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(Securities code 9260) March 12, 2019

#### **To Shareholders with Voting Rights:**

Yoshiro Susaki Chairman Nishimoto Co., Ltd. (Head office) 3-10-5 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku

(Head office) 3-10-5 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan (Registered main office) 4-1-38 Isobe-dori, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan

#### NOTICE OF THE 72ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

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

You are cordially invited to attend the 72nd Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Nishimoto Co., Ltd. (the "Company"). The meeting will be held for the purposes as described below.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can exercise your voting rights in writing. Please review the attached Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, indicate your vote for or against the proposals on the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form, and return it so that it is received by the Company by 6:00 p.m. Japan time on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

**1. Date and Time:** Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Japan time

(Reception will open at 9:00 a.m.)

2. Place: Hall on the second floor of Onward Park Building located at

3-10-5 Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan

3. Meeting Agenda:

Matters to be reported: 1. The Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's

72nd Fiscal Year (January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018) and results of audits by the Accounting Auditor and the Audit & Supervisory Committee of the

**Consolidated Financial Statements** 

2. Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 72nd Fiscal Year

(January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018)

Proposals to be resolved:

**Proposal No. 1:** Election of Four (4) Directors who are not Audit & Supervisory Committee

Members

**Proposal No. 2:** Election of One (1) Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member

**Proposal No. 3:** Election of the Accounting Auditor

**Proposal No. 4:** Granting of Retirement Benefits to a Retiring Director

- When attending the meeting, please submit the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form at the reception. Please also bring this Notice of Convocation with you to conserve resources.
- Of the documents that need to be attached to this Notice of Convocation, the "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" and "Notes to Non-consolidated Financial Statements" are posted on the Company's website (https://www.wismettac.com/ja/ir/stock/meeting.html) in accordance with provisions of laws and regulations as well as Article 15 of the Company's Articles of Incorporation and therefore are not provided in this Notice of Convocation. Accordingly, the documents attached to this Notice of Convocation are a part of those that were audited by the Audit & Supervisory Committee and the Accounting Auditor in preparing their audit reports.
- Should the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements, and Non-consolidated Financial Statements require revisions, the revised versions will be posted on the Company's website (https://www.wismettac.com/ja/ir/stock/meeting.html).

# **Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders**

# **Proposals and References**

Proposal No. 1: Election of Four (4) Directors who are not Audit & Supervisory Committee Members

The terms of office of all three (3) Directors who are not Audit & Supervisory Committee Members will expire at the conclusion of this year's Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, to further strengthen the management system, we hereby propose the election of four (4) Directors who are not Audit & Supervisory Committee Members, an increase in the number by 1 person.

There were no objections with respect to this Proposal as a result of deliberation in the Audit & Supervisory Committee.

The candidates for Directors who are not Audit & Supervisory Committee Members are as follows:

No.	Name	Career summary, positions, responsibilities		
140.	(Date of birth)	and significant concurrent positions		
		September 1980	Joined Morgan Bank, N.A., Tokyo Branch	
		September 1988	Director, the Company	
		May 1994	President	
	Yoshiro Susaki (January 18, 1958)	October 2000	Chairman, IPM Nishimoto Co., Ltd. (currently Wismettac Foods,	
			Inc.)	
		March 2012	Chairman, Nishimoto Trading Co., Ltd. (currently Wismettac Foods,	
	[Reappointment]		Inc.) (current position)	
		March 2017	Chairman & CEO, the Company (current position)	
	Number of shares of	January 2019	Director, Wismettac Asian Foods, Inc. (current position)	
	the Company held		Director, Wismettac Asian Foods, Inc. (Canada) (current position)	
1	2,910,000	[Significant concu	± -	
Chairman, Wismettac Foods, In				
	Director, Wismettac Asian Foods, Inc.			
	ac Asian Foods, Inc. (Canada)			
	[Reason for nomination as candidate for Director who is not an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member]			
Mr. Yoshiro Susaki was appointed Director of the Company in 1988 and has led the managem				
	and its business expansion as President from 1994 to 2017, and as Chairman & CEO thereafter, and is fulfilling			
	his duties and responsibilities properly in overall management. He is expected to make contributions to			
	enhancing the Group's corporate value by capitalizing on his many years of experience and insight in managing			
	the Group to date. Therefore, the Company requests his reelection as a Director who is not an Aud Supervisory Committee Member.			

