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Corporate Governance Report

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The corporate governance of Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd. (the “Company”) is described below.

I. Basic Views on Corporate Governance, Capital Structure, Corporate Profile and Other Basic Information

1. Basic Views

It is our fundamental management policy to continue enhancing corporate value, thereby meeting the expectations of our shareholders. In order to realize this policy, our basic approach for corporate governance is to work on accurate and timely information disclosure to our shareholders and investors in terms of improving management transparency and strengthening monitoring functions, as well as to develop an efficient organizational structure and various systems able to quickly respond to changes in the business environment. The Company regards the aforementioned idea as one of our most important management priorities.

[Reasons for Non-compliance with the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code] (Updated)

The Company complies with all principles of the Corporate Governance Code. The Company will submit updated Corporate Governance Report corresponding to the revision of the Corporate Governance Code (effective as of June 1, 2018), promptly upon completion of the update.

[Disclosure Based on the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code] (Updated)

【Principle 1-4: So-called Strategic Shareholding】

(Policy for strategic shareholding)

If we think that the maintenance and strengthening of a stable business relationship with any party contributes to the improvement of the Company’s corporate value based on its sustainable growth, the Company may hold the shares of such party as needed in consideration of business and strategic importance.

(Verification of the significance and rationality of shareholding)

Annually, the Board of Directors will verify the medium to long-term economic rationality of holding the shares in question in consideration of the maintenance and strengthening of the business relationship and the risks in holding such shares.

(Exercise of voting rights)

The Company exercises voting rights by comprehensively examining matters such as whether or not each proposal causes any damage to shareholder value in consideration of the purpose of shareholding, which is to improve the Company’s corporate value based on its sustainable growth, and any contribution to the improvement of the investee’s corporate value.

【Principle 1-7: Related Party Transactions】

Pursuant to the Companies Act and the Regulations of the Board of Directors of the Company, any transaction between the Company and a Director shall require the approval of the Board of Directors, and such Director shall not participate in the discussion or the resolution.

In addition, pursuant to the “Accounting Standard for Related Party Disclosures” and the “Guidance on Accounting Standard for Related Party Disclosures,” we confirm with each Director every year about the existence of any transactions with related parties and the importance of any such transactions. We disclose any such transactions if there is a requirement to do so.

【Principle 3-1: Fulfilling Disclosure】

(i) Our business principle and management policies are as follows. For management strategies, please see management messages from the “Annual Report” posted on our website.

(http://www.shinetsu.co.jp/jp/ir/pdf/2017/AR2018_3.pdf)

The Shin-Etsu Group’s Business Principle: We contribute to people’s living, society and industry through value creation in materials and technologies, while observing all laws and regulations as well as conducting fair corporate activities.

Management Policies:

(1)Basic Management Policies

As fundamental principles of its conduct, the Shin-Etsu Group makes safety its utmost priority, performs fair corporate activities and contributes to people’s daily lives, society and industry by creating value through providing key materials and technologies. Through these contributions, we aim to meet the expectations of all of our shareholders. Towards this end, our management policy is to pursue the world’s highest level of technology and product quality while, at the same time, continuing to make constant improvements in productivity. We endeavor to build a stable business relationship with our customers around the world, and we strive to appropriately respond to changes in the market and the economic situation.

In addition, keeping the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in mind, we will carry out our business activities in order to contribute to the furtherance of these goals in multifaceted ways. We recognize that our Group’s products, our businesses and way of conducting business operations by their very nature are compatible with the SDGs, and we wish to further deepen this harmonious aspect.

(2)Targeting Our Management Objectives: Shin-Etsu’s Mid-to Long-term Management Strategies

The Management Objectives that we are targeting are annual increases in sales and in profit. Among our main products, there are products that are subject to the influence of changes in the business environment, starting with market conditions. In order to carry out the management of each business under market conditions in which sudden changes may occur in a short period of time, it is necessary to speedily respond to the changes in the external environment. Based on the policies stated in the previous “Basic Management Policies” section, we will steadily carry out every day’s, every month’s and every year’s management, and we will concentrate on making sales and profit grow.

ii) Basic views on corporate governance

Please see “I 1. Basic Views” of this report.

iii) Policies and procedures in determining the remuneration of Directors

Please see “Disclosure of Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods” of “II 1. Organizational Structure and Operation, etc.” of this report.

iv) Policies and procedures with respect to the nomination of Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members candidates

[Policy and procedure for nominating a Director candidate]

With respect to both Internal Directors in charge of the execution of business and the Outside Directors, candidates are chosen irrespective of nationality or gender and are required to have good character and expertise.

Secondly, candidates for a Director position in charge of the execution of business are required to have extensive business expert knowledge and experience. Candidates for an Outside Director position are required

to have extensive management experience or advanced knowledge and experience in his/her field of expertise. Based on the above, the Company decides on Director candidates by means of discussion and resolution of the Board of Directors attended by the Outside Officers.

[Policy and procedure for nominating an Audit & Supervisory Board Member candidate]

With respect to both Internal Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members, candidates are chosen irrespective of nationality or gender and are required to have good character and expertise.

Secondly, candidates for an Internal Audit & Supervisory Board Member position are required to have a wide-ranging familiarity with the Company's affairs, business practices and industrial affairs, etc. Candidates for an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member position are required to have advanced knowledge in his/her field of expertise, such as law, finance and accounting, or wide-ranging expertise in general management affairs.

Based on the above, the Company decides on Audit & Supervisory Board Member candidates by means of discussion and resolution of the Board of Directors attended by the Outside Officers subject to the consent of the Audit & Supervisory Board.

v) Explanations with respect to the individual appointments and nominations for the nomination of Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member candidates).

