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(Securities code 3064) March 5, 2019

To Shareholders with Voting Rights:

Masaya Suzuki President & CEO MonotaRO Co., Ltd. 2-183, Takeyacho, Amagasaki, Hyogo

### NOTICE OF THE 19TH GENERAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

You are cordially invited to attend the 19th General Shareholders' Meeting of MonotaRO Co., Ltd. (the "Company," and collectively with its subsidiaries, the "Group"). The meeting will be held for the purposes described below.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can exercise your voting rights in writing or via the Internet. Please review the attached Reference Documents for the General Shareholders' Meeting, indicate your vote for or against the proposals on the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form and return it so that it is received by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2019, Japan time, or exercise your voting right on the website designated by the Company (https://evote.tr.mufg.jp/).

1. Date and Time: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., Japan time

2. Venue: Amagasaki Research Incubation Center (ARIC) 1st Floor, 7-1-3, Doicho,

Amagasaki, Hyogo

3. Meeting Agenda:

Matters to be reported: 1. Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 19th

Term (January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018) and results of audits of the Consolidated Financial Statements by the accounting auditor and the Audit

Committee

2. Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 19th Term

(January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018)

Proposals to be resolved:

**Proposal 1:** Appropriation of Surplus Proposal 2: Election of Seven (7) Directors

### 4. Decisions on Convocation:

Please refer to the Information on Exercise of Voting Rights through Internet which appears on or after the next page.

When attending the meeting, please submit the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form at the reception desk. Should the Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements, Non-consolidated Financial Statements and the Reference Documents for the General Shareholders' Meeting require revisions, they will be posted on the Company's website (https://www.monotaro.com).

### Information on Exercise of Voting Rights via the Internet

When exercising voting rights via the Internet, shareholders are requested to confirm the following items beforehand.

If you are attending the meeting, there will be no need to exercise your voting rights by postal mail (Voting Rights Exercise Form) or via the Internet.

#### **Notes**

### 1. Website for exercising voting rights

- (1) You may exercise your voting rights via the Internet only by accessing the website designated by the Company for this purpose (https://evote.tr.mufg.jp/) from a personal computer, smartphone or mobile phone. (However, please note that the website cannot be accessed between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. each day.)
- (2) Depending on the Internet usage environment, shareholders may not be able to exercise their voting rights using a personal computer or smartphone in the event of the use of Firewall, etc. for Internet connection, the use of anti-virus software, the use of a proxy server, or in the event that TLS encrypted communication is not specified.
- (3) For security purposes, only mobile phones capable of TLS encrypted communication and transmission of mobile phone information through the website can be used to exercise voting rights.
- (4) Voting rights exercised via the Internet will be accepted until 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2019, Japan time. However, you are respectfully requested to exercise your voting rights earlier and to contact the Help Desk if you have any inquiries.

### 2. Method of exercising voting rights via the Internet

- (1) With personal computers or mobile phones
  - To exercise voting rights via the Internet, access the website for exercising voting rights (https://evote.tr.mufg.jp/), enter the Login ID and Temporary Password shown on the Voting Rights Exercise Form, and indicate your vote for or against the proposal according to the directions on the screen.
  - In order to prevent unauthorized access by third parties other than shareholders ("spoofing") and the falsification of shareholder votes, please note that shareholders exercising voting rights via the Internet will be asked to change the "Temporary Password" on the website for exercising voting rights.
  - Shareholders will be notified of their new "Login ID" and "Temporary Password" each time a General Shareholders' Meeting is convened.

### (2) With smartphones

- By reading the "QR code for login" shown on the Voting Rights Exercise Form with a smartphone, you will be automatically directed to the website to exercise voting rights.

  (It is not necessary to enter the "Login ID" and "Temporary Password".)
- · For security purposes, login with a QR code is permitted only once.