No.	Name	Career summary, positions, responsibilities		
	(Date of birth)		and significant concurrent positions	
		April 1982	Joined The Nippon Credit Bank, Ltd. (currently Aozora Bank,	
			Ltd.)	
		October 2008	Executive Officer	
		October 2010	Director, the Company	
			Senior Managing Director, Nishimoto Trading Co., Ltd. (currently	
			Wismettac Foods, Inc.)	
			Director, Chairman & President, Nishimoto Trading Co., Ltd.	
	Takayuki Kanai		(currently Wismettac Asian Foods, Inc.)	
	(April 16, 1959)	March 2012	President, Nishimoto Trading Co., Ltd. (currently Wismettac Foods,	
	(ripin 10, 1909)		Inc.)	
	[Reappointment]	January 2015	Vice President, Wismettac Foods, Inc.	
	[reappointment]	March 2016	Director, General Manager, Group Business Management	
	Number of shares of		Headquarters, the Company	
	the Company held	March 2017	President & COO (current position)	
2	140,000		Vice Chairman, Wismettac Foods, Inc.	
		[Significant concurrent positions]		
			Vismettac Singapore Pte. Ltd.	
			Vismettac Australia Pty Ltd.	
	Director, NTC Wismettac Europ Director, Harro Foods Limited		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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		Chairman, Wismettac Foods Shanghai Co., Ltd.		
		Director, Wismettac Nippon Foods Co., Ltd.		
	[Reason for nomination as candidate for Director who is not an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member]			
	Mr. Takayuki Kanai joined the Company in October 2010 and has since promoted the business growth of			
	principal Group companies as Representative Director. Currently, as President & COO of the Company, he is			
	assisting the CEO, executing overall business strategies of the Group and promoting the Group's business			
	expansion, fulfilling his duties and responsibilities properly in overall management. He is expected to continut to make further contributions to enhancing the Group's corporate value. Therefore, the Company requests h			
	reelection as a Direct		udit & Supervisory Committee Member.	
		April 1980	Joined Arthur Andersen LLP (currently KPMG AZSA LLC)	
		May 2001	Partner	
		June 2005	Director, the Company	
	Atsuhiko Kimura	March 2012	Executive Officer	
	(February 4, 1958)	March 2016	Director, General Manager, Group Administration Headquarters	
	-	March 2017	Director & CFO (current position)	
	[Reappointment]	[Significant concurrent positions]		
			ttac Asian Foods, Inc.	
	Number of shares of		Vismettac Singapore Pte. Ltd.	
	the Company held		Vismettac Australia Pty Ltd.	
3	1,000	Director, NTC Wismettac Europe B.V.		
		Director, Harro Foods Limited		
			tac Foods Shanghai Co., Ltd.	
		Auditor, Shangh		
	[Reason for nomination as candidate for Director who is not an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member]			
	Mr. Atsuhiko Kimura joined the Company in June 2005 and has since been fulfilling his duties and			
	responsibilities properly in formulating, deciding, and executing financial strategies of the Company as well as			
	managing overall administrative divisions as Executive Officer and Director, and currently as Director & CFO.			
	He is expected to continue to execute significant duties in the administrative divisions of the Group as a whole.			
	Therefore, the Company requests his reelection as a Director who is not an Audit & Supervisory Committee			
	Member.			

No.	Name	Career summary, positions, responsibilities		
110.	(Date of birth)	and significant concurrent positions		
		April 1984	Joined Morgan Bank, N.A., Tokyo Branch	
		January 1990	Joined Continental Bank, N.A., Tokyo Branch	
		October 1993	Joined Nishimoto Trading Co., Ltd. (currently Wismettac Foods, Inc.)	
	Hiroshi Tsujikawa	October 2000	Transferred to IPM Nishimoto Co., Ltd. (currently Wismettac Foods,	
	(February 20, 1960)		Inc.)	
	(= ====================================	April 2002	Director	
	[New candidate]	March 2006	Managing Director	
	į	March 2009	Director & President, Shanghai IPM Co., Ltd.	
	Number of shares of	March 2017	President, Wismettac Foods, Inc. (current position)	
	the Company held	April 2017	Executive Officer, the Company (current position)	
4	_	August 2017	Chairman & President, Shanghai IPM Co., Ltd. (current position)	
4		[Significant concurrent positions]		
		President, Wismettac Foods, Inc.		
		Chairman & Presi	dent, Shanghai IPM Co., Ltd.	
	[Reason for nomination as candidate for Director who is not an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member			

[Reason for nomination as candidate for Director who is not an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member]
Mr. Hiroshi Tsujikawa joined the Group in October 1993, and has engaged mainly in sales divisions. He has abundant experience and achievements in the Group's business. Furthermore, after being appointed President of Wismettac Foods, Inc., a principal Group company, in March 2017, he has contributed to expansion of primarily agricultural & seafood products trading business. Based on his experience and achievements, the Company judges that he is qualified to be a Director who is not an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member. Therefore, the Company requests his election as a Director who is not an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member.

### (Notes)

- 1. There are no special interests between the candidates and the Company.
- As of January 1, 2019, Nishimoto Trading Co., Ltd. has merged with Wismettac Foods, Inc., with Nishimoto Trading Co., Ltd. as surviving company and Wismettac Foods, Inc. as dissolved company. Effective January 1, 2019, Nishimoto Trading Co., Ltd. changed its trade name to Wismettac Foods, Inc.

#### **Proposal No. 2:** Election of One (1) Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member

Mr. Shinji Takahashi, Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member, will resign from his position at the conclusion of this year's Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, the election of one (1) Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member is proposed to fill a vacancy.