Reasons for the election of each Outside Officer are described in "II 1. Organizational Structure and Operation, etc." of this report.

All the Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members chosen and nominated have good character, expertise and ability in accordance with the policy explained in (iv). For the career of each person, see the "Notice of Convocation of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders" posted on our website.

(http://www.shinetsu.co.jp/en/ir/ir_general_meeting.html)

【Supplementary Principle 4-1-1: Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors (1)】

The Company determines that the matters requiring a resolution of the Board of Directors under laws and regulations and other important matters relating to its business, as listed below, must be decided by resolution of the Board of Directors:

(1) Matters set forth in the Companies Act and other laws and regulations; (2) Matters set forth in the Articles of Incorporation; (3) Matters delegated by a resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders; and (4) Important business matters and other matters set forth in the Regulations of the Board of Directors of the Company.

In addition, the following matters must be reported to the Board of Directors:

(1) Status of execution of business and other matters set forth in the Companies Act and other laws and regulations; (2) Matters set forth in the Regulations of the Board of Directors; and (3) Other matters which the Board of Directors considers necessary.

【Principle 4-9: Independence Standards and Qualification for Independent Outside Directors】

The Outside Directors who are Independent Officers are elected in accordance with the requirements for the Outside Directors set forth in the Companies Act and "Standards for Independence of Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members" set forth by the Financial Instruments Exchange and the Company.

【Supplementary Principle 4-11-1: Preconditions to secure the Effectiveness of the Board of Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board】

The Company's Group globally develops the "PVC/Chlor-Alkali Business," "Silicones Business," "Specialty Chemicals Business," "Semiconductor Silicon Business," "Electronics and Functional Materials Business" and "Processing, Trading & Specialized Services Business." To enable the Board of Directors to make correct and speedy decisions about these business activities and provide sufficient supervision, the Company's basic policy is to elect, regardless of their nationality or gender, the Internal Directors who have business expertise in sales, manufacturing, research and development, etc. and a number of the Outside Directors who can proactively give their opinions about enhancing growth strategies and governance from a broad high-level perspective, and to have an appropriate number of the Internal Directors and the Outside Directors for the Company's business scale to constitute the Board of Directors.

The Articles of Incorporation stipulates that the number of the Directors shall be 26 or less, and the current Board of Directors consists of 22 Directors, including four Outside Directors.

【Supplementary Principle 4-11-2: Preconditions to secure the Effectiveness of the Board of Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board】

For the status of concurrent Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members as Officers of other listed companies, please see “II 1. Organizational Structure and Operation, etc.” of this report.

【Supplementary Principle 4-11-3: Preconditions to secure the Effectiveness of the Board of Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board Effectiveness】

The Company’s major discussion and decision-making bodies for business execution include the Board of Directors, as stipulated by law, and the Managing Directors’ Committee. All Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members including Outside Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board Members are able to attend these meetings. In fiscal year 2017, the Board of Directors’ meeting was held 14 times and discussed all the matters stipulated under the laws and regulations, Articles of Incorporation and the Regulations of the Board of Directors of the Company.

The Company’s Board of Directors assesses that important issues are appropriately and speedily determined and reported in consideration of opinions of each Director.

【Supplementary Principle 4-14-2: Director and Audit & Supervisory Board Member Training】

In order to realize the business principle, “we contribute to people’s living, society and industry through value creation in materials and technologies, while observing all laws and regulations as well as conducting fair corporate activities,” we provide the Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board Members with training and seminars focusing particularly on compliance at the time of their appointment and at other appropriate times. The Audit & Supervisory Board Members also attend external training events to acquire necessary knowledge and improve their skills.

【Principle 5-1: Policy for Constructive Communication with Shareholders】

The Company recognizes that constructive communication with the shareholders is very important for improving corporate value based on the Company’s sustainable growth and has determined the following policies:

- 1) Shareholders’ requests for communication are handled mainly by (i) the Chairman, (ii) the President, (iii) the Officers in charge of each Division, Finance & Accounting or Public Relations and (iv) the full-time persons in charge of Investor Relations (IR) in the Public Relations Department.
- 2) For promoting constructive communication with the shareholders, the Public Relations Department, which is in charge of IR, shares information as needed with each Division, the Office of the President and the Finance & Accounting Department, and ensures an organized cooperation within the Company.
- 3) We hold Company-sponsored financial result briefings (twice a year), conference calls (twice a year), business briefings and plant tours (held as needed), and also participate in the meetings held by securities companies for the investors, etc.
- 4) The opinions, etc. acquired through communication with the shareholders and investors are reported as needed to the management and relevant Divisions.
- 5) We endeavor to perform fair and transparent information disclosure and set a “silent period (from the day following the date of quarterly financial settlement to the date of publication of financial settlement)” during which we decline any communication regarding the information of the financial results and, during such period, we decline any inquiries about the financial results and interaction with news media so as to securely prevent any insider information leakage.

2. Capital Structure

Foreign Shareholding Ratio	More than 30%
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[Status of Major Shareholders] (Updated)

Name / Company Name	Number of Shares Owned	Percentage (%)
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)	48,330,400	11.33
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account)	36,160,800	8.48
Nippon Life Insurance Company	21,933,030	5.14
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account 4)	12,269,200	2.88
The Hachijuni Bank, Ltd.	11,790,677	2.76
Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company	10,687,919	2.51
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK 380055	8,018,222	1.88
STATE STREET BANK WEST CLIENT – TREATY 505234	7,193,332	1.69
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account 5)	6,664,900	1.56
GIC PRIVATE LIMITED - C	6,663,800	1.56

Controlling Shareholder (except for Parent Company)	—
Parent Company	None

Supplementary Explanation (Updated)

- (i) The above mentioned status of major shareholders states the situation as of March 31, 2018.
(ii) The percentage is calculated after deducting the number of treasury stocks from that of total outstanding shares.

