/E ratio, which are the financial targets of the seventh Medium-Term Business Plan, were 3.7 times and 67.8%. We will continue to work to secure the funds necessary for investment while also ensuring financial soundness through thorough asset downsizing and improving the CCC (cash conversion cycle) through inventory reduction and other measures.

* Net balance of interest-bearing liabilities refers to the balance of interest-bearing liabilities after subtracting cash and deposits and cash equivalents.

The JFE Group engages in human rights due diligence to realize a society where human rights are respected and protected. In April 2023, we updated the JFE Group Basic Policy on Human Rights, and we will continue to advance initiatives for the respect of human rights among all stakeholders, including through supply chains.

For the JFE Group to achieve sustainable growth into the future in this increasingly complex and diverse business environment, subject to dramatic changes, it is vital that we invest in human capital to bring out the best of our employees' abilities and performance. In addition to promoting initiatives to enable employees to make the most of their abilities and revitalize them through work style reforms, diversity and inclusion, we will focus on efforts to create safe and healthy workplace environments.

In order to steadily execute the Group's management tasks in this business environment, the Company will enhance its functions as the cornerstone of Group management and sound corporate governance that are in the best interest of shareholders, and will also aim for even more efficient operations.

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With regard to the submarine water pipe renewal work that JFE Engineering Corporation contracted with Taketomi Town, Okinawa, in June 2017 and June 2020, three employees of the company were indicted on charges of violating the Act on Elimination and Prevention of Involvement in Bid Rigging, etc. and Punishments for Acts by Employees that Harm Fairness of Bidding, etc. and obstructing public contract-related auction bidding. One of these (formerly an employee of the company) was found guilty by the Naha District Court in August 2022.

We deeply regret that this situation has come to this and deeply apologize to our shareholders and other stakeholders for any inconvenience and concern this may cause.

We regard this matter very seriously and sincerely. We will seek to determine the cause of this incident, implement measures to prevent any recurrence, and strive to regain public trust as early as possible while continuing to closely monitor the progress of court cases involving the other employees of the company involved.

The JFE Group will continue to make diligent Group-wide efforts to ensure thorough compliance, address environmental issues, and establish safety, which are the basis of our relationship of trust with society. Moreover, we will complete the measures set forth under the seventh Medium-Term Business Plan and raise the Group's value on capital markets through our efforts to achieve sustainable growth as a company and enhance corporate value for all stakeholders, including our shareholders.

We appreciate the continued understanding, support and encouragement of our shareholders.

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(2) Production, order received and sales

The production, order received and sales of JFE Holdings, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, etc. (including joint operations) during the 21st term were as follows. Revenue of joint operations included in Sales is an amount corresponding to equity of the JFE Group.

1) Production (Thousand tons)

Business	20th term FY2021	21st term FY2022	Change (%)
Steel business (crude steel output)	27,262	25,475	(6.6)

2) Order received (Millions of yen)

Business	20th term FY2021	21st term FY2022	Change (%)
Engineering business	505,848	564,946	11.7

3) Sales (Millions of yen)

Business	20th term FY2021	21st term FY2022	Change (%)
Steel business	3,173,475	3,881,139	22.3
Engineering business	508,215	512,500	0.8
Trading business	1,231,763	1,514,137	22.9
Eliminations or corporate	(548,309)	(638,982)	—
Total	4,365,145	5,268,794	20.7

(3) Capital expenditure

Total amount of capital expenditure of JFE Holdings, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, etc. (including joint operations) during the 21st term was 325.6 billion yen and the major expenditure was as follows. Amount of capital expenditure of joint operations included in the amount above is an amount corresponding to equity of the JFE Group.

1) Major facility completed during the 21st term

Steel Business

JFE Steel Corporation

East Japan Works (Chiba)

West Japan Works (Kurashiki)

Repair of No. 6 blast furnace

Renewal of blast boiler for blast furnace
STEP 1

2) Major ongoing facility during the 21st term

Steel Business

JFE Steel Corporation

West Japan Works (Kurashiki)

West Japan Works (Kurashiki)

West Japan Works (Kurashiki)

West Japan Works (Kurashiki)

West Japan Works (Fukuyama)

Corporate

Expansion of production capacity of
electrical steel sheets

Renewal of steelworks systems (Kurashiki)

Production capacity enhancement of heavy,
extra-thick steel plates for offshore wind-
power applications

Renewal and electrification of blast furnace
blower

Construction of No. 6 coke oven (Battery A)

Renewal of steelworks systems (Phase 2)

Engineering Business

JFE Engineering Corporation

Construction of a factory for manufacturing base for the monopile foundations of
offshore wind turbines

(4) Fund procurement

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JFE Holdings, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, etc. (including joint operations) raised necessary funds through long-term loans and issuance of straight bonds. The total amount is 335.8 billion yen. The amount for joint operations included in the amount above is an amount corresponding to equity of the JFE Group.

(5) Assets and operating results

1) Consolidated assets and operating results of JFE Holdings, Inc.

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) (Millions of yen)

Item	18th term FY2019	19th term FY2020	20th term FY2021	21st term FY2022
Revenue	3,729,717	3,227,285	4,365,145	5,268,794
Business profit	37,899	(12,911)	416,466	235,841
Profit attributable to owners of parent	(197,744)	(21,868)	288,058	162,621
Basic earnings per share (yen)	(343.39)	(37.98)	500.28	280.68
Total equity	1,706,552	1,760,154	2,070,739	2,193,395
Total assets	4,646,120	4,654,972	5,287,909	5,524,040

2) Assets and operating results of JFE Holdings, Inc.

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(Millions of yen)

Item	18th term FY2019	19th term FY2020	20th term FY2021	21st term FY2022
Operating revenue	61,228	21,918	62,219	68,825
Operating income	48,548	9,334	49,716	52,383
Ordinary income	48,548	9,334	49,716	52,383
Profit	25,866	9,182	49,438	52,115
Profit per share (yen)	44.91	15.94	85.84	89.93
Net assets	1,014,114	1,023,456	1,032,718	1,017,702
Total assets	2,676,515	2,745,823	2,767,173	2,734,669

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(6) Major lines of business (As of March 31, 2023)

1) JFE Holdings, Inc.

Control and administration of operating companies engaged in the steel, engineering, trading and other businesses by holding shares thereof.

2) Steel business (JFE Steel Corporation and its affiliated companies)

Manufacture and sales of various steel products, steel processed products, raw materials, etc., as well as transportation business and peripheral businesses such as the equipment maintenance and equipment work businesses.

(Major products and services)

Steel products and semi-finished products (hot-rolled steel sheets, cold-rolled steel sheets, surface-treated steel sheets, steel plates, steel shapes, H-shapes, sheet piles, rails, seamless steel pipes, forge welded steel pipes, electric resistance welded steel pipes, rectangular steel pipes, arc-welded steel pipes, electrical steel sheets, stainless sheets, steel bars, wire rods, iron powder, slabs); titanium products; steel processed products; chemical products; formed and fabricated products; various containers; mining and mineral products; iron and steel slag products; functional materials; ferroalloy; various refractories; furnace construction works; various transportation and warehousing; civil engineering and construction works; equipment management and construction works; electric works; telecommunications works; thermal power generation; gas; temporary construction materials; real estate; insurance agency business; various service businesses; various computer systems; material analysis; environmental research; technical information surveys; support for intellectual properties, etc.

3) Engineering business (JFE Engineering Corporation and its affiliated companies)

Engineering business regarding energy, urban environment, steel structures, industrial machineries, recycling business and electricity retailing business

(Major products and services)

Gas, oil, and water pipelines; various tanks such as LNG/LPG; solar, geothermal, biomass and other renewable energy generation systems; municipal waste incinerator; water treatment systems; recycling services for waste plastics, etc.; bridges, port and harbor structures; industrial machineries such as logistic systems, engines, shield tunneling machine and ballast water treatment system; pig iron making, steelmaking and mini-mill related plants; quick chargers for electric vehicles, etc.

4) Trading business (JFE Shoji Corporation and its affiliated companies)

Purchasing, processing and sales of steel products, raw materials for ironmaking/steelmaking, non-ferrous metal products, foods, etc.

(Major products and services)

Steel products (steel plates, checkered steel plates, hot-rolled steel sheets, cold-rolled steel sheets, electrical steel sheets, surface-treated steel sheets, galvanized steel sheets, tin plates, steel pipes, specialty steel pipes, steel bars, H-shapes, lightweight shaped steel plates, regular shaped steel plates, columns, wire rods, stainless steels, specialty steels, slabs); flux; iron powder; steel processed products; raw materials, other materials and equipment for ironmaking/steelmaking; non-ferrous metal products; scrap metal; blast furnace slag; chemical products; petroleum products; paper products; vessels; biomass fuels; civil engineering and construction works; the Terre Armee method; canned products; agricultural and livestock products; marine products; semiconductor products; real estate and so forth.

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(7) Major sales offices, works and overseas offices (As of March 31, 2023)

1) JFE Holdings, Inc.