  After the second time you read the QR code, you will need to enter the "Login ID" and "Temporary Password".
- It may not be possible to log in with QR code depending on your smartphone model. If you cannot log in with the QR code, please refer to the above 2. (1) and exercise your voting rights with a personal computer or mobile phone.
- \* QR code is a registered trademark of DENSO WAVE INCORPORATED

### 3. Multiple exercise of voting rights

- (1) Please note that in the event that voting rights have been exercised in duplicate through both postal mail (Voting Rights Exercise Form) and the Internet, the voting rights exercised via the Internet shall prevail.
- (2) In the event that voting rights are exercised multiple times via the Internet, the last exercised vote shall prevail. Furthermore, in the event that voting rights are exercised in duplicate through a personal computer, smartphone or mobile phone, the last exercised vote shall prevail.

### 4. Fees for accessing the website for exercising voting rights

Fees incurred for accessing the website for exercising voting rights (such as Internet connection fees) shall be borne by the shareholder. Please note that the package communication charges and other fees incurred when using a mobile phone shall also be borne by the shareholder.

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Securities Agency Division (Help Desk), Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation
Telephone: 0120-173-027 (9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., toll free in Japan)

### **Business Report**

(January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018)

### 1. Overview of the Group

### (1) Business Progress and Results

The Japanese economy during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 gradually recovered with government economic and fiscal policies providing some support, while concerns about the policy trend in the United States, the continuity of the growth momentum of the Chinese economy, and the increasingly serious labor shortage in Japan made the outlook for the future Japanese economy unpredictable.

Among mid-to-small manufacturers, the major customers of our industrial MRO products, economic conditions also recovered moderately reflecting the favorable economic circumstances.

In this economic environment, we have continually concentrated on acquiring new customers aggressively mainly through internet advertisements and internet search engine optimization (SEO), which can improve our website's position on the search engines. We also conducted promotion activities including facsimile and direct mail using e-mail and mail flyers, daily special prices, the publication and distribution of catalogs and TV and radio commercials. In terms of catalogs, we newly published REDBOOK vol. 14 Spring Edition in late February, divided into 10 volumes with 207 thousand items and approximately 1.9 million issues available in total, Cost-Cutting Catalog vol. 5 in late June with 17 thousand private label items and we also published REDBOOK vol. 14 Autumn Edition in late September, divided into 9 volumes with 292 thousand items and approximately 2.7 million issues available in total. In addition, we broadcasted TV commercials throughout Japan, except for a few specific geographic areas, to enhance our visibility much further.

Furthermore, the total number of our product lineup reached approximately 17 million items in total and 411 thousand items in stock which are available for the same day shipment to meet the increase in demand corresponding to the expansion of our customer base as of December 31, 2018.

In addition, in relation to the sales of MRO products to large customers through the integrated purchase systems, both the number of customers and the amount of sales steadily increased.

Consequently, we have successfully obtained 625,891 newly registered accounts for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 and the number of registered accounts totaled 3,363,711, exceeding 3 million accounts, as of December 31, 2018.

In addition, NAVIMRO, which is our Korean subsidiary, also aggressively engaged in acquiring new customers mainly through paid listings and focused on increasing both its product lineup and the number of products in stock in order to expand its customer base.

All of our efforts mentioned above resulted in net sales of 109,553 million yen (24.0% increase from the previous fiscal year), operating income of 13,790 million yen (16.5% increase from the previous fiscal year), ordinary income of 13,788 million yen (16.3% increase from the previous fiscal year), and net income attributable to owners of the parent of 9,515 million yen, a corresponding 12.4% increase.

(Note) The number of accounts represents the number on a non-consolidated basis.

### (2) Capital Investments

The amount of investments of the Company for the fiscal year totaled 1,136 million yen which consists of the capability enhancement of the distribution center, software improvement for increasing the number of customers and orders and improvements of core system and usability of our website corresponding to technological innovation.

The payments for these investments are made by our own funds.

### (3) Fund Procurement

Not applicable.