3. Corporate Attributes

Listed Stock Market and Market Section	Tokyo Stock Exchange First Section / Nagoya Stock Exchange First Section
Fiscal Year-End	March
Type of Business	Chemicals
Number of Employees (consolidated) as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	More than 1000
Sales (consolidated) as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	More than ¥1 trillion
Number of Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	From 50 to less than 100

4. Policy on Measures to Protect Minority Shareholders in Conducting Transactions with Controlling Shareholder

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5. Other Special Circumstances which may have Material Impact on Corporate Governance

The shares of Shin-Etsu Polymer Co., Ltd., which is one of the Company's subsidiaries, are listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. The Company's objective is to develop comprehensive business activities of the Group as a whole. However, the Company basically respects the autonomy of Shin-Etsu

Polymer Co., Ltd. in its business operation as an independent business entity, while maintaining cooperation through exchanging information on product development technology and management.
In addition, when the Company sells products to Shin-Etsu Polymer Co., Ltd., the terms and conditions of such transactions are determined based on market prices.

II. Business Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems regarding Decision-making, Execution of Business, and Supervision in Management

1. Organizational Structure and Operation, etc.

Organization Form	Company with Audit & Supervisory Board
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[Directors]

Maximum Number of Directors Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	26
Term of Office Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	2
Chairperson of the Board	Chairman
Number of Directors	22
Election of Outside Directors	Elected
Number of Outside Directors	4
Number of Independent Directors	4

Outside Directors' Relationship with the Company (1)

Name	Attribute	Relationship with the Company*											
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	
Frank Peter Popoff	From another company												○
Tsuyoshi Miyazaki	From another company												○
Toshihiko Fukui	Other												○
Hiroshi Komiyama	Other												○

* Categories for "Relationship with the Company"

- * "○" when the Director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;
"△" when the Director fell under the category in the past
- * "●" when a close relative of the Director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;
"▲" when a close relative of the Director fell under the category in the past

- a. Executive of the Company or its subsidiaries
- b. Non-executive Director or executive of a parent company of the Company
- c. Executive of a fellow subsidiary company of the Company
- d. A party whose major client or supplier is the Company or an executive thereof
- e. Major client or supplier of the listed company or an executive thereof
- f. Consultant, accountant or legal professional who receives a large amount of monetary consideration or other property from the Company besides compensation as a Director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member
- g. Major shareholder of the Company (or an executive of the said major shareholder if the shareholder is a legal entity)
- h. Executive of a client or supplier company of the Company (which does not correspond to any of d, e, or f) (the Director himself/herself only)

- i. Executive of a company, between which and the Company Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members are mutually appointed (the Director himself/herself only)
- j. Executive of a company or organization that receives a donation from the Company (the Director himself/herself only)
- k. Others

Outside Directors' Relationship with the Company (2)

Name	Designation as Independent Director	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons for Election
Frank Peter Popoff	○	Former CEO, former The Dow Chemical Company Former Director, Indiana University Foundation Former Director, United Technologies Former Director, Qwest Communications International Former Director and present Senior Advisor, American Express	The Company has been aggressively promoting its business development overseas through the establishment of business locations all over the world, including in the U.S., Asia, and Europe. Mr. Popoff's opinions and practical advice, from a broad perspective based on his management experience as CEO of former The Dow Chemical Company, a U.S. company that has a long history as a global company, have been of significant importance for the Company to expand its business overseas and enhance its corporate value. He also serves as the commissioner of the Officers' Remuneration Committee, and his work so far includes repealing the Officers' Retirement Benefits Program and making other significant revisions to the officer's remuneration system, thus striving to achieve an appropriate corporate governance structure with regard to the officer's remuneration system. The Company elected Frank Peter Popoff as an Outside Director with the expectation of continuing advice and supervision as well as further contributions in establishing appropriate corporate governance structures. Furthermore, he was appointed as an Independent Officer for the reason that he has been judged to maintain a high independence taking into account that he has fulfilled the aforementioned duties and has performed a satisfactory supervision from an independent standpoint since he became an Outside Director.
Tsuyoshi Miyazaki	○	Former Representative Director and President, Mitsubishi Logistics Corporation Former Representative Director and Chairman, Mitsubishi Logistics Corporation Advisor, Mitsubishi Logistics Corporation	The Company elected Tsuyoshi Miyazaki as an Outside Director with the expectation of not only the supervision from an independent standpoint, but also advice on overall management by capitalizing on his management experience at Mitsubishi Logistics Corporation. Furthermore, he was appointed as an Independent Officer for the reason that he has been judged to maintain a high independence taking into account that he has provided useful advice from a broad