Head office	Head office (Chiyoda, Tokyo)
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2) Steel business (JFE Steel Corporation)

Head office	Head office (Chiyoda, Tokyo)
Domestic sales offices	Osaka, Nagoya, Hokkaido (Sapporo), Tohoku (Sendai), Niigata, Hokuriku (Toyama), Chugoku (Hiroshima), Shikoku (Takamatsu), Kyusyu (Fukuoka), Chiba, Kanagawa (Yokohama), Shizuoka, Okayama and Okinawa (Naha)
Steel works	Sendai Works, East Japan Works (Chiba and Kawasaki), West Japan Works (Kurashiki and Fukuyama) and Chita Works (Handa)
Research laboratories	Steel Research Laboratories (Chiba, Kawasaki, Handa, Kurashiki and Fukuyama)
Overseas offices	Houston, Mexico, Brisbane, Brazil, Dubai, New Delhi, Mumbai, Singapore, Bangkok, Vietnam, Jakarta, Manila, Seoul, Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou

3) Engineering business (JFE Engineering Corporation)

Head offices	Tokyo head office (Chiyoda, Tokyo) and Yokohama head office
Domestic sales offices	Hokkaido (Sapporo), Doto (Kushiro), Tomakomai, Tohoku (Sendai), Fukko Saisei (Fukushima), Tokyo (Chiyoda, Tokyo), Yokohama, Kawasaki, Niigata, Toyama, Shizuoka, Nagoya, Mie (Tsu), Osaka, Nara (Kashiba), Wakayama, Kobe, Shikoku (Takamatsu), Kurashiki, Chugoku (Hiroshima), Fukuyama, Yamaguchi (Hofu), Kyusyu (Fukuoka), Kumamoto, Minamikyushu (Kagoshima) and Okinawa (Naha)
Production bases	Tsurumi Engineering and Manufacturing Center (Yokohama) and Tsu Works
Research laboratory	Technical Research Center (Yokohama)
Overseas offices	Beijing, Philippines, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh, Bangkok, Singapore, Malaysia, Jakarta, Yangon, Bangladesh, India, Germany, U.S.A.

4) Trading business (JFE Shoji Corporation)

Head office	Head office (Chiyoda, Tokyo)
Domestic sales offices	Osaka, Nagoya, Hokkaido (Sapporo), Tohoku (Sendai), Niigata, Shizuoka, Hokuriku (Toyama), Okayama, Hiroshima, Shikoku (Takamatsu), Kyusyu (Fukuoka), Chibaminami (Chiba), Keihin (Kawasaki), Hamamatsu, Chita (Handa), Okayama (Kurashiki), Kurashiki, Fukuyama, Kagoshima and Naha
Overseas offices	Taipei, Singapore, Dusseldorf, Dubai, Kaohsiung, Istanbul, U.S.A., Brazil, Hong Kong, Australia, South Korea, Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, India and Vietnam

Note:

Overseas offices include overseas subsidiaries.

Major affiliated companies and their head office locations are listed in (9) Significant subsidiaries and affiliates (pages 31-35).

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(8) Employees (As of March 31, 2023)

Numbers of employees of JFE Holdings, Inc., operating companies and its consolidated subsidiaries are as follows.

1) Employees of JFE Holdings, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries

	Number of employees
JFE Holdings, Inc.	55
Steel business (JFE Steel Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries)	44,469
Engineering business (JFE Engineering Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries)	11,086
Trading business (JFE Shoji Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries)	8,631
Total	64,241

2) Employees of JFE Holdings, Inc. and operating companies (JFE Steel Corporation, JFE Engineering Corporation and JFE Shoji Corporation)

	Number of employees	Year-on-year increase	Average age (years old)	Average years of service
JFE Holdings, Inc.	55	(Increase by 4)	46.1	21.8
JFE Steel Corporation	15,185	(Decrease by 415)	39.1	16.7
JFE Engineering Corporation	3,846	(Decrease by 29)	44.8	15.4
JFE Shoji Corporation	1,035	(Increase by 19)	38.6	12.3

Note:

For those dispatched from operating companies to JFE Holdings, Inc., the aggregated years of service for the respective companies are adapted to the calculation of the Average years of service.

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(9) Significant subsidiaries and affiliates (As of March 31, 2023)

1) Significant subsidiaries (*Stocks indirectly held by subsidiary companies are included.)

Name	Head office location	Description of business	Capital (Millions of yen)	Voting rights ratio (%)
[Steel business]				
JFE Steel Corporation	Chiyoda, Tokyo	Manufacture and sales of steel products	239,644	100.0
JFE Bars & Shapes Corporation	Minato, Tokyo	Manufacture and sales of steel shapes and reinforcing steel bars	30,000	*100.0
JFE Chemical Corporation	Taito, Tokyo	Manufacture and sales of chemical products	6,000	*100.0
JFE Metal Products & Engineering Inc.	Minato, Tokyo	Manufacture, processing and sales of secondary steel products	5,000	*97.4
JFE Galvanizing & Coating Co., Ltd	Shinagawa, Tokyo	Manufacture, processing and sales of secondary steel products	5,000	*100.0
Gecoss Corporation	Chuo, Tokyo	Rental and sales of temporary construction materials	4,397	*59.5
JFE Logistics Corporation	Chiyoda, Tokyo	Various transportation and warehousing businesses	4,000	*89.2
JFE Container Co., Ltd.	Chiyoda, Tokyo	Manufacture and sales of various containers	2,365	*100.0
JFE Civil Engineering & Construction Corp.	Taito, Tokyo	Contracting for civil engineering and construction works	2,300	*100.0
JFE Mineral Company, Ltd.	Minato, Tokyo	Mining and exploitation, processing and sales of mineral products, and manufacture and sales of functional materials, ferroalloys, and iron and steel slag	2,000	*100.0
JFE Life Corporation	Taito, Tokyo	Real estate, insurance agency and various service businesses	2,000	*100.0
JFE Plant Engineering Co., Ltd.	Taito, Tokyo	Manufacture and sales of machinery and equipment, contracting for electric works, telecommunications works, and equipment management and construction works	1,700	*100.0
JFE Systems, Inc.	Minato, Tokyo	Development and sales of various computer systems	1,390	*67.8
JFE Pipe Fitting Mfg. Co., Ltd.	Kishiwada, Osaka	Manufacture and sales of steel pipe joints	958	*86.6
JFE Kozai Corporation	Chuo, Tokyo	Shearing and fusing of steel plates/sheets, and sales of steel materials	488	*100.0
JFE Welded Pipe Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Chuo, Tokyo	Manufacture and sales of electric resistance welded steel pipes	450	*100.0
JFE Steel Australia Resources Pty Ltd.	Brisbane, Australia	Investments in coal mines and the iron ore mining business in Australia	AUD 460 mil	*100.0

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Name	Head office location	Description of business	Capital (Millions of yen)	Voting rights ratio (%)
Philippine Sinter Corporation	Manila, Philippines	Manufacture and sales of sintered ore	PHP 1,957 mil	*100.0
PT. JFE STEEL GALVANIZING INDONESIA	Bekasi, Indonesia	Manufacture and sales of cold-rolled and hot-dip galvanized steel products	USD 139 mil	*100.0
JFE Steel Galvanizing (Thailand) Ltd.	Rayong, Thailand	Manufacture and sales of hot-dip galvanized steel products	THB 4,362 mil	*100.0
[Engineering business]				
JFE Engineering Corporation	Chiyoda, Tokyo	Engineering business	10,000	100.0
J&T Recycling Corporation	Yokohama	Total recycling business	650	*64.0
Standardkessel Baumgarte Holding GmbH	Mülheim, Germany	Construction and maintenance of waste-fueled power generation, biomass power generation, and exhaust heat recovery power generation plants, etc.	EUR 1,300 thou	100.0
[Trading business]				
JFE Shoji Corporation	Chiyoda, Tokyo	Domestic and export/import trade of steel products, raw materials for ironmaking/steelmaking, non-ferrous metal products, chemical products, petroleum products, various equipment and materials, etc.	14,539	100.0
JFE Shoji Steel Construction Materials Corporation	Chiyoda, Tokyo	Sales of construction material products and equipment and materials for civil engineering/construction; metallic processing business; civil engineering/construction works; various works	1,500	*100.0
JFE Shoji Pipe & Fitting Corporation	Chiyoda, Tokyo	Sales of steel pipe and pipe material products	500	*100.0
JFE Shoji Thailand Ltd.	Bangkok, Thailand	Export/import and domestic trade of steel products, raw materials for ironmaking/steelmaking, various equipment and materials, etc.	THB 20 mil	*100.0
JFE Shoji America Holdings Inc.	L.A., U.S.A.	Management of subsidiaries in Americas, etc.	USD 0 mil	*100.0
JFE Shoji America LLC	L.A., U.S.A.	Export/import and domestic trade of steel products, raw materials for ironmaking/steelmaking, etc.	—	*100.0
Kelly Pipe Co., LLC	Santa Fe Springs, U.S.A.	Sales of steel pipe	—	*100.0
CEMCO LLC	City of Industry, U.S.A.	Processing and sales of steel frames for construction	—	*100.0

- PT. JFE STEEL GALVANIZING INDONESIA, Standardkessel Baumgarte Holding GmbH, and CEMCO LLC have been included among significant subsidiaries from the 21st term.

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- JFE Mineral Company, Ltd., JFE Material Co., Ltd., and Mizushima Ferroalloy Co., Ltd., which was shown in the 20th term, merged on April 1, 2022, with JFE Mineral Company, Ltd. as the surviving company.
- JFE Container Co., Ltd. became a wholly owned subsidiary of JFE Steel Corporation through a share exchange on August 1, 2022.
- JFE Steel Corporation sold 76.6% of the shares of JFE Pipe Fitting Mfg. Co., Ltd. to Riken Corporation on May 9, 2023.
- The consolidated subsidiaries totaled 326, including the companies stated above, during the 21st term.

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2) Significant affiliates (*Stocks indirectly held by subsidiary companies are included.)