### (4) Trends in Assets and Income

(i) Trends in assets and income of the Group

Item		16th term ended December 31, 2015	17th term ended December 31, 2016	18th term ended December 31, 2017	19th term ended December 31, 2018 (Consolidated fiscal year under review)
Net sales	(Thousands of yen)	57,563,763	69,647,435	88,347,986	109,553,023
Net income attributable to owners of the parent	(Thousands of yen)	4,439,648	6,368,557	8,464,464	9,515,450
Net income per share	(Yen)	36.04	51.46	68.21	38.32
Total assets	(Thousands of yen)	28,744,705	36,353,410	42,861,596	50,706,037
Net assets	(Thousands of yen)	12,632,614	17,263,413	23,216,709	29,838,077
Net assets per share	(Yen)	101.87	137.32	185.92	119.07

(Notes) 1. Net sales do not include any consumption taxes.

- 2. The Company implemented a 2-for-1 share split on October 1, 2015, and net income per share and net assets per share were calculated on the assumption that the share split was made at the beginning of the year.
- 3. The Company implemented a 2-for-1 share split on October 1, 2018, and net income per share and net assets per share were calculated on the assumption that the share split was made at the beginning of the year.
- Net income per share and net assets per share are calculated by excluding the number of treasury stock.

(ii) Trends in assets and income of the Company

Item		16th term ended December 31, 2015	17th term ended December 31, 2016	18th term ended December 31, 2017	19th term ended December 31, 2018 (Consolidated fiscal year under review)
Net sales	(Thousands of yen)	55,607,925	67,105,665	84,656,679	105,331,519
Net income	(Thousands of yen)	4,718,489	6,631,226	8,699,358	9,825,334
Net income per share	(Yen)	38.30	53.59	70.11	39.56
Total assets	(Thousands of yen)	29,218,413	36,814,187	43,525,528	51,585,652
Net assets	(Thousands of yen)	13,374,512	18,081,858	24,320,216	31,166,423
Net assets per share	(Yen)	107.88	145.46	195.60	125.35

(Notes) 1. Net sales do not include any consumption taxes.

- 2. The Company implemented a 2-for-1 share split on October 1, 2015, and net income per share and net assets per share were calculated on the assumption that the share split was made at the beginning of the year.
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- 4. Net income per share and net assets per share are calculated by excluding the number of treasury stock

### (5) Significant Parent Company and Subsidiaries

### (i) Relationship with parent company

Our parent company is W. W. Grainger, Inc. which owns 125,056,000 shares of the Company (percentage of the total voting rights excluded treasury stocks is 50.36%) indirectly through Grainger International, Inc. and Grainger Japan, Inc., both are 100% owned companies by W. W. Grainger, Inc. We have been doing business with W. W. Grainger, Inc. as one of our suppliers.

(ii) Significant subsidiaries

Company name	Capital	The Company's percentage of equity participation	Principal business
NAVIMRO Co., Ltd.	KRW 17 billion	100.0%	Selling MRO products
PT MONOTARO INDONESIA	IDR 186.745 billion	51.0%	Selling MRO products
Zoro Shanghai Co., Ltd.	RMB 20 million	75.0%	Selling MRO products

(Notes) 1. Through the incremental investment by MonotaRO and Sumitomo Corporation in March, 2018, the amount of common stock for PT MONOTARO INDONESIA reached IDR 186.745 billion.

Zoro Shanghai Co., Ltd. was established in February, 2018 and included in the scope of consolidation.

### (6) Issues to be Addressed

While economic conditions show a recovery trend to some extent, mid-to-small manufacturers, the Group's major customers still remain under a severe business environment. In order to continue strong growth in this economic environment, we have adopted the following strategies.

### (i) Acquisition of new customers

For the Group, acquisition of new customers remains the largest source of growth. We will strive to acquire new customers aggressively based on our data and knowledge accumulated in association with the growth of the Group's business mainly through internet advertisements and internet search engine optimization (SEO). In addition, we aim to further acquire new customers by inducing customers through multi channels including the mass media such as the television and radio, as well as direct mail marketing.

(ii) Management of products in consideration of both the satisfaction of customers' demand and profitability

As our customer base continues to grow, the products that are in high demand have diversified. Thus, we will expand our product lineup including the so-called long tail products that are purchased less frequently by accurately grasping the customers' diversifying demands, and will expand into new categories to further grow our customer base.