			high-level perspective by capitalizing on his management experience at Mitsubishi Logistics Corporation and has also performed a satisfactory supervision from an independent standpoint since he became an Outside Director.
Toshihiko Fukui	○	Former Governor, the Bank of Japan President, the Canon Institute for Global Studies Outside Director, Kikkoman Corporation	The Company elected Toshihiko Fukui as an Outside Director with the expectation of not only the supervision from an independent standpoint, but also advice on overall management by capitalizing on his experience he acquired through his service at the Bank of Japan. Furthermore, he was appointed as an Independent Officer for the reason that he has been judged to maintain a high independence taking into account that he, who was a former Governor of the Bank of Japan, etc., has provided useful advice from a broad high-level perspective by capitalizing on his outstanding knowledge and wealth of experience related to global finance and the economy, and has also performed a satisfactory supervision from an independent standpoint since he became an Outside Director.
Hiroshi Komiyama	○	Former President, the University of Tokyo Chairman, Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc. Outside Director, Imagineer Co., Ltd.	The Company elected Hiroshi Komiyama as an Outside Director with the expectation of not only the supervision from an independent standpoint, but also advice on overall management by capitalizing on his wealth of experience he acquired through his service as a former president of the University of Tokyo. Furthermore, he was appointed as an Independent Officer for the reason that he has been judged to maintain a high independence taking into account that he has provided useful advice from a board high-level perspective by capitalizing on his outstanding knowledge and wealth of experience in a wide range of disciplines, including chemical engineering, the global environment, and natural resources and energy, and has also performed a satisfactory supervision from an independent standpoint since he became an Outside Director.

Voluntary Establishment of Committee(s) Corresponding to Nomination Committee or Remuneration Committee	Established
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Committee's Name, Composition, and Attributes of Chairperson		
	Committee Corresponding to Nomination Committee	Committee Corresponding to Remuneration Committee
Committee's Name	—	Officers' Remuneration Committee

All Committee Members	—	5
Full-time Members	—	0
Inside Directors	—	4
Outside Directors	—	1
Outside Experts	—	0
Other	—	0
Chairperson	—	Outside Director

Supplementary Explanation

To ensure the transparency and fairness of determining Officer's remuneration, the Officers' Remuneration Committee was established in 2002 as an advisory body to the Board of Directors. This Committee, chaired by the Outside Director, Frank Peter Popoff, reviews and assesses the overall degree of contribution by each Director with respect to performance and general management for each fiscal year and reports the results of these evaluations to the Board of Directors.

[Audit & Supervisory Board Members]

Establishment of Audit & Supervisory Board	Established
Maximum Number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	5
Number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members	5

Cooperation among Audit & Supervisory Board Members, Accounting Auditors and Internal Audit Departments

The Company's Audit & Supervisory Board Members conduct audits aiming to further enhance the effectiveness of governance through mutual cooperation with the Accounting Auditor such as observing audits of the Accounting Auditor as necessary and exchanging information or having discussions by occasionally seeking reports and explanations on audits. The Auditing Department is a dedicated department responsible for conducting the Company's internal audits, and conducts such audits independently from other Departments and Administrative Divisions. The Audit & Supervisory Board Members hold regular monthly meetings with the Auditing Department where they receive progress reports on activities, internal auditing results and other matters. They provide advice and make request regarding these activities and the selection of auditing themes and other topics. In addition, they hold meetings as needed in order to share issues. The Auditing Department also attends meetings where the Audit & Supervisory Board Members receive reports and explanations regarding auditing plans and accounting audits from the Accounting Auditor in an effort to strengthen auditing functions based on more effective tripartite cooperation.

Election of Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members	Elected
Number of Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members	3
Number of Independent Audit & Supervisory Board Members	3

Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members' Relationship with the Company (1)

Name	Attribute	Relationship with the Company*												
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			becoming an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member, he has performed a satisfactory job in auditing from a professional perspective as a lawyer and has contributed to the establishment of a compliance structure for the Company from an independent standpoint.
Yoshihito Kosaka	○	CPA Certified Public Tax Accountant Counselor, Kisaragi Audit Corporation Audit & Supervisory Committee Member, Star Mica Co., Ltd. Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member, ASTMAX Co., Ltd.	The Company elected Yoshihito Kosaka as an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member to conduct audits from an independent standpoint based on his professional knowledge and abundant experience as a certified public accountant and a certified public tax accountant. Mr. Kosaka was appointed as an Independent Officer because the management regards him as highly independent. Since becoming an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member, he has performed a satisfactory job in auditing from a professional perspective as a certified public accountant and a certified public tax accountant and has contributed to the establishment of a compliance structure for the Company from an independent standpoint.
Kiyoshi Nagano	○	Former Representative Director, Chairman and President, former Jasdac Securities Exchange, Inc. Outside Director, LEC, INC.	The Company elected Kiyoshi Nagano as an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member to conduct audits from an independent standpoint as he has wide range of knowledge and wealth of experience based on his management experience at former Jasdac Securities Exchange, Inc. Mr. Nagano was appointed as an Independent Officer because management regards him as highly independent. Since becoming an Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Member, he has performed a satisfactory job of auditing from a broad perspective based on his management experience at former Jasdac Securities Exchange, Inc. and has contributed to the establishment of a compliance structure for the Company from an independent standpoint.

[Independent Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members]

Number of Independent Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members	7
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Matters relating to Independent Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members

The Company has appointed all Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members as Independent Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members, insofar as they meet the qualifications thereof. In addition, the Company stipulates “Standards for Independence of Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members”, and Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members who do not fall under any of the following items shall be regarded as independent.