Name	Head office location	Description of business	Capital (Millions of yen)	Voting rights ratio (%)
[Steel business]				
Japan-Brazil Niobium Corporation	Chiyoda, Tokyo	Investment in the niobium mining business in Brazil	37,272	*25.0
Setouchi Joint Thermal Power Co., Ltd.	Fukuyama, Hiroshima	Thermal power generation business	5,000	*50.0
Shinagawa Refractories Co., Ltd.	Chiyoda, Tokyo	Manufacture and sales of various refractories, and contracting for furnace construction works	3,300	*34.1
Nippon Chuzo K.K.	Kawasaki	Manufacture and sales of cast steel products, etc.	2,627	*36.2
Nippon Chutetsukan K.K.	Kuki, Saitama	Manufacture and sales of cast-iron pipes, etc.	1,855	*30.0
Exa Corporation	Yokohama	Development and sales of various computer systems	1,250	*49.0
NKK Tubes K. K.	Yokohama	Manufacture and sales of seamless steel pipes	100	*49.0
K.K. JFE Sanso Center	Fukuyama, Hiroshima	Manufacture and sales of oxygen gas, nitrogen gas and argon gas, etc.	90	*40.0
Guangzhou JFE Steel Sheet Co., Ltd.	Guangzhou, China	Manufacture and sales of cold-rolled and hot-dip zinc galvanized steel sheets	CNY 3,191 mil	*50.0
Nucor-JFE Steel Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Silao, Mexico	Manufacture and sales of hot-dip zinc galvanized steel products	USD 361 mil	*50.0
BaoWu JFE Special Steel Co., Ltd.	Shaoguan, China	Manufacture and sales of specialty bar steel	CNY 1,372 mil	*50.0
Thai Cold Rolled Steel Sheet Public Co., Ltd.	Bangkok, Thailand	Manufacture and sales of cold-rolled steel sheets	THB 4,816 mil	*36.0
California Steel Industries, Inc.	Fontana, U.S.A	Manufacture and sales of steel products	USD 40 mil	*49.0
JSW Steel Ltd.	Mumbai, India	Manufacture and sales of steel products	INR 3,010 mil	*15.0
[Engineering business]				
JP Steel Plantech Co.	Yokohama	Design, manufacture and installation of ironmaking machinery, etc.	1,995	*34.0

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Name	Head office location	Description of business	Capital (Millions of yen)	Voting rights ratio (%)
[Trading business]				
Hanwa Kozai Co., Ltd.	Osaka	Processing and sales of stainless products	1,076	*47.9
[Other business]				
Japan Marine United Corporation	Yokohama	Design, manufacture, sales, installation, repair and maintenance of ships, naval vessels and marine structures, etc.	57,500	35.0

- The liquidation of NKK Tubes K. K. was completed on April 28, 2023.
- The equity method affiliates (including joint operations) totaled 85, including the companies stated above, during the 21st term.

3) Matters regarding designated wholly owned subsidiaries

Name	Address	Total book value (Millions of yen)	Total assets of the Company (Millions of yen)
JFE Steel Corporation	2-3 Uchisaiwai-cho 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo	721,736	2,734,669

(10) Major lenders (As of March 31, 2023)

The major lenders of JFE Holdings, Inc. and consolidated subsidiaries are as follows.

Name	Loan balance (Millions of yen)
Mizuho Bank, Ltd.	263,111
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation	148,178
MUFG Bank, Ltd.	122,069
Development Bank of Japan Inc.	114,118

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2. JFE Holdings, Inc.'s Share (As of March 31, 2023)

(1) Number of shares

Total number of shares authorized to be issued	2,298,000,000
Total number of shares issued	614,438,399
(Number of shares of treasury shares included)	32,862,163)

(2) Total number of shareholders 286,625

(3) Major shareholders

Name	Number of shares held (Thousand shares)	Shareholding ratio (%)
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (trust account)	87,157	15.0
Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (trust account)	36,418	6.3
Nippon Life Insurance Company	15,855	2.7
The Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company, Limited	13,127	2.3
JFE Employees Stock Ownership Plan	12,272	2.1
Mizuho Bank, Ltd.	12,138	2.1
STATE STREET BANK WEST CLIENT – TREATY 505234	9,702	1.7
JFE Business Partners Stock Ownership Plan	9,480	1.6
Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities Co., Ltd.	7,352	1.3
Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	7,042	1.2

Note:

In addition to the above, JFE Holdings, Inc. retains 32,862,163 treasury shares. The treasury shares are not included in the shareholding ratio calculation.

3. Subscription Rights to Shares

Not applicable

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4. Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members

(1) Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members

(As of March 31, 2023)

Position	Name	Significant concurrent post
Representative Director, President and CEO	Koji Kakigi	Chairman of the Board of Directors, JFE 21st Century Foundation (Public Interest Incorporated Foundation)
Representative Director	Yoshihisa Kitano	Representative Director, President and CEO, JFE Steel Corporation
Representative Director	Masashi Terahata	Director, JFE Steel Corporation Representative Director, JFE 21st Century Foundation (Public Interest Incorporated Foundation)
Director	Hajime Oshita	Representative Director, President and CEO, JFE Engineering Corporation
Director	Toshinori Kobayashi	Representative Director, President and CEO, JFE Shoji Corporation
Director	Masami Yamamoto	Director and Senior Advisor, Fujitsu Limited Outside Member of the Board of Directors, Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.
Director	Nobumasa Kemori	Honorary Advisor, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. Outside Director, Sumitomo Realty & Development Co., Ltd.
Director	Yoshiko Ando	Audit & Supervisory Board Member, Kirin Holdings Company, Limited Outside Director, Sansei Technologies, Inc.
Audit & Supervisory Board Member (Full-time)	Nobuya Hara	Audit & Supervisory Board Member, JFE Steel Corporation
Audit & Supervisory Board Member (Full-time)	Nakaba Akimoto	Audit & Supervisory Board Member, JFE Engineering Corporation Audit & Supervisory Board Member, JFE Shoji Corporation
Audit & Supervisory Board Member	Isao Saiki	Partner Lawyer, Abe, Ikubo & Katayama Law Firm
Audit & Supervisory Board Member	Tsuyoshi Numagami	Professor, Graduate School of Business Administration, HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY Outside Director, Tokyo Century Corporation Outside Director, EBARA CORPORATION
Audit & Supervisory Board Member	Takuya Shimamura	Director and Chairman, AGC Inc. Outside Director, EBARA CORPORATION

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Notes:

1. Nobumasa Kemori, Director of JFE Holdings, Inc., retired as Outside Director of NAGASE & CO., LTD. as of June 20, 2022.
2. Masami Yamamoto, Nobumasa Kemori and Yoshiko Ando serve as Outside Directors of JFE Holdings, Inc.
3. Audit & Supervisory Board Members retired during the 21st term are as follows.

Position	Name	Retirement date
Audit & Supervisory Board Member (Full-time)	Kumiko Baba	June 24, 2022
Audit & Supervisory Board Member	Shigeo Ohyagi	June 24, 2022

4. Tsuyoshi Numagami, Audit & Supervisory Board Member of JFE Holdings, Inc., became Outside Director of Tokyo Century Corporation as of June 27, 2022 and Outside Director of EBARA CORPORATION as of March 29, 2023. He retired as Professor of Graduate School of Business Administration, HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY as of March 31, 2023 and became Professor of the Institute for Business and Finance, Waseda University as of April 1, 2023.
5. Nobuya Hara, Audit & Supervisory Board Member of JFE Holdings, Inc., has extensive knowledge of and insight into finance and accounting, which he accumulated through work in corporate planning, accounting and finance at JFE Steel Corporation, and through accounting work at JFE Holdings, Inc.
6. Tsuyoshi Numagami, Audit & Supervisory Board Member of JFE Holdings, Inc., has been engaged in extensive research on overall corporate management, including business strategy, and has extensive knowledge of and insight into finance and accounting based on his expertise.
7. Isao Saiki, Tsuyoshi Numagami and Takuya Shimamura serve as Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members of JFE Holdings, Inc.
8. Directors Masami Yamamoto, Nobumasa Kemori and Yoshiko Ando and Audit & Supervisory Board Members Isao Saiki, Tsuyoshi Numagami and Takuya Shimamura satisfy the requirements of Independent Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member as stipulated in the regulations of Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc., and the “Standards for Independence of Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members” stipulated by JFE Holdings, Inc. JFE Holdings, Inc. designated these six persons as independent Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member as stipulated under the regulations of Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. and registered them as such with the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
9. Corporate Officers as of March 31, 2023, are as follows.

Position	Name	Responsibility(ies)
President	Koji Kakigi	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Executive Vice President	Masashi Terahata	Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Supervision of General Administration Dept., Corporate Planning Dept., Investor Relations Dept. Finance Dept. and Keihin Area Land Development Dept.
Senior Vice President	Toshihiro Tanaka	In charge of Investor Relations Dept. and Finance Dept.
Senior Vice President	Makoto Iwayama	In charge of Keihin Area Land Development Dept.
Vice President	Seiya Kitajima	In charge of General Administration Dept. and Corporate Planning Dept.

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(2) Outline of the contracts for limitation of liability

JFE Holdings, Inc. has entered into agreements, in accordance with the provision of Article 427, Paragraph 1, of the Companies Act, with all the Outside Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members of JFE Holdings, Inc. to limit their liability to compensate damages under Article 423, Paragraph 1, of the Companies Act. The limitation on indemnity liability of each Outside Director and Audit & Supervisory Board Member to compensate damages under such agreements is set out to the amount set forth in the relevant laws and regulations.

(3) Outline of the indemnity agreement

The Company has entered into indemnity agreements stipulated in Article 430-2, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act with all Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members stated in (1) Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members (page 37) above, and the Company will indemnify them to the extent provided by laws and regulations for the expenses stipulated in Item 1 of the same Paragraph of the Companies Act and for the losses stipulated in Item 2 of the same Paragraph.

However, the Company has taken measures to ensure that the proper execution of duties by each Director or Audit & Supervisory Board Member is not compromised, by providing, for example, that compensation for litigation expenses will not be paid in cases where the Director or Audit & Supervisory Board Member has executed their duties with malice or gross negligence or in cases where the Company pursues liability against the Director or Audit & Supervisory Board Member (except cases where the Director or Audit & Supervisory Board Member has prevailed in their lawsuits).