We will also aggressively promote the adoption of private label items by capitalizing on our expanding product volume in line with the growth of the Group's business to offer products with stable qualities at low prices to customers and endeavor to improve the profitability of the Group.

### (iii) More precise database marketing and provision of product searchability

By utilizing the data accumulated in line with the growth of the Group's business and conducting deeper analysis of such data, we will strive to further meet our customers' purchase needs and conduct promotion activities with higher effectiveness. In addition, we will continuously improve product searchability and usability of the Group's website by using advanced technologies in the rapidly-advancing information and data analysis field so that each of our customers can find and order

the products they need as easily as possible.

### (iv) Reinforcement of distribution infrastructure as basis of growth

Same-day dispatch of ordered products for quick delivery to our customers is one of our important advantages. Accordingly, as our business continues to grow, improving shipping capacity at our distribution centers and increasing the number of products in stock are essential for stable and prompt delivery of our products. The Group started full operation of "Amagasaki Distribution Center" in July 2014, followed by "Kasama Distribution Center" in Ibaraki which is equipped with self-guided robots and "Hokkaido Distribution Center" in 2017. We will further establish distribution bases such as transfer centers in other regions in order to develop a distribution network that brings forth higher levels of convenience.

### (v) Promotion of overseas business

NAVIMRO Co., Ltd., which is our Korean subsidiary, has aggressively promoted customer acquisition activities since the start of its business in 2013. It has successfully expanded its customer base and promoted the expansion of its product lineup and products in stock. We will aim to expand our business and promote strategies to achieve profitability at an early stage. As for PT MONOTARO INDONESIA, our subsidiary in Indonesia which we acquired shares in 2016, and Zoro Shanghai Co., Ltd., our subsidiary in China which was established in 2018, we will further promote our efforts to establish and expand its respective business base.

### (7) Principal Business (As of December 31, 2018)

Sale of industrial MRO products mainly through the internet.

### (8) Principal Business Locations (As of December 31, 2018)

(i) The Company

Headquarters: 2-183, Takeyacho, Amagasaki, Hyogo

Amagasaki Distribution Center: 75-1, Nishimukoujimacho, Amagasaki, Hyogo

Kasama Distribution Center: 1877-3, Tairamachi, Kasama, Ibaraki

(ii) Subsidiaries

NAVIMRO Co., Ltd., the Seoul Special City, the Republic of Korea PT MONOTARO INDONESIA, Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia Zoro Shanghai Co., Ltd., Shanghai, the People's Republic of China

### (9) Employees (As of December 31, 2018)

(i) Employees of the Group

Number of employees	Increase/decrease from previous consolidated fiscal year-end	Average age	Average years of service
1,670	+272	35.8 years old	4.4 years

(Notes) 1. Number of employees includes the number of part-time workers of 1,196.

- 2. Average age and Average service years are calculated based on only the permanent employees.
- 3. The increase of 272 employees was due to the new hiring corresponding to the sales growth.
- 4. Other than above, the Company Group had 384 temporary workers.

(ii) Employees of the Company

Number o	f employees	Increase/decrease from previous fiscal year-end	Average age	Average years of service
1,	528	+231	36.8 years old	5.4 years

(Notes) 1. Number of employees includes the number of part-time workers of 1,194.

- 2. Average age and Average service years are calculated based on only the permanent employees.
- 3. The increase of 231 employees was due to the new hiring corresponding to the sales growth.
- 4. Other than above, the Company Group had 283 temporary workers.

(10) Principal Lenders (As of December 31, 2018)

Lender	Amount borrowed
The Joyo Bank, Ltd.	2,666,000 thousand yen

Resona Bank, Limited	1,333,334 thousand yen
The Nanto Bank, Ltd.	500,000 thousand yen
Total	4,499,334 thousand yen

### 2. Status of Shares (As of December 31, 2018)

### (1) Total Number of Shares Authorized to be Issued 337,920,000 shares

(Note) The Company implemented a 2-for-1 share split and the number of shares that are authorized to be issued increased by 168,960,000 shares.