1. Executives (the Directors (excluding the Outside Directors), Corporate Officers, Executive Officers, the equivalents thereof and employees; the same applies hereafter) or those who were executives in the Company, its subsidiaries and affiliated companies.
 2. Executives of legal persons, etc. that the Company is a major shareholder of.
 3. Major shareholders of the Company or executives of legal persons, etc. that are major shareholders of the Company.
 4. Major clients or suppliers of the Company or those to whom the Company is a major client or supplier. (In the case of legal persons, etc., executives of the said legal persons, etc.)
 5. Those who belong to audit firms acting as the Accounting Auditors of the Company.
 6. Those who render professional services, such as legal, financial, tax and other fields, or consulting work to the Company and receive a large amount of monetary compensation (In the case of legal persons, etc., those who belong to the said legal persons, etc.)
 7. Those who receive large donations from the Company (In the case of legal persons, etc., executives of the said legal persons, etc.)
 8. Those who have fallen under any of the above items 2 through 7 until recently.
 9. Those who are relatives within the second degree of kinship to the persons described in any of the following items (limited to important persons ^(Note))
 - (1) Executives of the Company, its subsidiaries and affiliated companies.
 - (2) Those who fall under any of the above items 2 through 7.
 - (3) Those who have fallen under the above items (1) and (2) until recently.
- (Note) "Important persons"
- 1) In case of executives, include the Directors (excluding the Outside Directors), Corporate Officers, Executive Directors and any employee with a senior managerial position of general manager or higher.
 - 2) Includes certified public accountants among those who belong to audit firms or accounting audit offices, attorneys-at-law among those who belong to legal offices and Officers (including councilors, board members and auditors) among those who belong to incorporated foundations, incorporated associations, educational institutions and other legal persons.

[Incentives]

Incentive Policies for Directors	Stock Options
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Supplementary Explanation

The level of remuneration is comprehensively determined based on the review conducted by the Officers' Remuneration Committee.
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Recipients of Stock Options	Inside Directors / Employee
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Supplementary Explanation

Stock options are for the Directors of the Company (excluding the Outside Directors) and executive-level employees who are deeply involved in corporate management for the purpose of enhancing the willingness and the morale to improve the Company's business performance.

[Director Remuneration]

Disclosure of Individual Directors' Remuneration	Selected Directors
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Supplementary Explanation (Updated)

The total amount of remuneration of the Directors of the Company (excluding the Outside Directors) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 was 1,615 million yen for 19 Directors (including one Director who retired at the conclusion of the 140th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 29, 2017).

The above amount does not include the amount of salary (including bonuses) in relation to the employee position payable to the Directors who are concurrently serving as employees.

In addition, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors on September 6, 2017, 18 Directors (excluding the Outside Directors) were granted stock acquisition rights intended as incentive stock options, which were valued at 198 million yen.

The total amount of remuneration to the Outside Directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members (four Outside Directors and three Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 was 149 million yen.

Details for those who were awarded remuneration of 100 million yen or more are separately disclosed in the Annual Securities Report (Japanese only).

Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods	Established
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Disclosure of Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods (Updated)

The Company's Director remuneration is within the scope of the compensation framework approved by the General Shareholder's Meeting and is determined by the Board of Directors in light of the assessments and evaluations by the voluntary Officers' Remuneration Committee chaired by an Outside Director. The Director remuneration consists of "basic remuneration" reflecting position and duties, etc., a "bonus" based on annual performance and "stock options."

The Audit & Supervisory Board Member remuneration is within the scope of the compensation framework approved by the General Shareholders' Meeting and is determined through consultation within the Audit & Supervisory Board Members. The Audit & Supervisory Member remuneration consists of "basic remuneration" reflecting duties and a "bonus."

Moreover, the Outside Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board Members do not receive "stock options." The Outside Directors and the Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members also do not receive "bonus."

[Supporting System for Outside Directors and/or Audit & Supervisory Board Members]

The Outside Directors and the Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members are assisted by the staffs of the related divisions. The Company receives appropriate opinions from the Outside Directors, by communicating and giving explanations on the agenda in advance as necessary, at any important internal meetings such as the Board of Directors. In addition, the Company reports the matters discussed in the Board of Directors to those Outside Directors and Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members who were unable to attend the meeting by sending the copies of the minutes.

2. Matters on Functions of Business Execution, Auditing, Supervision, Nomination and Remuneration

Decisions (Overview of Current Corporate Governance System) (Updated)

[Execution of Business Processes]

The Company has principle organs, called the Board of Directors and Managing Directors' Committee, for considering and deciding the execution of business processes. Each organ holds a meeting once a month as a general rule, where high-priority issues are discussed and resolved.

[Audit and Supervision]

The Company's Audit & Supervisory Board Members conduct audits concerning the execution of operations

by the Directors through the attendance of important internal meetings including those mentioned above and the review of important documents and physical observation of plants in Japan and overseas. The Company's Audit & Supervisory Board Members conduct audits aiming to further enhance the effectiveness of governance through mutual cooperation with the Accounting Auditor such as observing audits of the Accounting Auditor as necessary and exchanging information or having discussions by occasionally seeking reports and explanations on audits. The Company is making every effort to prepare appropriate personnel and structures to support audits by the Audit & Supervisory Board Members, by allocating dedicated staffs to assist the Audit & Supervisory Board Members, where the appointment, termination and other actions concerning such staffs require the consent of the Audit & Supervisory Board Members to be obtained in accordance with the procedure set out in the internal rules and regulations. In addition, the Company elected three Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members who are highly independent, one of whom has knowledge of finance and accounting as a certified public accountant and a certified public tax accountant.

In terms of the internal audit, the Auditing Department (a dedicated department) is engaged in the operational auditing of each department from the perspectives of legal compliance and the rationality of business activities. The results of the audits are reported to management, the Outside Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board Members, etc., thereby ensuring cooperation between the Internal Audit Department, the Outside Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board Members.