(4) Outline of the directors and officers liability insurance contract

The Company has concluded a directors and officers liability insurance contract with an insurance company as stipulated in Article 430-3, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, which insures Directors, Audit & Supervisory Board Members, Corporate Officers, etc. of the Company, JFE Steel Corporation and JFE Shoji Corporation.

The contract covers damages and legal costs incurred by the insured due to claims for damages arising out of acts (including omissions) committed by the insured in his or her capacity as an officer, etc. of the Company. However, certain exclusions are provided, such as the exclusion of coverage for damages caused by acts committed by the insured while aware that such acts were in violation of laws and regulations, and measures are taken to ensure that the proper execution of duties by officers, etc. is not compromised. All premiums are borne by the Company, and there is essentially no premium burden on the insured.

(5) Remuneration for Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members

1) Remuneration for Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members during the 21st term

Category	Total amount (thousands of yen)	Total amount by type (thousands of yen)				Number of eligible Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members
		Basic remuneration	Bonus	Stock remuneration		
				Performance-linked portion	Service-length portion	
Director	352,481	266,015	48,890	23,912	13,664	8
Audit & Supervisory Board Member	121,583	121,583	—	—	—	7

Notes:

1. The above includes two Audit & Supervisory Board Members who retired during the 21st term.
2. The total amount of remuneration paid to seven Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members is 91,847 thousand yen and consists only of basic remuneration.

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3. The Company has established a bonus and a performance-linked portion of stock remuneration as performance-linked remuneration for Directors, and the total amount of performance-linked remuneration for the 21st term is 72,802 thousand yen.
 4. Above-stated stock remuneration is intended only for Directors and the entire amount is non-monetary remuneration, etc. The total amount of non-monetary remuneration, etc. expensed as stock remuneration for the 21st term is 37,576 thousand yen.
- 2) Basic concept of remuneration plan for Directors and Corporate Officers
- The Company has designed and operates a remuneration plan for Directors and Corporate Officers in accordance with the Basic Policy on Remuneration for Directors and Corporate Officers (hereinafter referred to as the “Basic Policy”), which was resolved by the Board of Directors on April 26, 2018, and the Policy for Deciding the Individual Remuneration for Directors and Corporate Officers (hereinafter referred to as the “Decision Policy”), which was resolved by the Board of Directors on February 9, 2021 and partially revised by resolution of the Board of Directors on March 28, 2022, pursuant to the Basic Policy, based on deliberations by and reports from the Remuneration Committee.

The content of remuneration, etc. for individual Directors is determined by the Board of Directors, respecting reports made to the Board of Directors following multifaceted reviews, including reviews of consistency with the Basic Policy, etc., by the Remuneration Committee. Therefore, the Board of Directors believes that the content of remuneration, etc. for individual Directors is in line with the Basic Policy and Decision Policy.

The Basic Policy and Decision Policy established by the Company are outlined below.

<Basic Policy>

- The Board of Directors shall determine remuneration for Directors and Corporate Officers based on deliberations regarding its appropriateness by the Remuneration Committee to ensure fairness, objectiveness and transparency.
- The remuneration levels for Directors and Corporate Officers shall be determined to secure excellent human resources who are able to put the Group’s corporate vision into practice, taking into consideration the business environment of the Group and remuneration levels at other companies in the same industry or of the same scale.
- The ratios between basic remuneration and performance-linked remuneration (annual bonus and stock remuneration) shall be properly established according to the roles and responsibilities, etc. of each Director and Corporate Officer so as to function as sound incentives toward the sustainable growth of the Group.

<Outline of Decision Policy>

- Remuneration for Directors and Corporate Officers shall be determined by a resolution of the Board of Directors in accordance with the Basic Policy and the Decision Policy, based on reports from the Remuneration Committee.
- Remuneration for the Company’s Directors and Corporate Officers is comprised of basic remuneration and performance-linked remuneration (annual bonus and stock remuneration).
- Basic remuneration is paid as a fixed amount, in cash, each month according to position.
- Annual bonus is linked to the Company’s single-year performance (measured based on financial and non-financial indicators) and is paid in cash once a year.
- Stock remuneration is granted as the Company’s shares and cash equivalent to the amount of the Company’s shares converted to market value (hereinafter referred to as the “Company’s Shares”) through the trust upon retirement.
- The ratios of remuneration by type are structured so that the higher the position, the greater the weight of performance-linked remuneration, and the ratio for the Company’s President has been set so that when performance targets are achieved the ratio is “basic remuneration : annual bonus : stock remuneration = 60% : 20% : 20%.”

The introduction of indicators related to climate change for performance-linked remuneration was decided by resolution of the Board of Directors meeting held on March 28, 2023, as an incentive to accelerate initiatives to address climate change, which is positioned as a top priority management issue. From FY2023 onwards, annual bonuses

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will be calculated using indicators related to climate change, in addition to the existing indicators of total segment profit for a single fiscal year and an indicator related to employee safety. Specifically, the amounts of bonuses paid will be calculated based on the degree of achievement of KPIs related to contribution to addressing the issue of climate change (initiatives to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050), which is a top priority management issue (material issues) for each operating company.

The Company's Remuneration Committee and Board of Directors will continue to examine remuneration, aiming for a remuneration plan for Directors and Corporate Officers that functions as a more healthy incentive to achieve sustainable growth.

3) Basic remuneration and annual bonus

Based on a resolution of the 16th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 21, 2018, the Company set Directors' remuneration at 700 million yen per year (of which 80 million yen per year is for Outside Directors), and in addition to the basic remuneration, an annual bonus shall be paid within the scope of limit on remuneration. The number of Directors involved in the resolution is eight (including three Outside Directors).

Annual bonuses are composed of a portion based on total segment profit for a single fiscal year as the performance-linked indicator, and a portion based on an indicator related to employee safety as the performance-linked indicator (lost-work injuries rate, reduced to 0% in the event of any workplace fatality). The levels of achievement of each indicator are multiplied by a certain standard amount for each position.

The Company selected this indicator as it believes that it is important to steadily implement each measure to achieve the profit target of 310 billion yen per year in total in terms of segment profit which was set for the seventh Medium-Term Business Plan.

Total segment profit for the 21st term is shown in (Reference) Segment Information of the Consolidated Financial Statements (page 54).

The indicator related to employee safety is determined as a KPI for material issues for the Company and its operating companies. We believe it is crucial for all companies with on-site manufacturing and construction operations to prevent workplace injuries. We chose this indicator because we consider it necessary to raise employee awareness of occupational health and safety across the entire JFE Group, which includes a large number of Group companies and affiliates. The level of companywide achievement of this indicator at operating companies in the 21st term was 0% at JFE Steel Corporation, 96% at JFE Engineering Corporation, and 144% at JFE Shoji Corporation. (However, as JFE Steel Corporation evaluates this indicator by workplace, the level of achievement differs for each workplace.) The Company calculates this indicator based on the level of achievement at each operating company. As the companywide level of achievement at JFE Steel Corporation was 0%, the Company's level of achievement was also 0% in the 21st term.

4) Stock remuneration

The Company introduced a stock remuneration plan based on a resolution of the 16th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 21, 2018, in order to further enhance the incentive for Directors to improve medium- to long-term corporate value, and partially amended the contents thereof based on a resolution of the 19th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 25, 2021.

Under the plan, points are granted to Directors in the form of performance-linked points and service-length points for each fiscal year, in accordance with the Stock Grant Regulations for Officers established by the Company. The performance-linked portion of points are calculated by multiplying the base points specified for each position by an adjustment rate for profit attributable to owners of parent. The service-length portion of points are calculated by multiplying the base points specified for each position by an adjustment rate based on the length of the term of office for the relevant position. Upon retirement as a Director, the Company's Shares will be granted by calculating the number of points obtained by multiplying the accumulated number of points by a prescribed coefficient established based on the reason for their retirement and converting this number to the number of the Company's common shares by converting one point to one share of common stock of the Company.

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The Company's shares to be granted to Directors shall be acquired through a trust funded by money contributed by the Company. In accordance with the resolution of the 19th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, for the period covered by the Medium-Term Business Plan (hereinafter referred to as the "Target Period"), as the Directors' portion, the maximum amount of money to be contributed to the trust shall be 200 million yen per fiscal year multiplied by the number of fiscal years related to the Target Period, and the limit of the number of the Company's shares to be acquired by the trust shall be 220 thousand shares per fiscal year multiplied by the number of fiscal years related to the Target Period. The number of Directors involved in the resolution is two.

The Company selected this performance indicator as the basis for calculating the performance-linked portion of stock remuneration in the belief that it is important to steadily implement each measure to achieve the profit target of 220 billion yen per year of profit attributable to owners of parent, which links directly to return to shareholders, as set as of the end of the seventh Medium-Term Business Plan period.

Changes in profit attributable to owners of parent, including the 21st term, are described in 1. (5) Assets and operating results (page 27) above.

The Company did not provide the Company's Shares to Directors during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022.

Directors who have been dismissed and Directors who have committed any misconduct may lose the right to receive benefits for Directors based on a resolution of the Board of Directors. Directors who have already received benefits may be asked to return the economic value equivalent to the Company's Shares already received, based on a resolution of the Board of Directors if they engage in any misconduct.

5) Policy on remuneration for Audit & Supervisory Board Members

Under the Decision Policy, the Company only pays basic remuneration to Audit & Supervisory Board Members in consideration of their role of auditing management from an independent and objective standpoint, and the amount for each individual is determined through consultation between Audit & Supervisory Board Members within the scope of limit on remuneration set at the General Meeting of Shareholders. Based on a resolution of the 16th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 21, 2018, the Company set remuneration for Audit & Supervisory Board Members at 200 million yen per year and the number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members involved in the resolution is five.

(6) Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members

1) Significant entities where Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members concurrently hold positions are listed on page 37.

There is no special relationship between those entities and JFE Holdings, Inc.