### (2) Total Number of Shares Outstanding

250,540,400 shares

- (Notes) 1. Before the share split, the total number of shares outstanding increased by 32,600 shares in total due to the exercise of stock option.
  - 2. With the implementation of the share split, the total number of shares outstanding increased by 125,266,800 shares which included an increase of 32,600 shares due to the exercise of stock option before the share split.
  - 3. After the share split, the total number of shares outstanding increased by 6,800 shares in total due to the exercise of stock option.

### (3) Number of Shareholders

16,060 persons

### (4) Major Shareholders (Top Ten Shareholders)

Shareholder name	Number of shares held	Shareholding ratio
GRAINGER INTERNATIONAL INC.	112,896,000 shares	45.46%
GRAINGER JAPAN INC.	12,160,000 shares	4.90%
SSBTC CLIENT OMNIBUS ACCOUNT	9,183,514 shares	3.70%
CITIBANK, N.ANY, AS DEPOSITARY BANK FOR DEPOSITARY SHARE HOLDERS	7,222,178 shares	2.91%
NORTHERN TRUST CO. (AVFC) SUB A/C AMERICAN CLIENTS	7,014,960 shares	2.82%
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account)	6,121,500 shares	2.46%
The Master Trust Bank of Japan ,Ltd. (Trust Account)	5,457,700 shares	2.20%
JPMC OPPENHEIMER JASDEC LENDING ACCOUNT	3,851,400 shares	1.55%
J.P. MORGAN BANK LUXEMBOURG S.A. 385576	2,932,840 shares	1.18%
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account 5)	2,441,900 shares	0.98%

(Note) Shareholding ratio is calculated by using the total number of shares outstanding subtracted by the treasury shares of 2,192,452 shares in the denominator.

# 3. Subscription Rights to Shares, Etc. (1) Subscription Rights to Shares, Etc. Held by Company Officers Issued As Compensation for Their Execution of Duties (As of December 31, 2018)

		6th Subscription Rights to Shares	7th Subscription Rights to Shares
Date of reso	olution of issuance	March 24, 2011	January 27, 2012
Number of to shares	subscription rights	185	229
be issued u	number of shares to pon exercise of n rights to shares	Common stock 296,000 shares (1,600 shares per subscription right to shares)	Common stock 183,200 shares (800 shares per subscription right to shares)
Amount pa	id for subscription ares	No consideration	No consideration
Value of property to be contributed upon exercise of subscription rights to shares		1,600 yen per subscription right to shares (1 yen per share)	800 yen per subscription right to shares (1 yen per share)
Amount to be incorporated into the stated capital when issuing shares upon exercise of subscription rights to shares		27 yen per share	55 yen per share
Exercise pe	eriod	From April 1, 2013 to February 28, 2021	From February 1, 2014 to December 31, 2021
Conditions for exercise of subscription rights to shares		(Note)	(Note)
Officer holdings	Directors and Executive Officers	Number of subscription rights to shares 22 Number of shares to be issued upon exercise of subscription rights to shares 35,200 shares	Number of subscription rights to shares 51 Number of shares to be issued upon exercise of subscription rights to shares 40,800 shares
		Number of holders 1	Number of holders 1

		8th Subscription Rights to Shares	9th Subscription Rights to Shares
Date of resolu	tion of issuance	April 27, 2012	June 21, 2013
Number of sub to shares	oscription rights	19	76
Class and number issued upor subscription ri		Common stock 15,200 shares (800 shares per subscription right to shares)	Common stock 30,400 shares (400 shares per subscription right to shares)
Amount paid for subscription rights to shares		No consideration	No consideration
Value of property to be contributed upon exercise of subscription rights to shares		800 yen per subscription right to shares (1 yen per share)	400 yen per subscription right to shares (1 yen per share)
		77 yen per share	337 yen per share
Exercise perio	d	From May 1, 2014 to March 31, 2022	From July 1, 2015 to May 31, 2023
Conditions for exercise of subscription rights to shares		(Note)	(Note)
Officer holdings	Directors and Executive Officers	Number of subscription rights to shares 9 Number of shares to be issued upon exercise of subscription rights to shares 7,200 shares Number of holders 1	Number of subscription rights to shares 11 Number of shares to be issued upon exercise of subscription rights to shares 4,400 shares Number of holders 1

