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To Our Shareholders,

Zeon Corporation 1-6-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan Naozumi Furukawa Chairman

# NOTICE OF THE 90th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

You are cordially invited to attend the 90th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Zeon Corporation ("the Company"), which will be held as described hereunder.

In the event that you are unable to attend the meeting, please review the Reference Materials for General Meeting of Shareholders hereinafter and exercise your voting rights in either of the following methods:

#### [Voting via mail]

Please indicate your approval or disapproval on the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form and return it to the Company by mail.

#### [Voting via the Internet]

Please access the website designated by the Company for the exercise of voting rights and follow on-screen instructions to enter your approval or disapproval of each of the items to be resolved.

#### **MEETING AGENDA**

**1. Date and Time** 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 26, 2015

(Reception will open at 9:30 a.m.)

**2. Venue** 1-6-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Conference room of the head office of the Company

(Shin Marunouchi Center Building, 14F)

# 3. Purpose of the Meeting

Items to be reported:

- 1. The business report, the consolidated financial statements for the 90th fiscal year (from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015) and the audit reports of the Accounting Auditor and the Audit & Supervisory Board regarding the consolidated financial statements for the 90th fiscal year
- 2. The non-consolidated financial statements for the 90th fiscal year (from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015)

#### Items to be

resolved:

Item 1: Distribution of Surplus

Item 2: Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

Item 3: Election of Twelve (12) Directors

Item 4: Election of Three (3) Audit & Supervisory Board Members

## 4. Information on Exercise of Voting Rights

- (1) Please exercise your voting rights by completing the Voting Rights Exercise Form and returning it to us by mail to arrive, or by registering your votes via the Internet, no later than 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015.
- (2) In the event that you exercise your voting rights both via mail and via the Internet, the vote via the Internet shall be upheld as the valid exercise of your voting rights. Moreover, if you exercise your voting rights multiple times via the Internet and your multiple votes for the same proposal are inconsistent, your last vote shall be upheld as the valid exercise of your voting rights.

If attending the meeting in person, please present the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form at the reception desk.

Because the "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" and the "Notes to Non-consolidated Financial Statements," which must be provided at the time of providing this Notice of the 90th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, are reported on the Company's website (http://www.zeon.co.jp) in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and Article 15 of the Articles of Incorporation, they are not provided in the attached documents to this Notice of the 90th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, the attached documents to this notice are part of the documents that were audited by the Audit & Supervisory Board and the Accounting Auditor in preparing the Audit Reports.

Amendments to the Reference Materials for General Meeting of Shareholders, or the attached documents, if any, will be posted on our website (http://www.zeon.co.jp).

# Reference Materials for General Meeting of Shareholders

# Agenda items and references

#### **Item 1: Distribution of Surplus**

The Company has adopted the basic policy of paying stable and continuous dividends of surplus to shareholders.

Under this policy, the year-end dividend for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015 is proposed to be \mathbb{Y}7 per share as described below. As a result, including the interim dividend, the annual dividend would be \mathbb{Y}14 per share, an increase of \mathbb{Y}1 per share from the previous fiscal year.

Matters concerning the year-end dividend

(1) Items concerning allocation of dividend assets and the total amount for shareholders thereof

¥7.00 per share of common stock of the Company

The total amount of dividends: ¥1,587,522,741

(2) Effective date of dividends of surplus

June 29, 2015

#### **Item 2: Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation**

#### (1) Reasons for the Proposal

The Act for Partial Revision of the Companies Act (Act No. 90 of 2014), which came into effect on May 1, 2015, allows the Company to enter into a liability limitation contract with a Director who is not an executive director, etc. and with Audit & Supervisory Board Members under provisions of the Articles of Incorporation. It is therefore proposed that necessary amendments be made to the Articles of Incorporation to ensure that such Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members can adequately fulfill the role expected of them. The Company has obtained the consent of all Audit & Supervisory Board Members for amendments to Article 30 of the current Articles of Incorporation.

#### (2) Details of the Amendments

The following changes will be made to the current Articles of Incorporation:

(Underlined parts indicate changes.)

Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
Article 30 (Limited Liability of Directors)  1 Pursuant to the provisions of Article 426, Paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, the Company may, by resolution of The Board of Directors Meeting, limit liabilities of Directors (including former Directors) for damages caused as a result of their negligence of duties to the extent of laws and regulations.	