The Accounting Auditor of the Company for the year ended March 31, 2018 is Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC. The certified public accountants who conducted audits are Yuji Mukaide, Ryogo Ichikawa and Yasuyuki Kitamura, all of whom are designated members with limited liabilities / executive members whose number of years of continuous service is one year, three years and two years, respectively. The composition of audit engagement assistants is 12 certified public accountants and 38 other staffs involved in the engagement, for a total of 50 people. Furthermore, the remuneration for such audit work under Article 2, Paragraph 1 of the Certified Public Accountants Law is 104 million yen (consisting of 81 million yen for the Company and 23 million yen for its consolidated subsidiaries) and the remuneration for other work is 22 million yen (consisting of 11 million yen for the Company and 10 million yen for its consolidated subsidiaries). As other significant remuneration, 16 foreign subsidiaries among the Company's consolidated subsidiaries paid 81 million yen for the audit certification work carried out by ERNST & YOUNG, which belongs to the same network as the Accounting Auditor of the Company.

With regard to the Outside Directors, the Company invited Frank Peter Popoff, former CEO of former The Dow Chemical Company in the United States, Tsuyoshi Miyazaki, former Representative Director and President as well as former Representative Director and Chairman of Mitsubishi Logistics Corporation, Toshihiko Fukui, former Governor of the Bank of Japan, and Hiroshi Komiyama, former President of the University of Tokyo, all of whom have advised us on overall corporate management as well as monitoring and supervision from independent standpoints.

[Determination of remuneration]

In accordance with the Regulations of the Remuneration Committee, the Remuneration Committee, which is chaired by Outside Director Frank Peter Popoff and consists of four other, assesses the remuneration for directors through regular meetings held twice a year and telephone conferences held as needed and then report to the Board of Directors.

[Agreements limiting liability]

The Company, in accordance with the provision of Paragraph 1 of Article 427 of the Companies Act, concludes agreements with all Outside Directors and all Audit & Supervisory Board Members limiting their liability for damages, as described in Paragraph 1 of Article 423 of the Companies Act; provided that the limitation of liability for damages in the agreements shall be based on the amount prescribed by relevant laws and regulations.

3. Reasons for Adoption of Current Corporate Governance System

The Company has adopted the corporate structure under which it established the Audit & Supervisory Board. The audits to be conducted by the Audit & Supervisory Board Members regarding the execution of duties by the Directors is stipulated under the Companies Act and the Audit & Supervisory Board comprises five Audit & Supervisory Board Members in total, including three highly independent Outside Audit & Supervisory

Board Members. In addition to the aforementioned effort to prepare appropriate personnel and structures to support audits by the Audit & Supervisory Board Members, the Company ensures that audits by the Audit & Supervisory Board Members sufficiently serve their function, under the coordination of the Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Internal Audit Department. Furthermore, the Company elected four highly independent Outside Directors, who conduct satisfactory supervision over corporate management under the coordination of the Audit & Supervisory Board Members and the Internal Audit Department. As mentioned above, the Company has established the framework to strengthen supervisory function over corporate management, effectively utilizing the functions carried out by the Audit & Supervisory Board Members. The Company selected the aforementioned system as a company with the Audit & Supervisory Board Members, in the belief that such system can establish the governance structure desirable for the Company and also ensure the trust of the shareholders and investors.

[Role and function of the Company's Outside Directors]

The Company's Outside Directors provide thorough supervision from an independent standpoint and also shared their comments from a broad, high-level perspective capitalizing on their wealth of experience and outstanding knowledge.

And Outside Director Frank Peter Popoff serves as the commissioner of the Officers' Remuneration Committee.

III. Implementation of Measures for Shareholders and Other Stakeholders

1. Measures to Vitalize the General Shareholders' Meetings and Smooth Exercise of Voting Rights

(Updated)

	Supplementary Explanations
Early Notification of General Shareholder Meeting	The Notice of Convocation of the Ordinary General Shareholders' Meeting is sent no later than approximately three weeks prior to the Ordinary General Shareholders' Meeting. In addition, such notices are posted on TDnet and the Company's website before the day they are sent in order to ensure enough time for shareholders to consider the agenda.
Allowing Electronic Exercise of Voting Rights	The Company implements a system for exercising voting rights via the Internet.
Participation in Electronic Voting Platform	The Company participates in electronic voting platform for institutional investors operated by ICJ, Inc.
Providing Convocation Notice in English	In order to facilitate the exercise of voting rights by non-Japanese shareholders, the Company prepares and posts an English version of the Notice of Convocation of the Ordinary General Shareholders' Meeting on its website on the same day the Japanese version is posted.
Other	The results of the exercise of voting rights at the General Shareholders' Meeting are disclosed in the Extraordinary Report and are also posted on the Company's website (together with an English version).

2. IR Activities (Updated)

	Supplementary Explanations	Personal explanation by representative
Preparation and Publication of Disclosure Policy	We ensure fair and transparent disclosure to our shareholders and investors in accordance with Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and the Securities Listing Regulations stipulated by the Stock Exchange on which our stocks are listed. This is based on our understanding that timely and accurate disclosure of the Company's corporate information to the shareholders and investors facilitates the understanding of the Company and brings appropriate evaluation from the market. The Company's information disclosure policy is posted on its website.	

Regular Investor Briefings for Individual Investors	The Company holds briefings for individual investors at the bases of securities companies, etc. (around the Tokyo metropolitan area and in major cities) several times a year. In addition, the Company provides information for individual investors using its website.	No
Regular Investor Briefings for Analysts and Institutional Investors	The Company holds financial results briefings (year-end and interim) and conference calls (the first quarter and the third quarter), as well as business briefings and plant tours.	Yes
Posting of IR Materials on Website	The Company posts financial results summaries, explanatory materials concerning financial results, Q&A Summaries of the Business Results Explanatory Meeting and the Annual Securities Reports, etc. on its website. Financial results summaries and explanatory materials concerning financial results are posted on its website on the date the results are announced.	
Establishment of Department and/or Manager in Charge of IR	As the Company believes that “IR is the responsibility of senior executives,” Chihiro Kanagawa, Representative Director and Chairman, and Yasuhiko Saitoh, Representative Director and President, are proactively involved in IR activities. IR activities are carried out by Public Relations Department, for which the Director in charge is Toshiya Akimoto, Managing Director, and the IR administration manager is Yukihito Adachi, General Manager of Public Relations Department.	