		10th Subscription Rights to Shares	11th Subscription Rights to Shares
Date of resolut	tion of issuance	July 29, 2014	July 29, 2015
Number of sub to shares	oscription rights	69	24
Class and num be issued upon subscription ri		Common stock 27,600 shares (400 shares per subscription right to shares)	Common stock 9,600 shares (400 shares per subscription right to shares)
Amount paid f	for subscription	No consideration	No consideration
Value of property to be contributed upon exercise of subscription rights to shares		400 yen per subscription right to shares (1 yen per share)	400 yen per subscription right to shares (1 yen per share)
		353 yen per share	747 yen per share
Exercise perio	d	August 15, 2017 to June 30, 2024	From August 21, 2018 to June 30, 2025
Conditions for exercise of subscription rights to shares		(Note)	(Note)
Officer holdings	Directors and Executive Officers	Number of subscription rights to shares 5 Number of shares to be issued upon exercise of subscription rights to shares 2,000 shares Number of holders 1	Number of subscription rights to share 3 Number of shares to be issued upon exercise of subscription rights to shares 1,200 shares Number of holders 1

	12th Subscription Rights to Shares	13th Subscription Rights to Shares
Date of resolution of issuan	July 28, 2016	July 28, 2017
Number of subscription right to shares	ts 44	34
Class and number of shares be issued upon exercise of subscription rights to shares	Common stock 8,800 shares (200 shares per subscription right to shares)	Common stock 6,800 shares (200 shares per subscription right to shares)
Amount paid for subscription rights to shares	n No consideration	No consideration
Value of property to be contributed upon exercise o subscription rights to shares	200 yen per subscription right to shares (1 yen per share)	200 yen per subscription right to shares (1 yen per share)
Amount to be incorporated the stated capital when issue shares upon exercise of subscription rights to shares		817 yen per share
Exercise period	From August 26, 2019 to June 30, 2026	From August 25, 2020 to June 30, 2027
Conditions for exercise of subscription rights to shares	(Note)	(Note)
Officer holdings Directors and Executive Officers	Number of subscription rights to shares 39  Number of shares to be issued upon exercise of subscription rights to shares 7,800 shares  Number of holders 5	Number of subscription rights to shares 34 Number of shares to be issued upon exercise of subscription rights to shares 6,800 shares Number of holders 5

		14th Subscription Rights to			
		Shares			
Date of reso	olution of issuance	March 27, 2018			
Number of	subscription rights	51			
to shares		31			
Class and n	umber of shares to	Common stock 10,200 shares			
be issued up	oon exercise of				
subscription	rights to shares	(200 shares per subscription right to shares)			
Amount pai	d for subscription	No consideration			
rights to sha	ares	No consideration			
Value of property to be		200 yen per subscription right to shares			
contributed upon exercise of					
subscription	rights to shares	(1 yen per share)			
Amount to	be incorporated into				
the stated ca	apital when issuing	029 yan par shara			
shares upon	exercise of	938 yen per share			
subscription	rights to shares				
Exercise pe	riod	From April 26, 2020 to February 28, 2028			
Conditions	for exercise of	()[-4-)			
subscription rights to shares		(Note)			
	Directors and	Number of subscription rights to shares 51			
Officer	Executive	Number of shares to be issued upon exercise			
holdings	Officers	of subscription rights to shares 10,200 shares			
	Officers	Number of holders 6			

(Notes) Conditions for exercise of subscription rights to shares

(6th Subscription Rights to Shares - 13th Subscription Rights to Shares)