#### Current Articles of Incorporation

# 2 The Company, under the provision of Article 427, Paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, may enter into contracts with Outside Directors to limit liability for damages caused as a result of their negligence of duties. Provided, however, that the limited amount of liability under such contracts shall be the minimum liability stipulated by laws and regulations.

# Article 41 (Limited Liability of Audit & Supervisory Board Members)

- 1 Pursuant to the provisions of Article 426, Paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, the Company may, by resolution of The Board of Directors Meeting, limit liabilities of Audit & Supervisory Board Members (including former Audit & Supervisory Board Members) for damages caused as a result of their negligence of duties to the extent of laws and regulations.
- 2 The Company, under the provision of Article 427, Paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, may enter into contracts with Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members to limit liability for damages caused as a result of their negligence of duties. Provided, however, that the limited amount of liability under such contracts shall be the minimum liability stipulated by laws and regulations.

#### **Proposed Amendments**

The Company, under the provision of Article 427, Paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, may enter into contracts with <u>Directors (excluding Directors who are executive directors, etc.)</u> to limit liability for damages caused as a result of their negligence of duties. Provided, however, that the limited amount of liability under such contracts shall be the minimum liability stipulated by laws and regulations.

Article 41 (Limited Liability of Audit & Supervisory Board Members)

1 (Unchanged)

The Company, under the provision of Article 427, Paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, may enter into contracts with Audit & Supervisory Board Members to limit liability for damages caused as a result of their negligence of duties. Provided, however, that the limited amount of liability under such contracts shall be the minimum liability stipulated by laws and regulations.

# **Item 3: Election of Twelve (12) Directors**

The terms of office of all eleven (11) incumbent Directors will expire at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. Therefore, we would like you to approve the election of twelve (12) Directors including three (3) Outside Directors.

The candidates for Directors are as follows:

No.	Name (Date of birth)	С	Number of shares held in the Company		
1	Naozumi Furukawa (December 22, 1944)			Joined the Company Director of the Company Senior Director of the Company Executive Director of the Company President of the Company Chairman of the Company (incumbent) tant concurrent occupations) tape Corporation	114,000
2	Kimiaki Tanaka (February 19, 1953)	April June June June June June	1979 2005 2007 2011 2012	Joined the Company Director of the Company Director & Corporate Officer of the Company Director & Senior Corporate Officer of the Company Director & Executive Corporate Officer of the Company President of the Company (incumbent)	42,000
3	Masayoshi Oshima (August 19, 1951)	(Status	1975 2007 2009 2011 2012	Joined the Company Corporate Officer of the Company Director & Corporate Officer of the Company Director & Senior Corporate Officer of the Company Director & Executive Corporate Officer of the Company (incumbent) Head of Specialty Business Headquarters tant concurrent occupations)	14,000
4	Hiroshi Takegami (July 25, 1951)	April June June June	1977 2005 2007 2012 urrently	Joined the Company Director of the Company Director & Corporate Officer of the Company Director & Senior Corporate Officer of the Company (incumbent) In charge of Production and Engineering Technology, Head of CSR Headquarters and Division Manager of CSR Division	52,000
5	Yoshiyuki Mitsuhira (August 23, 1952)	April June June June	1978 2008 2012 2013 urrently	Joined the Company Corporate Officer of the Company Senior Corporate Officer of the Company Director & Senior Corporate Officer of the Company (incumbent) Head of Research & Development Headquarters and Division Manager of Research & Development Center	14,000
6	Hiroyuki Hirakawa (August 23, 1958)	April April June June	1981 2008 2008 2009 urrently	Joined the Company General Manager of Corporate Planning Department of the Company Corporate Officer of the Company Director & Corporate Officer of the Company (incumbent) Deputy Head of Elastomers and Chemicals Business Headquarters and Division Manager of Synthetic Rubber Division	23,000