3. Measures to Ensure Due Respect for Stakeholders (Updated)

	Supplementary Explanations
Environmental Conservation Activities, CSR Activities and others	<p>Shin-Etsu Group’s business principle is “The Group strictly complies with all laws and regulations, conducts fair business practices and contributes to people’s daily lives as well as to the advance of industry and society by creating value through providing key materials and technologies.” We share the recognition that social and environmental considerations are indispensable in our business activities for the sustained growth of corporate earnings.</p> <p>The Shin-Etsu Group’s product line up contributes to the United Nation’s “SDGs.” The Group’s core products such as PVC, semiconductor silicon, silicones, cellulose derivatives and rare earth magnets contribute to the future of the earth by addressing issues on climate change, preservation of ecosystems and biodiversity. We will accelerate the development of product application as well as the development of new products in order to further contribute to the SDGs.</p> <p>To achieve the business principle, we formulated the Basic CSR Policy and internal regulations, and are carrying out CSR activities. In order to promote CSR activities on a company-wide level in all aspects of corporate activity, we have set up an ESG Promotion Committee comprising managers from the relevant divisions and departments, and President Saitoh serves as the Committee Chairman.</p> <p>In addition, the Group announced its support for and implementation of the Responsible Care Global Charter of the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) in 2006. In 2014, the Company also signed the revised Responsible Care Global Charter. Furthermore, the Group became a participant in the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) in 2010, where it announced its support for and implementation of the UNGC’s Ten Principles with regard to the four areas; human rights, labor standards, the environment and the prevention of corruption. The Company continues to promote business activities in line with these principles in order to obtain the trust of many people.</p>

	The Group's CSR activities are disclosed on the Company's website. (http://www.shinetsu.co.jp/en/csr/)
Other	<p>The Group has been promoting the success of diverse human resources. As one example, in order to promote women's participation and advancement, in the next five years from the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017, the Company will target that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The rate of hiring women is 40% for administrative positions and 10% for engineering positions. 2. The number of women in managerial positions including junior manager level will be doubled compared to the number in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015. <p>Based on the above goals, the Group will continue promoting employees to management positions, regardless of gender.</p> <p>Also, in order to enable employees to demonstrate their abilities while raising children, we have established a Childcare Leave System and a Short-time Working System that exceed legal requirements. Childcare Leave System can be acquired until the child is 3 years old. In addition, Short-time Work System that shortens work hours by up to two hours per day can be used until the child graduates from elementary school.</p>

IV. Matters Related to the Internal Control System

1. Basic Views on Internal Control System and the Progress of System Development (Updated)

The Company has formulated a Basic Policy on Internal Controls to help put in place a "structure to ensure that the execution of duties by the Directors is fully compliant with applicable laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation, and other structures to ensure the propriety of business operations of the company and its subsidiaries," Article 362, Paragraph 4, Item 6 of the Companies Act. We recognize the establishment, operation and maintenance of an internal control system as an important management obligation. In line with this basic policy, we have established and operate an internal control system, which is subject to constant review, in an effort to enhance its appropriateness and efficiency.

1. System to Ensure That the Company's and Its Subsidiaries' Directors and Employees Perform Their Work Duties in Accordance with Applicable Laws and the Company's and Its Subsidiaries' Articles of Incorporation

The Company and its subsidiaries (hereinafter the "Group Companies") have a business principle of taking appropriate corporate actions, based on a desire to act in a lawful manner.

The Company will maintain regulations concerning the Group Companies' compliance system, and the Group Companies' Directors and employees will perform their work duties in accordance with these regulations. The Internal Audit Department and other departments that are related to the contents of the audits will perform internal audits concerning the status of the operation of the compliance system.

In order to uncover illegal activities at an early stage and correct such situations, the Company will establish a compliance consultation office and administer a compliance consulting/reporting system for Group Company executives and employees in accordance with the relevant internal regulations. Also, the Company will provide compliance training in an appropriate manner.

The Company will appoint independent Outside Directors and Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members, who will endeavor to preserve the compliance system from an independent point of view, by attending meetings of the Board of Directors and Managing Directors' meetings and/or by other actions.

2. System to Preserve and Administer Information Concerning the Company's Directors' Performance of Their Work Duties

Based on the regulations of information management and other internal regulations, the Company will prepare and preserve written and other records concerning the Directors' performance of their work duties. The Company will promptly provide these records in response to a request from the Directors or Audit & Supervisory Board Members.

3. Regulations Concerning Management of Risk of Damage to the Company and Its Subsidiaries, and Other Systems

Along with maintaining regulations concerning the Group Companies' risk management system, the Company will establish a Risk Management Committee and facilitate the committee's work across the Group Companies, in order to discover and prevent risks that may occur in conjunction with the execution of the Group Companies' business.

The Company will appoint Outside Directors and Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members, who will endeavor to ensure the exchange of relevant information and appropriate risk management, by attending meetings of the Board of Directors and Managing Directors' meetings and/or by other actions.