2) Activities during the 21st term

• Masami Yamamoto, Director

Masami Yamamoto attended all of the 15 meetings of the Board of Directors. Having a wealth of knowledge related to ICT and a broad knowledge in corporate management in a global setting, he spoke appropriately at the meetings.

• Nobumasa Kemori, Director

Nobumasa Kemori attended all of the 15 meetings of the Board of Directors. Having experience in a broad range of businesses and corporate management and deep academic knowledge about metallic materials, he spoke appropriately at the meetings.

• Yoshiko Ando, Director

Yoshiko Ando attended all of the 15 meetings of the Board of Directors. Having a wealth of experience as an administrative official and a high level of expertise in the fields of employment and labor, she spoke appropriately at the meetings.

• Isao Saiki, Audit & Supervisory Board Member

Isao Saiki attended all of the 15 meetings of the Board of Directors and all of the 19

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meetings of the Audit & Supervisory Board. Having a wealth of experience and impressive knowledge in corporate legal affairs and other matters as a lawyer, he spoke appropriately at the meetings.

- Tsuyoshi Numagami, Audit & Supervisory Board Member
Tsuyoshi Numagami attended all of the 15 meetings of the Board of Directors and all of the 19 meetings of the Audit & Supervisory Board. Having deep academic knowledge about a management strategy and ideal organization of companies and experience in university management, he spoke appropriately at the meetings.
- Takuya Shimamura, Audit & Supervisory Board Member
Takuya Shimamura attended all of the 12 meetings of the Board of Directors and all of the 13 meetings of the Audit & Supervisory Board held since he assumed office on June 24, 2022. Having a wealth of experience and broad knowledge related to sustainability management, in addition to ambidexterity in securing stable earnings and promoting growth strategies through organizational culture change, he spoke appropriately at the meetings.

3) Overview of duties performed by Outside Directors in relation to the roles they are expected to fulfill

Directors Masami Yamamoto, Nobumasa Kemori and Yoshiko Ando spoke appropriately at meetings of the Board of Directors in regard to corporate management from their independent standpoint as Outside Directors and, during the 21st term in particular, they expressed many opinions based on their knowledge in discussions on the progress of the seventh Medium-Term Business Plan and efforts toward carbon neutrality. In addition, they adequately fulfilled their role of strengthening governance expected by the Company as members of the Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee, by speaking appropriately, etc.

The activities and structure of the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee are described in the Corporate Governance Initiatives section below (pages 46-50).

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5. Accounting Auditor

- (1) Designation of Accounting Auditor: Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC
- (2) Amount of remuneration for the Accounting Auditor pertaining to the 21st term
 - 1) Amount of remuneration paid by JFE Holdings, Inc. to the Accounting Auditor pertaining to the 21st term: 18,972 thousand yen
 - 2) Total amount of money and other financial profits paid by JFE Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries to the Accounting Auditor: 547,276 thousand yen
 - 3) Amount of payments described in 2) above, which fall under the business set forth in Article 2, Paragraph 1, of the Certified Public Accountants Act: 543,828 thousand yen

Notes:

1. Of the significant subsidiaries of JFE Holdings, Inc., the overseas subsidiaries are subject to audits of accounts by a certified public accountant or incorporated accounting firm other than the Accounting Auditor of JFE Holdings, Inc.
 2. The audit agreement between the Accounting Auditor and JFE Holdings, Inc. does not separately stipulate audit remunerations based on the Companies Act or the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, and such a distinction is for all intents and purposes impossible to execute. Hence, the remuneration in 1) above contains these two types of payment.
 3. The Audit & Supervisory Board examined the appropriateness of the audit performance for the prior fiscal year, the content of the audit plan for the 21st term and the adequacy of the amount of remuneration for the Accounting Auditor, and, as a result, agreed upon the amount of remuneration to be paid to the Accounting Auditor.
- (3) Non-audit work
JFE Holdings, Inc. pays the Accounting Auditor for non-audit work such as advice on accounting at consolidated subsidiaries, which is outside the scope of work (non-audit duties) stipulated under Article 2, Paragraph 1, of the Certified Public Accountants Act.
 - (4) Policy on decisions of dismissal or non-reappointment of the Accounting Auditor
At JFE Holdings, Inc., the Audit & Supervisory Board shall, upon consent of all the Audit & Supervisory Board Members, dismiss the Accounting Auditor after reviewing a case if it determines a circumstance falling under any of the items set forth in Article 340, Paragraph 1, of the Companies Act, to have occurred. In case any similar circumstance occurs, or if the Audit & Supervisory Board judges it necessary to do so, a proposal for the dismissal or non-reappointment of the Accounting Auditor shall be submitted to a General Meeting of Shareholders.

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6. Basic Policy Regarding the Control of the Company

- Basic policy regarding persons who control decisions on JFE Holdings' financial and business policies

Based on the Group's corporate mission of "contributing to society with the world's most innovative technology," JFE Holdings, Inc. will maximize the sources of corporate value accumulated through years of management effort and continuous investment, including world-class manufacturing capabilities, cost competitiveness, development that leverages Group-wide synergies, and superior human capital, and our basic management stance is to endeavor to increase, in good faith, the corporate value and achieve the common interests of shareholders through the steady continuation of various measures from a long-term perspective, including the development of carbon-neutral technologies.

JFE Holdings, Inc. believes that people who control decisions on its financial and business policies should be those who respect its corporate mission and basic management stance and contribute to securing and enhancing the corporate value and the common interests of shareholders over the long term.

In addition, JFE Holdings, Inc. believes that a change of control is an effective means of revitalizing corporate activities and economy, and JFE Holdings, Inc. believes that when a large-scale purchase is commenced, the shareholders of JFE Holdings, Inc. should, in principle, make decisions as to whether or not the large-scale purchase is acceptable.

However, among a large-scale purchase or a proposal related to a large-scale purchase, there may be some that may damage its corporate value and the common interests of shareholders, or may effectively force shareholders to sell their shares in JFE Holdings, Inc.

Therefore, from the viewpoint of ensuring and enhancing its corporate value and the common interests of its shareholders, JFE Holdings, Inc. will promptly and appropriately take measures to the extent permitted by the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, the Companies Act, and other applicable laws and regulations from time to time, such as requiring any person who intends to make a large-scale purchase of its shares to provide necessary and sufficient information for its shareholders to make an appropriate judgment as to whether such a purchase is appropriate or not, as well as disclosing the opinions of the Board of Directors, while respecting the opinions of Independent Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members, to ensure that shareholders have the necessary information and time to consider the matter.

Note:

As for fractions less than the respective units in the Business Report, the amounts and the number of shares are rounded down, whereas ratios and other values are rounded off.

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(Reference) Corporate Governance Initiatives

JFE Holdings, Inc. has been striving to promote sustainable growth of JFE Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) and the JFE Group (the “Group”) and medium to long-term corporate value, and achieving and hence further enhancing the best corporate governance to embody the Corporate Vision. In October 2015 the Company established the “JFE Holdings, Inc. Basic Policy on Corporate Governance” (the “Policy”). A summary of the Policy and the Company’s corporate governance system may be found below. Moreover, the entire text of the Policy is available on the Company’s website at: <https://www.jfe-holdings.co.jp/en/>.

The Corporate Governance Systems of the Company and the Group

[The Group’s System]

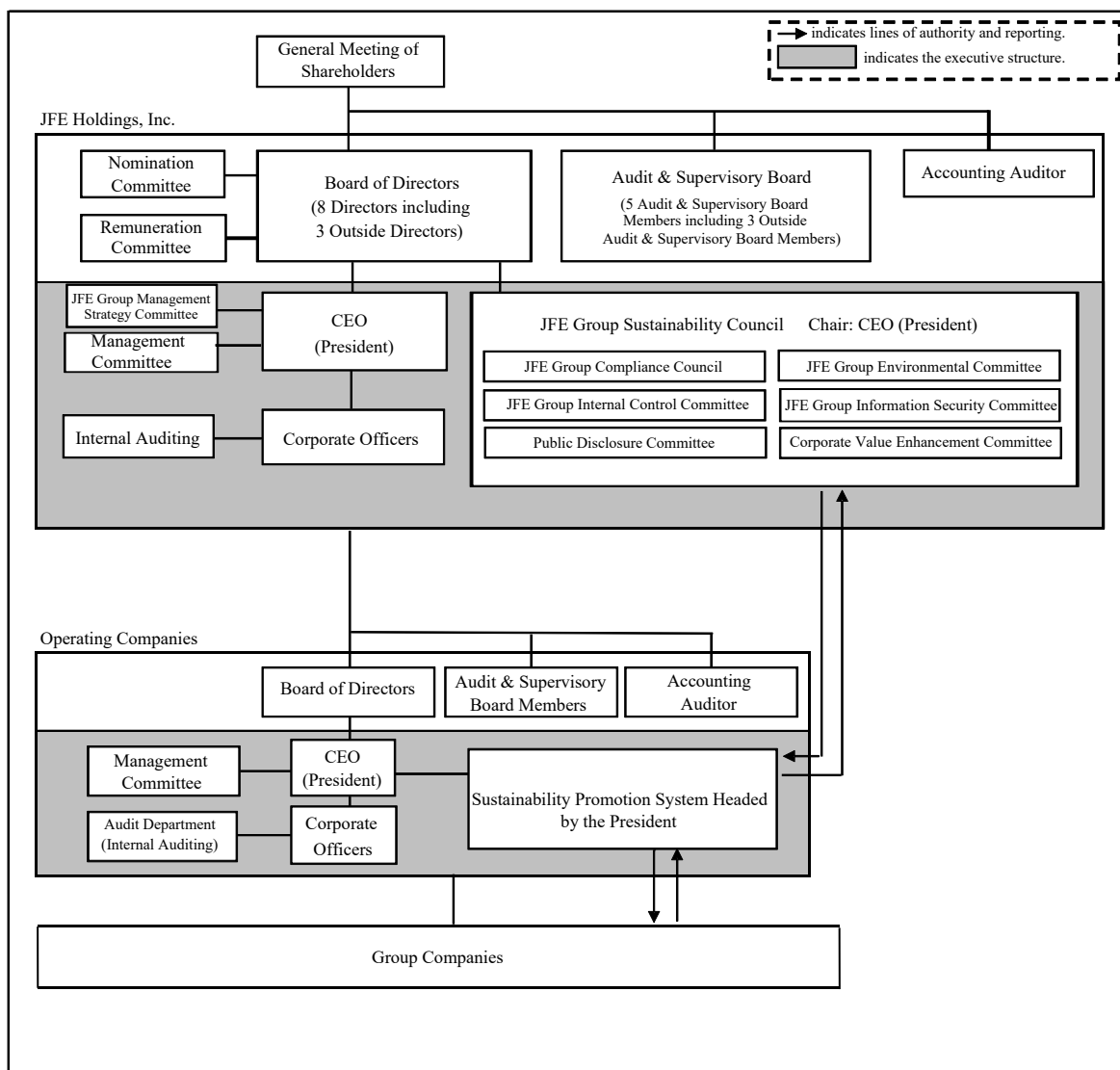
- The JFE Group has adopted a group system that treats the Company as the core pure holding company of the Group.
- The Company, the core of the Group’s integrated governance system, is responsible for Group-wide strategy, risk management, and public accountability.
- Each Operating Company has developed its own system suited to its respective industry, ensuring the best course of action for competitiveness and profitability.
- The holding company and operating companies separately and collectively strive to maximize medium to long-term corporate value for shareholders and other stakeholders.