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summand sta	Number of shares held in the Company	
7	Toru Nishijima (February 8, 1957) *New candidate for Director	October 2006 D C June 2009 C June 2014 S Currently H H	coined the Company Deputy Plant Manager of Mizushima Plant of the Company Corporate Officer of the Company Senior Corporate Officer of the Company (incumbent) Head of Production and Engineering Technology Headquarters and Division Manager of Production Center	6,000
8	Kei Itoh (June 1, 1959)	June 2007 P June 2009 C June 2011 D (i Currently D	oined the Company President of Zeon Medical Inc. Corporate Officer of the Company Director & Corporate Officer of the Company incumbent) Division Manager of Corporate Planning Division and General Manager of Business Planning Department	12,000
9	Takeo Furuya (December 2, 1958) *New candidate for Director	March         1990         John           August         2011         G           July         2012         G           B         D         B           June         2013         C           Currently         D         D           F         (Status of important)         C	General Manager of Accounting Reform Department, Corporate Administration Division of the Company General Manager of Accounting & Finance Department and General Manager of Accounting Reform Department, Corporate Administration Division of the Company Corporate Officer of the Company (incumbent) Division Manager of Corporate Administration Division and General Manager of Accounting & Finance Department to concurrent occupations) Rector of Zeon F&B Co., Ltd.	0
10	Haruo Itoh (November 9, 1943) *Candidate for Outside Director	April         1968         Jo           June         1998         D           October         2003         P           S         S         S           June         2006         P           April         2010         D           June         2010         S           June         2011         O           (Status of important         C	oined Fuji Electric Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Director of Fuji Electric Co., Ltd. President and Representative Director of Fuji Electric Dystems Co., Ltd. President and Representative Director of Fuji Electric Holdings Co., Ltd. Director & Senior Adviser of Fuji Electric Holdings Co., Ltd. Lenior Electric Co., Ltd. (former Fuji Electric Holdings Co.) Lenior Co., Ltd. (former Fuji Electric Holdings Co.)	5,000

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, position and responsibility at the Company, and status of important concurrent occupations			Number of shares held in the Company
11	Takao Kitabata (January 10, 1950) *Candidate for Outside Director	Chairm School Outside	an of Bo	Joined Ministry of International Trade and Industry Director-General, Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Retired from Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry Outside Director of Kobe Steel, Ltd. (incumbent) Outside Corporate Auditor of Marubeni Corporation Chairman of Board of Sanda Gakuen Junior High School & Senior High School (incumbent) Outside Director of Marubeni Corporation (incumbent) Principal of Sanda Gakuen Junior High School & Senior High School Outside Director of the Company (incumbent) tant concurrent occupations) ard of Sanda Gakuen Junior High School & Senior High r of Kobe Steel, Ltd. r of Marubeni Corporation	0
				r of SEIREN CO., LTD.	
12	Tadanobu Nagumo (February 12, 1947) *New candidate for Director *Candidate for Outside Director	April June June June June  June  (Status Chairm Rubber	1969 1999 2002 2003 2004 2011 of impor an and C Co., Ltd	Joined The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd. Director of The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd. Managing Director of The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd. Senior Managing Director of The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd. President and Representative Director of The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd. Chairman and CEO and Representative Director of The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd. (incumbent) Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member of the Company (incumbent) tant concurrent occupations) EO and Representative Director of The Yokohama	4,000

- (Notes) 1. Haruo Itoh, Takao Kitabata and Tadanobu Nagumo are candidates for Outside Director as provided in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item 7 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Companies Act. The reasons for our nomination of these individuals as candidates for Outside Director are as follows:
  - (1) Haruo Itoh was involved in the management of Fuji Electric Co., Ltd. for many years, and he possesses experience and knowledge as a person with expertise in corporate management, which he has accumulated through his career. The Company requests his re-election as Outside Director, as it expects him to provide practical guidance and advice related to corporate management of the Company founded on this experience, etc. At the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, Haruo Itoh will have served four years as Outside Director of the Company.
  - (2) Takao Kitabata was involved in the planning of economic and industrial policy for many years, and he possesses experience and knowledge of industry overall, which he has accumulated through his career. The Company requests his re-election as Outside Director, as it judges that, regardless of whether he has had direct involvement in the corporate management of a company, he can contribute to the corporate management of the Company with his guidance and advice based on his knowledge, etc. At the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, Takao Kitabata will have served one year as Outside Director of the Company.
  - (3) Tadanobu Nagumo was involved in the management of The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd. for many years, and he possesses experience and knowledge as a person with expertise in corporate management, which he has accumulated through his career. The Company requests his election as Outside Director on the expiration of his term as Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member (four years) from June 2011, as it expects him to provide practical guidance and advice related to corporate management of the Company founded on this experience, etc.
  - 2. The Company has notified the Tokyo Stock Exchange of status of Haruo Itoh and Takao Kitabata as independent directors/auditors.
  - 3. The Company has concluded contracts with Haruo Itoh and Takao Kitabata that limit their liability for damages

prescribed by Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to the minimum liability limit amount prescribed by laws and regulations. If their re-election is approved, the Company plans to continue contracts with the same contents. Moreover, the Company also plans to enter into a contract that has the same contents with Tadanobu Nagumo.