Also, the term of office of the Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member elected at this year's Annual General Meeting of Shareholders shall be the remaining term of office of the predecessor, as stipulated in the Company's Articles of Incorporation.

The consent of the Audit & Supervisory Committee was obtained with respect to this Proposal.

The candidate for a Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member is as follows:

Name	Career summary, positions, responsibilities		
(Date of birth)	and significant concurrent positions		
	April 1985	Joined The Nippon Credit Bank, Ltd. (currently Aozora Bank,	
		Ltd.)	
	November 2011	Director, Nishimoto Trading Co., Ltd. (currently Wismettac Foods,	
		Inc.)	
	April 2015	Director, Nishimoto Trading Group Foodstuffs Shanghai Co., Ltd.	
Yuji Sasa		(currently Wismettac Foods Shanghai Co., Ltd.) (current position)	
(October 11, 1962)	March 2016	Deputy General Manager, Group Administration Headquarters, the	
		Company	
[New candidate]	April 2016	Executive Officer (current position)	
	May 2017	Director & Officer, Vice President, Wismettac Asian Foods, Inc.	
Number of shares of	February 2018	Officer, Vice President, Wismettac Asian Foods, Inc. (current	
the Company held		position)	
_	[Significant concurrent positions]		
	Officer, Vice President, Wismettac Asian Foods, Inc. (scheduled to retire on March 26,		
	2019)		
	Director, Wismettac Foods Shanghai Co., Ltd. (scheduled to retire on March 26, 2019)		
	Corporate Auditor, Wismettac Foods Inc. (scheduled to assume the office on March 28,		
	2019)		

[Reason for nomination as candidate for Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member] Mr. Yuji Sasa joined the Group in 2011, and has engaged mainly in administrative divisions as Executive Officer and Director at the Company and its Group companies. He is expected to execute duties as a Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member such as the audit and supervision of business execution based on his abundant experience in the Group's business. Therefore, the Company requests his election as a Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member.

# (Notes)

- 1. There are no special interests between the candidate and the Company.
- 2. As of January 1, 2019, Nishimoto Trading Co., Ltd. has merged with Wismettac Foods, Inc., with Nishimoto Trading Co., Ltd. as surviving company and Wismettac Foods, Inc. as dissolved company. Effective January 1, 2019, Nishimoto Trading Co., Ltd. changed its trade name to Wismettac Foods, Inc.

# Proposal No. 3: Election of the Accounting Auditor

The term of office of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC will expire at the conclusion of this year's Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, the election of a new Accounting Auditor is proposed.

This Proposal is pursuant to the determination made by the Audit & Supervisory Committee.

In addition, the Audit & Supervisory Committee decided to nominate Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC as a candidate because the current Accounting Auditor has been engaged in this position over many years. Therefore, based on prospect that the Company can expect audits to be conducted from a new perspective by appointing Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC, it reached a conclusion that Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC is qualified for the position after comprehensively considering about the expertise, independency, eligibility and quality control system of Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC.

The candidate for the Accounting Auditor is as follows:

(As of December 31, 2018)

Name	Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC				
Location of the	1-1-2 Yurakucho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo				
principal office	Tokyo Midtown	okyo Midtown Hibiya, Hibiya Mitsui Tower			
	January 1967	Established Tetsuzo Ota & O	Co.		
	December 1969	Established Showa Audit Co	orporation		
	October 1985	Tetsuzo Ota & Co. and Shor	wa Audit Corporation were merged to		
		form Showa Ota & Co.			
	January 1986	Established Century Audit Corporation			
Corporate History	April 2000		ary Audit Corporation were merged to		
		form Century Ota Showa & Co.			
	July 2001	Renamed to Shin Nihon & Co.			
	July 2008	Renamed to Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC, following the shift to a			
		limited liability company			
	July 2018	Renamed (Japanese name or	nly)		
	Capital		¥1,019 million		
	Members	Certified Public			
	(persons)	Accountants (CPAs)	3,193		
		Partly-qualified			
Corporate Profile		Accountants	853		
		Others	1,353		
		Total	5,399		
	Number of audit				
	clients		3,948		

#### (Note)

If Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC is elected as originally planned, the Company and Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC will enter into an agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to limit the liability pursuant to Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the said Act. The maximum amount of liability pursuant to the agreement is the minimum amount stipulated by laws and regulations.

# Proposal No. 4: Granting of Retirement Benefits to a Retiring Director

Mr. Shinji Takahashi, Director who is an Audit & Supervisory Committee Member, will resign from his position at the conclusion of this year's Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. To reward his service during his term of office, we propose that retirement benefits be granted to him within a fair amount according to the standard provided by the Company.

We also request that the specific amount, timing and method to grant retirement benefits be left to the deliberation of the Directors who are Audit & Supervisory Committee Members.

The career summary of the retiring Director is as follows:

Name	Career Summary	
Shinji Takahashi	March 2016 Director (Full-time Audit & Supervisory Committee Member), the Company (current position)	