Triodos & Investment Management

KURITA WATER INDUSTRIES LTD

MEETING DATE	Mon, 29 Jun 2020 10:00 am	TYPE	AGM	ISSUE DATE	Mon, 29 Jun 2020
MEETING LOCATION	10F Conference Room Kurita Water Indu Central Park East, 10-1, Nakano 4-chome, N				
CURRENT INDICES	PIRC Japan				
SECTOR	Service industry machinery, not elsewhere of	lassified			

	PROPOSALS	ADVICE
1	Appropriation of Surplus Japanese companies seek specific authority for the appropriation of any surplus in earnings and this authority includes any distribution of a dividend. The approach to such resolutions rests on the degree to which the dividend payout ratio is in line with the level of distribution which investors could reasonably expect. A dividend of 31 yen per share is proposed, and the dividend payout ratio is approximately 38.1%. This exceeds the minimum acceptable threshold of 15% and the company did not make a loss during the year under review. Support is recommended.	For
2.1	Elect Kadota Michiya Presdient. It is considered the responsibility of the most senior Board member to ensure that there is appropriate outside oversight of Board decisions. As there are three or more outside directors, it is considered that there is adequate outside presence on the Board, and support is therefore recommended.	For
2.2	Elect Itou Kiyoshi Executive Director.	For
2.3	Elect Yamada Yoshio Executive Director.	For
2.4	Elect Ejiri Hirohiko Executive Director.	For
2.5	Elect Suzuki Yasuo Executive Director.	For
2.6	Elect Kobayashi Toshimi Executive Director.	For
2.7	Elect Moriwaki Tsuguto Independent Non-Executive Outside Director.	For
2.8	Elect Sugiyama Ryouko Independent Non-Executive Outside Director.	For
2.9	Elect Tanaka Keiko Independent Non-Executive Outside Director.	For
3.1	Elect Kobayashi Kenjirou Independent Outside Corporate Auditor. Support is recommended.	For
3.2	Elect Tada Toshiaki Independent Outside Corporate Auditor. Support is recommended.	For
4	Appoint Alternate Statutory Auditor Nagasawa, Tetsuya Independent Substitute Corporate Auditor. Support is recommended.	For

SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR RESOLUTIONS

Proposal 3.1 - Elect Kobayashi Kenjirou

The traditional governance structure for Japanese companies (Kansayaku) involves the appointment of corporate auditors. Large Japanese companies are required to form a board of corporate auditors with powers to examine board activities and oversee financial reports. Such companies are required by law to appoint at least three statutory auditors to the corporate audit board. At least half the corporate auditors must qualify as 'outsiders'. Beyond this legal minimum, it is considered to be best practice that boards of corporate auditors should be composed wholly of outsiders. New appointments are therefore considered in the context of their effect on the balance of independence.

Note: It is considered that the corporate auditor board will be 66.67% independent following the Annual Meeting.

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