- 4. Masayoshi Oshima is President of TFC Inc. The Company conducts trade with the aforesaid company such as the purchase optical film.
- Tadanobu Nagumo is the Chairman and CEO and Representative Director of The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.
  The Company conducts trade with the aforesaid company, involving the sale of products such as synthetic rubber, etc.
- 6. There are no special conflicts of interests as prescribed by Article 74, Paragraph 2, Item 3 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Companies Act between the Company and any of the other candidates.

# Item 4: Election of Three (3) Audit & Supervisory Board Members

Of the Audit & Supervisory Board Members currently in office, the terms of office of Seiichi Okada, Tadanobu Nagumo and Nobuhiro Mori will expire at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. Therefore, we would like you to approve the election of three (3) Audit & Supervisory Board Members including two (2) Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members. The Audit & Supervisory Board has approved this proposal.

The candidates for Audit & Supervisory Board Members are as follows.

No.	Name (Date of birth)	Career summary, position at the Company, and Status of important concurrent occupations			Number of shares held in the Company
1	Tadayuki Minami (April 1, 1952) *New candidate for Audit & Supervisory Board Member	April June June June	1974 2003 2007 2009	Joined the Company Director of the Company Senior Director & Corporate Officer of the Company Director & Senior Corporate Officer of the Company	73,000
				(incumbent)  It concurrent occupations)  Corporation	
2	Akio Kohri (December 21, 1948) *New candidate for Audit & Supervisory Board Member *Candidate for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member	President o	f ADEK	Joined Asahi Denka Co., Ltd. (currently ADEKA CORPORATION) Operating Officer of ADEKA CORPORATION Director and Operating Officer of ADEKA CORPORATION Director and Managing Operating Officer of ADEKA CORPORATION President of ADEKA CORPORATION (incumbent) at concurrent occupations) (A CORPORATION	0
3	Nobutake Nishijima (May 23, 1953) *New candidate for Audit & Supervisory Board Member *Candidate for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member	April March April April June April April (Status of i	1976 2003 2004 2005 2008 2008 2013 2015 mportar	f Nihon Nohyaku Co., Ltd.  Joined Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, Ltd. Executive Officer of Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd. Executive Officer of Mizuho Bank, Ltd. Managing Executive Officer of Mizuho Bank, Ltd. Deputy President and Executive Officer of Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. Representative Director, Deputy President and Executive Officer of Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. President of Mizuho Private Wealth Management Co., Ltd. Vice Chairman of Total Insurance Service Limited (incumbent) at concurrent occupations) Total Insurance Service Limited	0

- (Notes) 1. Akio Kohri and Nobutake Nishijima are candidates for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member as provided in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item 8 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Companies Act. The reasons for our nomination of these individuals as candidates for Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member are as follows. Both Akio Kohri and Nobutake Nishijima were involved in corporate management for many years—Mr. Kohri at ADEKA CORPORATION, and Mr. Nishijima at Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd., among other companies—and they possess experience and knowledge as persons with expertise in corporate management, which they have accumulated through their career. The Company expects them to provide practical guidance and advice related to corporate management of the Company founded on these points of view. As both candidates satisfy the requirements prescribed by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the Company plans to notify the exchange of their status of independent directors/auditors.
  - 2. The Company plans to enter into contracts with Akio Kohri and Nobutake Nishijima that limit their liability for damages prescribed by Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to the minimum liability limit amount prescribed by laws and regulations. Moreover, if Item 2 (Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation) is approved, the Company plans to enter into a contract that has the same contents with Tadayuki Minami.
  - 3. Tadayuki Minami concurrently serves as President of the Company's subsidiary, Tohpe Corporation, but is scheduled to retire from this position prior to the date of the Company's Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.
  - 4. Akio Kohri is President of ADEKA CORPORATION. The Company conducts trade with the aforesaid company such as the purchase of raw materials.
  - 5. There are no special conflicts of interests as prescribed by Article 76, Paragraph 1 Item 2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Companies Act between the Company and any of the other candidates.