[The Company’s System]

- The Company makes significant decisions on management and supervises the execution of duties at the Board of Directors.
- As a company with an Audit & Supervisory Board, the Audit & Supervisory Board and its Members implement the auditing of the status of the execution of duties.
- The Company separates material decision-making on management and supervision from business execution, and has adopted the Corporate Officer System to enhance prompt decision-making of matters pertaining to business execution.
- As consultative bodies of the Board of Directors, the Company has established the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee.

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Corporate Governance System



Board of Directors

[Functions and Roles]

- In accordance with laws and regulations, the Articles of Incorporation and regulations of the Company such as the regulations of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors makes material decisions on management including formulation of management plans of the Group and basic policies on management.
- The Board of Directors supervises the overall management including business execution by the Company executives.
- According to the internal rules of the Company, the Company has established clear standards that clarify the authority of decision-making and the decision-making procedures concerning the matters pertaining to the Company and each company within the JFE Group.
- Significant matters are subject to deliberation at the JFE Group Management Strategy Committee, Management Committee and resolution of the Company's Board of Directors.

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- For the purpose of facilitating prompt decision-making, the authority of making decisions other than those related to significant business execution set forth in the Rules of the Board of Directors is, in principle, granted to Corporate Officers in charge of the corresponding business.

Structure of the Board of Directors / Policy on Election of Candidates for Director

[Basic Philosophy Regarding Structure]

- The Company's Board of Directors comprises members who possess diversified knowledge, experience, and abilities. The number of the Directors shall not exceed 12 and compose one-third or more of the Directors by Independent Outside Directors.

[Election Policy]

- With regard to inside Directors, persons with appropriate insight to bear decision-making of management of the whole Group and supervision of business execution will be elected from those possessing profound understanding and knowledge of the business by way of processes such as engagement in management of the Company or at each Operating Company.
- Several Independent Outside Directors will be elected from among persons who possess abundant experience in the management of global enterprises, or experts with profound knowledge in their fields and who also satisfy the Company's standards for independence, as they will bear the responsibility for strengthening governance.

Audit & Supervisory Board Members / Audit & Supervisory Board

[Functions and Roles]

- Audit & Supervisory Board Members of the Company, as members of an independent entity, endeavor to ensure the sound and sustainable growth and the enhancement of social trust of the Company through auditing of the execution of duties by Directors.
- Audit & Supervisory Board Members of the Company, with the aim of appropriately executing their duties, communicate with Directors, etc. and express their opinions as necessary.
- Audit & Supervisory Board Members communicate with Directors, etc. of subsidiaries and endeavor to collect information and improve the auditing environment.
- Audit & Supervisory Board Members, through the Audit & Supervisory Board, endeavor to share the significant information obtained from their duties, and aim for appropriate auditing through exchange of opinions with other Audit & Supervisory Board Members.
- Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Members endeavor to collect information through examination of the state of business and assets in addition to attending important meetings, and actively contribute to the improvement of the auditing environment.
- Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members of the Company aim for the further enhancement of the neutrality and independence of the auditing system and functions, and carry out auditing operations from a broader perspective.

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- Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Audit & Supervisory Board of the Company endeavor to improve the effectiveness of auditing by appropriately executing their authority as stipulated by laws and regulations.

Structure of the Audit & Supervisory Board / Policy on Election of Candidates for Audit & Supervisory Board Members

[Basic Philosophy Regarding Structure]

- The Audit & Supervisory Board comprises members who possess adequate knowledge concerning finance and accounting. The number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members shall not exceed six (6), of whom at least half shall be Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members.

[Election Policy]

- With regard to inside Audit & Supervisory Board Members, persons with knowledge and experience enabling the auditing of execution of duties by Directors in an accurate and fair manner, who deliver insight appropriate to supervisory functions, shall be elected from those possessing profound understanding and knowledge of the business by way of processes such as engagement in management or auditing of the Company or each Operating Company.
- Several Independent Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members will be elected from among persons who possess abundant experience in the management of global enterprises, or experts with profound knowledge in their fields, and must also be individuals who satisfy the Company's standards for independence, as they will bear the responsibility for enhancing the audit function.

Group Sustainability Council Initiatives

- The Group Sustainability Council, chaired by the CEO (President), deliberates and decides group-wide policies, supervises the penetration of policies and shares information on issues that arise on topics relating to the Group's management philosophy, risk management, responsibilities to stakeholders and society, and other corporate stances, from the perspective of preventing damage to and enhancing corporate value.
- Topics discussed by the Council include the Group's basic policies, activity plans, details of important measures, and responses to important situations. These topics are regularly reported to and discussed by the Board of Directors, and thereby the Council receives instructions from and is supervised by the Board of Directors.

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Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee

- In October 2015 the Company established the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee which act as consultative bodies of the Board of Directors to ensure the fairness, objectiveness and transparency of personnel affairs and remuneration of the Board of Directors.
- The Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee comprise of a majority of Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members, respectively, and the chairpersons are determined from Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members.
- In FY2022, the Nomination Committee was convened three times and the Remuneration Committee was convened six times.

The composition of each Committee is as follows. There is no plan to change the composition after the 21st Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

Nomination Committee

As of March 31, 2023

Chairman	Masami Yamamoto	Outside Director
Committee Member	Yoshiko Ando	Outside Director
Committee Member	Tsuyoshi Numagami	Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member
Committee Member	Takuya Shimamura	Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member
Committee Member	Koji Kakigi	Board of Director
Committee Member	Yoshihisa Kitano	Board of Director

Remuneration Committee

As of March 31, 2023

Chairman	Nobumasa Kemori	Outside Director
Committee Member	Masami Yamamoto	Outside Director
Committee Member	Isao Saiki	Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member
Committee Member	Tsuyoshi Numagami	Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member
Committee Member	Koji Kakigi	Board of Director
Committee Member	Masashi Terahata	Board of Director

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Consolidated Financial Statements
<International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)>

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As of March 31, 2023

(Millions of yen)

Items	Amount	Items	Amount
(ASSETS)		(LIABILITIES)	
Current assets	2,558,615	Current liabilities	1,661,798
Cash and cash equivalents	119,391	Trade and other payables	703,212
Trade and other receivables	776,115	Bonds payable, borrowings, and lease obligations	397,026
Contract assets	116,293	Contract liabilities	48,543
Inventories	1,367,230	Income taxes payable, etc.	32,320
Income taxes receivable	22,957	Provisions	10,781
Other financial assets	18,937	Other financial liabilities	181,046
Other current assets	96,759	Other current liabilities	265,268
Subtotal	2,517,685	Subtotal	1,638,200
Assets held for sale	40,929	Liabilities directly associated with assets held for sale	23,598
Non-current assets	2,965,425	Non-current liabilities	1,668,846
Property, plant and equipment	1,891,053	Bonds payable, borrowings, and lease obligations	1,465,939
Goodwill	14,911	Retirement benefit liability	120,663
Intangible assets	126,855	Provisions	19,128
Right-of-use asset	98,611	Deferred tax liabilities	5,480
Investment property	53,559	Other financial liabilities	41,325
Investments accounted for using equity method	465,482	Other non-current liabilities	16,308
Retirement benefit asset	23,521		
Deferred tax assets	74,728	Total liabilities	3,330,644
Other financial assets	200,599	(EQUITY)	
Other non-current assets	16,100	Equity attributable to owners of parent	2,120,322
		Share capital	147,143
		Capital surplus	640,536
		Retained earnings	1,397,735
		Treasury shares	(156,408)
		Other components of equity	91,315
		Non-controlling interests	73,073
		Total equity	2,193,395
Total assets	5,524,040	Total liabilities and equity	5,524,040

Note: Amounts are rounded down to the nearest million yen.

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Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss

From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

(Millions of yen)

Items	Amount
Revenue	5,268,794
Cost of sales	(4,659,371)
Gross profit	609,423
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(392,446)
Share of profit of entities accounted for using equity method	23,002
Other income	38,060
Other expenses	(42,198)
Business profit	235,841
Gain on sales of land	4,105
Impairment losses	(3,542)
Loss on liquidation of subsidiaries and associates	(6,739)
Restructuring expenses	(4,578)
Operating profit	225,086
Finance income	3,677
Finance costs	(18,481)
Profit before tax	210,282
Income tax expense	(43,530)
Profit	166,752
Profit attributable to	
Owners of parent	162,621
Non-controlling interests	4,130
Profit	166,752

Note: Amounts are rounded down to the nearest million yen.