4. System to Ensure That the Company's and Its Subsidiaries' Directors Perform Their Work Duties in an Effective Manner

The Company will establish a system to ensure that the Group Companies' Directors and employees perform their work duties in an effective manner, in accordance with (i) decision-making rules and division of work duties based on the regulations of the Board of Directors, division of duties, the Group Companies' management regulations, and other internal regulations and (ii) the holding of meetings of Group Companies and meetings of Presidents of Group Companies (hereinafter "Group Company Meetings").

Also, in order to increase the effectiveness of the Directors' performance of their work duties, the Company will appoint Outside Directors, and these Outside Directors will not only observe and manage the Company's affairs from an independent viewpoint but also provide suggestions concerning all aspects of the Company's corporate management.

5. System to Ensure the Properness of the Activities of the Corporate Group Consisting of the Company and Its Subsidiaries

The Group Companies have a business principle of taking appropriate corporate actions, based on a desire to act in a lawful manner.

The Company's Group Company Management Department, based on the Group Companies' management regulations and the Group Company Meetings, will require Group Companies to report to them important matters relating to the business of the subsidiaries. Also, the Company's Internal Audit Department and other departments that are related to the contents of the audits will, as necessary, work together with the Internal Audit Departments and other departments of the subsidiaries to perform internal audits of the relevant subsidiaries.

The Company will establish an Audit & Supervisory Board Member Liaison Committee and Group Audit & Supervisory Board Member Liaison Committee comprised of Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Members and others from the Company and its main subsidiaries, and the Company's Full-time Audit & Supervisory Board Members will gather relevant information by attending Group Company Meetings and/or by other actions, together with other Audit & Supervisory Board Members (including Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members).

6. Matters Concerning Employees Who Are Requested by Audit & Supervisory Board Members to Assist with the Work Duties of the Audit & Supervisory Board Members

The Company will appoint audit staff from among its employees, in accordance with the methods set forth in the Company's internal regulations, to assist the Audit & Supervisory Board Members with their work duties.

7. Matters Concerning the Independence from the Directors of the Employees Referenced in the Previous Item and Ensuring of Such Employees' Compliance with the Instructions of the Audit & Supervisory Board Members

The Company will appoint, terminate, and take other actions concerning the audit staff, in accordance with the methods set forth in the Company's internal regulations, with the consent of the Audit & Supervisory Board Members.

The audit staff will comply with the instructions and orders of the Audit & Supervisory Board Members and assist with the work of the Audit & Supervisory Board Members.

8. System for Reporting to the Audit & Supervisory Board Members and for Ensuring that Persons Making Such Reports Are Not Treated in an Unfavorable Manner for Making Such Reports

The Company's Directors and employees and the Company's subsidiaries' Directors, Audit & Supervisory Board Members, and employees, as well as any persons who received reports from any of the above-referenced

persons, shall promptly report the following matters to the Company's Audit & Supervisory Board Members, in accordance with the methods set forth in the Company's internal regulations:

- (1) matters that will cause substantial damage to the Company or which have the potential of doing so;
- (2) important matters concerning management or financial information;
- (3) the status of the performance of internal audits;
- (4) material breaches of law or the Company's Articles of Incorporation;
- (5) the status of the administration of the compliance consulting/reporting system and the contents of reports made in connection with the system.

Also, the Group Companies shall not unfavorably evaluate (in internal personnel records) or otherwise treat in an unfavorable manner, any of the above-referenced persons who makes a report, because of the making of such report.

9. System for the Purpose of Otherwise Ensuring That the Audits Performed by the Audit & Supervisory Board Members Will Be Performed Effectively

The Audit & Supervisory Board Members will hold periodic meetings with the Company's Accounting Auditors to exchange opinions, hold regular reporting meetings with the Company's Internal Audit Department, and take other measures to facilitate collaboration with them.

10. Matters Concerning Procedures for Advance Payment/ Reimbursement of Expenses Arising From the Work of Audit & Supervisory Board Members and Other Matters Relating to the Treatment of Expenses and Other Financial Obligations Arising from Such Work

If the Audit & Supervisory Board Members requests prepayment or reimbursement of any amounts necessarily incurred in the course of their audit work, the Company shall pay such amounts within a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner, unless it is clearly proven that such expenses were not necessarily incurred in the course of the audit work.

11. System to cut ties with anti-social forces

The Company's group shall adopt a consistently resolute attitude towards anti-social forces and shall take all measures necessary to cut itself off from any and all associations with anti-social forces.

In accordance with this policy, our group will endeavor to develop internal systems under the leadership of the department in charge of managing these issues. Working closely with the police and other external organizations addressing these issues, our group will strongly push forward initiatives aimed at eradicating anti-social forces.

2. Basic Views on Eliminating Anti-Social Forces (Updated)

(1) Basic views on eliminating anti-social forces

The Group has adopted to strictly comply with all laws and regulations and to conduct fair business practices as a business principle, and confronts with a resolute attitude towards anti-social forces that threaten wholesome social order and safety, thereby striving for the elimination of any relationship with anti-social forces.

(2) Status of establishing a system for eliminating anti-social forces

In order to further facilitate initiatives to eliminate any relationship with anti-social forces, the Company established a dedicated division to handle such matters within the General Affairs Department, and assigned a person in charge preventing the Company from being subject to any undue demands. This establishment enables to organize and strengthen the internal systems and ensures that the Auditing Department and the related divisions serve a checking function from the perspectives of internal control and risk management. Furthermore, the General Affairs Department plays a central role in building a close cooperative relationship with the police and its external organizations as well as external professional bodies such as lawyers on a regular basis, endeavors to share information concerning anti-social forces and work on the central management and accumulation of the gathered information, as well as to participate in seminars held by the said professional bodies and to provide information and warnings within the Company as necessary.

State of the internal system for timely disclosure