- Subscription rights to shares must be exercised by persons who have been granted such subscription rights
  to shares upon issuance thereof; provided, however, that persons who have acquired such subscription
  rights to shares by inheritance may exercise such subscription rights to shares.
- 2. Persons who are Executive Officers of the Company at the time of issuance of subscription rights to shares must remain Executive Officer of the Company at the time of exercise of such subscription rights to shares unless such persons resign from the position due to the expiration of term of office, retire from the Company or have any other justifiable reason, or have acquired such subscription rights to shares by inheritance.
- 3. Pledging or any other disposal of subscription rights to shares is not permitted. Other conditions shall be as set forth in the "Agreement for Granting of Subscription Rights to Shares of MonotaRO Co., Ltd." entered into by and between the Company and each of the relevant Executive Officers pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company.

(14th Subscription Rights to Shares)

- 1. Subscription rights to shares must be exercised by persons who have been granted such subscription rights to shares upon issuance thereof; provided, however, that persons who have acquired such subscription rights to shares by inheritance may exercise such subscription rights to shares.
- 2. Persons who are Executive Officers of the Company at the time of issuance of subscription rights to shares must be a member of the Company or its subsidiaries until the inception of exercise of such subscription rights and also remain Executive Officer of the Company at the time of exercise of such subscription rights to shares unless such persons resign from the position due to the expiration of term of office, retire from the Company or have any other justifiable reason, or have acquired such subscription rights to shares by inheritance.
- 3. Pledging or any other disposal of subscription rights to shares is not permitted. Other conditions shall be as set forth in the "Agreement for Granting of Subscription Rights to Shares of MonotaRO Co., Ltd." entered into by and between the Company and each of the relevant Executive Officers pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company.

## (2) Subscription Rights to Shares, Etc. Issued to Employees, Etc. As Compensation for Their Execution of Duties during the Fiscal Year under Review

Not applicable.

### 4. Company Officers

### (1) Directors and Executive Officers (As of December 31, 2018)

Name	Position and responsibilities at the Company	Significant concurrent positions
Kinya Seto	Director & Chairman Compensation Committee Member	Director, Representative Executive Officer and President of LIXIL Group Corporation
Masaya Suzuki	Director, President & CEO	
Masanori Miyajima	Director Nomination Committee Member Chairperson, Compensation Committee Member	
Yasuo Yamagata	Director Chairperson, Audit Committee	Partner, Legal Professional Corporation Kansai Law & Patent Office
Haruo Kitamura	Director Chairperson, Nomination Committee Audit Committee Member	Certified Public Accountant, Chief, Kitamura Certified Public Accountant Office
Masahiro Kishida	Director Compensation Committee Member Audit Committee Member	CEO and Representative Director, AT Kearney, K.K. Member of the Board, A.T. Kearney Ltd.
David L. Rawlinson II	Director Nomination Committee Member	Senior Vice President and President, Online Businesses, W.W. Grainger, Inc. President, Grainger Global Online Business, Ltd. Director, Zoro Tools, Inc.
Tetsuya Koda	Senior Executive Officer General Manager of Administration Department	
Masaaki Hashihara	Senior Executive Officer General Manager of Merchandising Department	
Kohei Shibagaki	Executive Officer General Manager of Customer Support Department	
Hiroki Yoshino	Executive Officer General Manager of Logistics Department	
Masato Kubo	Executive Officer General Manager of Data Marketing Department	

(Notes) 1. Directors Masanori Miyajima, Yasuo Yamagata, Haruo Kitamura and Masahiro Kishida are Outside Directors as prescribed in Article 2, Item 15 of the Companies Act.

3. The following Executive Officers were promoted as below in the fiscal year under review.

Name	Former positions	New positions	Date
Tetsuya Koda	Executive Officer	Senior Executive Officer	March 27, 2018
Masaaki Hashihara	Executive Officer	Senior Executive Officer	March 27, 2018

<sup>2.</sup> Mr. Masato Kubo was appointed to the Executive Officer at the board of directors meeting held on March 27, 2018 and assumed office.