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow

From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

(Millions of yen)

Items	Amount
I. Cash flows from operating activities	
Profit before tax	210,282
Depreciation and amortization	269,600
Increase (decrease) in allowance	(5,172)
Interest and dividend income	(9,315)
Interest expenses	16,760
Share of loss (profit) of investments accounted for using equity method	(23,002)
Decrease (increase) in trade and other receivables	19,336
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(124,579)
Increase (decrease) in trade and other payables	6,995
Other	117,396
Subtotal	478,301
Interest and dividends received	37,250
Interest paid	(15,155)
Income taxes refund (paid)	(104,599)
Cash flows from operating activities	395,797
II. Cash flows from investing activities	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets, and investment property	(289,197)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets, and investment property	17,673
Purchase of investments	(9,072)
Proceeds from sale of investments	20,939
Other	(14,651)
Cash flows from investing activities	(274,308)
III. Cash flows from financing activities	
Net increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings	(4,576)
Increase (decrease) in commercial papers	19,999
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	305,876
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(330,944)
Proceeds from issuance of bonds	30,000
Payments for redemption of bonds	(20,000)
Payments for purchase of treasury shares	(60)
Dividends paid to owners of parent	(75,198)
Other	(35,271)
Cash flows from financing activities	(110,175)
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents	7,839
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	19,153
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents resulting from transfer to assets held for sale	(1,536)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	101,773
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	119,391

Note: Amounts are rounded down to the nearest million yen.

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Segment Information

(From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023)

1. Overview of reportable segments

The Group organized under JFE Holdings executed commercial activities through three operating companies—JFE Steel Corporation, JFE Engineering Corporation and JFE Shoji Corporation—in accordance with the characteristics of their respective businesses. Consolidated reporting segments, one for each operating company, were characterized by their constituent products and services.

Each segment had its own respective products and services. The steel business produced and sold various steel products, processed steel products and raw materials, and provided transportation and other related businesses, such as facility maintenance and construction. The engineering business handled engineering for energy, urban environments, steel structures and industrial machines, recycling and electricity retailing. The trading business purchased, processed and distributed steel products, raw materials for steel production, nonferrous metal products, and food, etc.

2. Information about reportable segment

The Group assesses segment performance on the basis of segment profit. Segment profit is profit before tax excluding one-time items of a materially significant value.

Intersegment transactions are based on market prices and the like.

	Reportable segment				Adjustments	Amount recorded on consolidated financial statements
	Steel	Engineering	Trading	Total		
Revenue						
Revenue from external customers	3,427,239	498,079	1,343,476	5,268,794	-	5,268,794
Intersegment revenue	453,900	14,421	170,661	638,982	(638,982)	-
Total	3,881,139	512,500	1,514,137	5,907,777	(638,982)	5,268,794
Segment profit	146,825	13,481	65,115	225,422	(4,384)	221,038
Gain on sales of land						4,105
Impairment losses						(3,542)
Loss on liquidation of subsidiaries and associates						(6,739)
Restructuring expenses						(4,578)
Profit before tax						210,282
Segment assets	4,529,302	504,942	1,050,040	6,084,286	(560,246)	5,524,040
Other items						
Depreciation and amortization	240,577	17,105	13,180	270,863	(1,262)	269,600
Impairment losses	(3,443)	(99)	-	(3,542)	-	(3,542)
Finance income	1,939	258	1,768	3,966	(288)	3,677
Finance costs	(13,468)	(770)	(5,029)	(19,268)	786	(18,481)
Share of profit (loss) of entities accounted for using equity method	25,521	383	2,285	28,189	(5,187)	23,002
Investments accounted for using equity method	415,484	17,283	22,375	455,143	10,338	465,482
Capital expenditures	277,467	23,183	27,650	328,301	(2,669)	325,632

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Non-consolidated Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2023

(Millions of yen)

Items	Amount	Items	Amount
(ASSETS)		(LIABILITIES)	
Current assets	522,723	Current liabilities	409,361
Cash and deposits	25,549	Short-term loans payable	120,346
Operating accounts receivable	1,182	Commercial papers	19,999
Short-term loans receivable	485,236	Current portion of bonds	40,000
Other	10,754	Accounts payable - other	696
		Accrued expenses	1,397
		Income taxes payable	48
		Deposits received	226,872
		Unearned revenue	0
Non-current assets	2,211,945	Non-current liabilities	1,307,604
Property, plant and equipment	1	Bonds payable	265,000
Tools, furniture and fixtures	1	Long-term loans payable	1,042,242
		Provision for share-based remuneration for directors and corporate officers	143
		Allowance for corporate officers' retirement benefits	99
		Other	118
Intangible assets	25	Total liabilities	1,716,966
Trademark right	20	(NET ASSETS)	
Software	5	Shareholders' equity	1,017,613
		Capital stock	147,143
Investments and other assets	2,211,919	Capital surplus	772,574
Shares of subsidiaries and associates	904,392	Legal capital surplus	772,574
Investments in capital	3	Retained earnings	171,737
Long-term loans receivable	1,305,519	Other retained earnings	171,737
Long-term prepaid expenses	17	Retained earnings brought forward	171,737
Deferred tax assets	149	Treasury shares	(73,840)
Other	1,837	Valuation and translation adjustments	88
		Deferred gains or losses on hedges	88
		Total net assets	1,017,702
Total assets	2,734,669	Total liabilities and net assets	2,734,669

Note: Amounts are rounded down to the nearest million yen.

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Non-consolidated Statement of Income

From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

(Millions of yen)

Items	Amount	
Operating revenue		
Dividend income	51,393	
Financial revenue	12,926	
Management fee income	4,505	68,825
Operating expenses		
Financial expenses	12,688	
General and administrative expenses	3,753	16,441
Operating income		52,383
Ordinary income		52,383
Profit before income taxes		52,383
Income taxes - current		285
Income taxes - deferred		(17)
Profit		52,115

Note: Amounts are rounded down to the nearest million yen.

Independent Auditor's Report

May 17, 2023

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Opinion

Pursuant to Article 444, Paragraph 4 of the Companies Act, we have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position, the consolidated statement of profit or loss, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the notes to the consolidated financial statements of JFE Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") for the fiscal year from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

In our opinion, the above consolidated financial statements, in accordance with accounting principles that omit some disclosure items required under the International Financial Reporting Standards stipulated pursuant to the provisions of the latter part of Article 120, Paragraph 1 of the Regulation on Corporate Accounting, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the corporate group, which consists of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, for the period covered by the consolidated financial statements.

Basis for the Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Japan. Our responsibility under the auditing standards is stated in "Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements." We are independent of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries in accordance with the provisions related to professional ethics in Japan, and are fulfilling other ethical responsibilities as an auditor. We believe that we have obtained sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other Information

Other information consists of the business report and accompanying supplementary schedules. Management is responsible for the preparation and disclosure of the other information. The Audit & Supervisory Board Members and Audit & Supervisory Board are responsible for monitoring the execution of Directors' duties related to designing and operating the reporting process for the other information.

Our audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not include any other information, and we express no opinion on any other information.

Our responsibility in the audit of the consolidated financial statements is to read the other information and, in the course of reading it, to consider whether there are material discrepancies between the other information and the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, and to pay attention to whether

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there are any indication of material errors in the other information besides such material discrepancies. If, based on the work we have performed, we determine that there are material errors in the other information, we are required to report those facts.
We have no other matters to report in respect to other information.

Responsibilities of Management, Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Audit & Supervisory Board for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles that omit some disclosure items required under the International Financial Reporting Standards stipulated pursuant to the provisions of the latter part of Article 120, Paragraph 1 of the Regulation on Corporate Accounting, and for designing and operating such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing whether it is appropriate to prepare the consolidated financial statements in accordance with the premise of a going concern, and for disclosing matters relating to going concern when it is required to do so in accordance with accounting principles that omit some disclosure items required under the International Financial Reporting Standards stipulated pursuant to the provisions of the latter part of Article 120, Paragraph 1 of the Regulation on Corporate Accounting.

Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Audit & Supervisory Board are responsible for monitoring the execution of Directors' duties related to designing and operating the financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements from an independent standpoint in an audit report, based on our audit. Misstatements can occur as a result of fraud or error, and are deemed material if they can be reasonably expected to, either individually or collectively, influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of the consolidated financial statements.

We make professional judgment in the audit process in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Japan, and perform the following while maintaining professional skepticism.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Design and implement audit procedures to address the risks of material misstatement. The audit procedures shall be selected and applied as determined by the auditor. In addition, sufficient and appropriate audit evidence shall be obtained to provide a basis for the audit opinion.
- In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, although the purpose of the audit of the consolidated financial statements is not to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Assess the appropriateness of accounting policies adopted by management and the method of their application, as well as the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management and the adequacy of related notes.
- Determine whether it is appropriate for management to prepare the consolidated financial statements on the premise of a going concern and, based on the audit evidence obtained, determine whether there is a significant uncertainty in regard to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If there is a significant uncertainty concerning the premise of a going concern, the auditor is required to call attention to the notes to the consolidated financial statements in the audit report, or if the notes to the consolidated financial statements pertaining to the significant uncertainty are inappropriate, issue a modified opinion on the consolidated financial statements. While the conclusions of the auditor are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the audit report, depending on future events or conditions, an entity may be unable to continue as a going concern.
- Besides assessing whether the presentation of and notes to the consolidated financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles that omit some disclosure items required under the International Financial Reporting Standards stipulated pursuant to the provisions of the latter part of Article 120, Paragraph 1 of the Regulation on Corporate Accounting, assess the presentation, structure, and content of the consolidated financial statements including related notes, and whether the consolidated financial statements fairly present the transactions and accounting events on which they are based.
- Obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries in order to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. The auditor is responsible for instructing, supervising, and implementing the audit of the consolidated financial statements,

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and is solely responsible for the audit opinion.

The auditor reports to Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Audit & Supervisory Board regarding the scope and timing of implementation of the planned audit, material audit findings including material weaknesses in internal control identified in the course of the audit, and other matters required under the auditing standards.

The auditor reports to Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Audit & Supervisory Board regarding the observance of provisions related to professional ethics in Japan as well as matters that are reasonably considered to have an impact on the auditor's independence and any safeguards that are in place to reduce or eliminate obstacles.

Interest

Our firm and engagement partners have no interests in the Company or its consolidated subsidiaries requiring disclosure under the provisions of the Certified Public Accountants Act of Japan.

Independent Auditor's Report

May 17, 2023

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Opinion

Pursuant to Article 436, Paragraph 2, Item 1 of the Companies Act, we have audited the accompanying financial statements, which comprise the balance sheet, the statement of income, the statement of changes in net assets and the related notes, and the accompanying supplementary schedules of JFE Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") for the 21st fiscal year from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

In our opinion, the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of March 31, 2023, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan.

Basis for the Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Japan. Our responsibility under the auditing standards is stated in "Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements and the Accompanying Supplementary Schedules." We are independent of the Company in accordance with the provisions related to professional ethics in Japan, and are fulfilling other ethical responsibilities as an auditor. We believe that we have obtained sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other Information

Other information consists of the business report and accompanying supplementary schedules. Management is responsible for the preparation and disclosure of the other information. The Audit & Supervisory Board Members and Audit & Supervisory Board are responsible for monitoring the execution of Directors' duties related to designing and operating the reporting process for the other information.

Our audit opinion on the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules does not include any other information, and we express no opinion on any other information.

Our responsibility in the audit of the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules is to read the other information and, in the course of reading it, to consider whether there are material discrepancies between the other information and the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules or

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our knowledge obtained in the audit, and to pay attention to whether there are any indication of material errors in the other information besides such material discrepancies.

If, based on the work we have performed, we determine that there are material errors in the other information, we are required to report those facts.

We have no other matters to report in respect to other information.

Responsibilities of Management, Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Audit & Supervisory Board for the Financial Statements and the Accompanying Supplementary Schedules

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan, and for designing and operating such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules, management is responsible for assessing whether it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules in accordance with the premise of a going concern, and for disclosing matters relating to going concern when it is required to do so in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan.

Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Audit & Supervisory Board are responsible for monitoring the execution of Directors' duties related to designing and operating the financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements and the Accompanying Supplementary Schedules

Our responsibility is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to express an opinion on the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules from an independent standpoint in an audit report, based on our audit. Misstatements can occur as a result of fraud or error, and are deemed material if they can be reasonably expected to, either individually or collectively, influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules.

We make professional judgment in the audit process in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Japan, and perform the following while maintaining professional skepticism.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Design and implement audit procedures to address the risks of material misstatement. The audit procedures shall be selected and applied as determined by the auditor. In addition, sufficient and appropriate audit evidence shall be obtained to provide a basis for the audit opinion.
- In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, although the purpose of the audit of the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules is not to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Assess the appropriateness of accounting policies adopted by management and the method of their application, as well as the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management and the adequacy of related notes.
- Determine whether it is appropriate for management to prepare the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules on the premise of a going concern and, based on the audit evidence obtained, determine whether there is a significant uncertainty in regard to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If there is a significant uncertainty concerning the premise of a going concern, the auditor is required to call attention to the notes to the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules in the audit report, or if the notes to the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules pertaining to the significant uncertainty are inappropriate, issue a modified opinion on the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules. While the conclusions of the auditor are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the audit report, depending on future events or conditions, an entity may be unable to continue as a going concern.
- Besides assessing whether the presentation of and notes to the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan, assess the presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules including related notes, and whether the financial statements and the accompanying supplementary schedules

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fairly present the transactions and accounting events on which they are based.

The auditor reports to Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Audit & Supervisory Board regarding the scope and timing of implementation of the planned audit, material audit findings including material weaknesses in internal control identified in the course of the audit, and other matters required under the auditing standards. The auditor reports to Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Audit & Supervisory Board regarding the observance of provisions related to professional ethics in Japan as well as matters that are reasonably considered to have an impact on the auditor's independence and any safeguards that are in place to reduce or eliminate obstacles.

Interest

Our firm and engagement partners have no interests in the Company requiring disclosure under the provisions of the Certified Public Accountants Act of Japan.

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The Audit Report of Audit & Supervisory Board

The Audit Report

Regarding the performance of duties by Directors for the 21st term from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, Audit & Supervisory Board of JFE Holdings, Inc., hereby submits its audit report, which has been prepared through discussions based on the audit reports prepared by the respective Audit & Supervisory Board Members.

1. Auditing Methods Employed by the Audit & Supervisory Board Members and Audit & Supervisory Board and the Substance Thereof

(1) In compliance with the Auditing Rules of the Audit & Supervisory Board Members and auditing plans specified by Audit & Supervisory Board and based on the assigned tasks and others, each Audit & Supervisory Board Member has communicated with the Directors, the Corporate Officers and other relevant personnel to collect necessary information and improve the auditing environment. Each Audit & Supervisory Board Member has audited in the following manner.

1) Each Audit & Supervisory Board Member has attended the meetings of the Board of Directors and other important meetings; heard about the execution of their duties from the Directors, the Corporate Officers and other relevant personnel; requested explanations therefrom, as required; examined important *kessaisho* and associated information; and studied the operations and financial position of JFE Holdings, Inc.

Moreover, each Audit & Supervisory Board Member has communicated and exchanged information with the Directors, the Audit & Supervisory Board Members and other relevant personnel of the subsidiaries, received reports on operations therefrom and studied the operations and financial position of the subsidiaries, as required.

2) Each Audit & Supervisory Board Member has supervised and verified the substance of the resolution adopted by the Board of Directors with regard to the improvement of the systems stipulated in Article 100, Paragraphs 1 and 3, of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Companies Act as the systems to ensure compliance of the execution of Directors' duties described in the Business Report with laws, regulations, and the Articles of Incorporation and other requirements to ensure the propriety of business operations of the corporate group consisting of a stock company and its subsidiaries, as well as the current situation of in-house systems (internal control systems) that have been improved and operated pursuant to the resolution concerned.

Moreover, each Audit & Supervisory Board Member has heard about the internal control relative to financial reporting from the Directors, the Corporate Officers and Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC at the proper time and requested explanations therefrom, as required.

3) Each Audit & Supervisory Board Member has confirmed the substance of the Basic Policy Regarding Control of a Company (matters set forth in Article 118, Items 3 (a), of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Companies Act), which is described in the Business Report.

4) Each Audit & Supervisory Board Member has supervised and verified whether the Accounting Auditor maintains independence and has done appropriate audits, and has received reports on the execution of their duties and requested explanations, as required, from the Accounting Auditor. In addition, each Audit & Supervisory Board Member has been notified that "Systems to Ensure Appropriate Execution of Duties" (matters set forth in the respective items of Article 131 of the Company Accounting Ordinance) have been improved in accordance with the "Quality Control Standards for Audits" (Business Accounting Council on October 28, 2005) and others, and requested explanations therefrom, as required.

(2) Audit & Supervisory Board determined auditing plans, assigned tasks and others; received reports about the progress and results of audits from each Audit & Supervisory Board Member; received reports on the execution of their duties; and requested explanations, as required, from the Directors, the Corporate Officers and the Accounting Auditor.

In the manner explained above, each Audit & Supervisory Board Member and Audit & Supervisory Board have examined the Business Report and supplementary schedule thereof, the consolidated financial statements (Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Consolidated Statement of Income, Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity and Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements), as well as the non-consolidated financial statements (Non-Consolidated Balance Sheet, Non-Consolidated Statement of Income, Non-Consolidated

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Notes to the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements) and the related supplementary schedules thereof of JFE Holdings, Inc., pertaining to the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022.

2. Audit Results

(1) Audit results regarding the Business Report, etc.

- 1) In our opinion, the Business Report and the supplementary schedules thereof fairly represent JFE Holdings, Inc.'s conditions in accordance with the related laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation.
- 2) We have found no evidence of wrongful action or material violation of laws, regulations or the Articles of Incorporation by any Directors with regard to the execution of their duties.
- 3) In our opinion, the substance of the resolution regarding the internal control systems is fair and reasonable. We have found no matters to remark with regard to the execution of duties by the Directors concerning the internal control systems, including internal control relative to financial reporting. In view of the legal proceedings related of a subsidiary employee mentioned in the Business Report, we have confirmed the efforts made to discover the cause of the issue and prevent recurrence, and we will continue to monitor Group-wide efforts for adherence to thorough compliance.
- 4) We have found no matters to remark with regard to the Basic Policies Regarding Control of a Company.

(2) Audit results regarding the consolidated financial statements

In our opinion, the audit methods and results employed and rendered by the Accounting Auditor, Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC, are fair and reasonable.

(3) Audit results regarding the non-consolidated financial statements and the supplementary schedules thereof

In our opinion, the audit methods and results employed and rendered by the Accounting Auditor, Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC, are fair and reasonable.

May 18, 2022

Audit & Supervisory Board of JFE Holdings, Inc.

Audit & Supervisory Board Member (Full-time)	Nobuya Hara
Audit & Supervisory Board Member (Full-time)	Nakaba Akimoto
Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member	Isao Saiki
Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member	Tsuyoshi Numagami
Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member	Takuya Shimamura

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