- 4. Mr. Kinya Seto retired his position as Director, President & CEO, LIXIL Corporation and Director, Representative Executive Officer, President & CEO of LIXIL Group Corporation on October 31, 2018 and assumed the position of Director, Representative Executive Officer and President of LIXIL Group Corporation on November 1, 2018. He will retire his position as Representative Executive Officer and President of the LIXIL Group Corporation in March 2019 and will hold his position as a Director on the Board of LIXIL Group until June 2019. The Company engages in selling and purchasing products with LIXIL Group Corporation and this company group; however, the amount of transactions is only below 1% of consolidated net sales of the Company or consolidated revenue of LIXIL Group, which is quite small.
- 5. Director Masahiro Kishida assumed the positions of Member of the Board, A.T. Kearney Ltd. on January 1, 2018.
- Director David L. Rawlinson II was promoted to the position of Senior Vice President and President, Online Businesses, W.W. Grainger, Inc. on January 1, 2018 from the position of Vice President and President, Online Business, W.W. Grainger, Inc.
- 7. Mr. Haruo Kitamura, Director and Audit Committee Member, is a certified public accountant and has considerable financial and accounting knowledge.
- 8. The Company has designated Directors Masanori Miyajima, Yasuo Yamagata, Haruo Kitamura and Masahiro Kishida as independent officers in accordance with the provisions of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and registered them as such at the Exchange.
- 9. As the Company appoints full-time employees who support the duties of the Audit Committee at the Internal Audit Office, the Company has not selected full-time Audit Committee Members.

### (2) Total Amount of Compensation, Etc. Paid to Directors and Executive Officers

Classification	No. of recipients	Amount paid	
Directors	6	95,891 thousand yen	
Executive Officers	5	113,282 thousand yen	
Total	11	209,173 thousand yen	

- (Notes) 1. The above amounts of compensation, etc. include the amount of directors' bonuses paid in the fiscal year under review and the amount recognized as stock option compensation.
  - 2. Resolutions of the Compensation Committee are adopted by a majority of votes of the members present at a meeting of the Compensation Committee, where a majority of the members of the Compensation Committee is present, through discussion of the following matters in accordance with the Rules of the Compensation Committee:
    - (i) Details of each Director's and Executive Officer's compensation, bonus ("Compensation, etc.")
      - If the amount of Compensation, etc. is fixed, the amount of Compensation, etc. for each Director and Executive Officer
      - If the amount of Compensation, etc. is not fixed, specific calculation methods of Compensation, etc. for each Director and Executive Officer
      - If Compensation, etc. is paid by property other than money, specific details of the Compensation, etc. for each Director and Executive Officer
    - (ii) Preparation of a policy of determination of Compensation, etc. for Directors and Executive Officers and establishment and revision of the standards of Compensation, etc.
    - (iii) Other matters prescribed in the Rules of the Compensation Committee and matters deemed necessary to be discussed in the course of the implementation of business
  - 3. Policy of determination of Compensation, etc. of Directors and Executive Officers

The Company has established the Compensation Committee for "contributing to the improvement of the Company's business results by establishing the compensation structure that enhances incentives of Directors and Executive Officers and by properly evaluating their performance." The Committee consists of three (3) Directors including two (2) Outside Directors, who do not participate in the resolutions of their own Compensation, etc. in accordance with the Rules of the Compensation Committee of the Company.

Compensation for Directors and Executive Officers consists of fixed compensation, performance-based compensation (bonus) and stock option. The levels of fixed compensation are set appropriately by taking into consideration such factors as the Company's business environment and the levels set by other companies as determined by a survey conducted by an outside professional organization, in accordance with each Director's and Executive Officer's position and responsibility. Performance-based compensation is determined based on business results (the level of achievement of the indicator of operating income) and the level of achievement of business strategies set at the beginning of a fiscal year. Performance-based compensation may significantly vary depending on the Company's business results. Stock option is determined by the Board of Directors through discussion at the Compensation Committee based on the Company's business results and individual evaluation.

Regarding retirement benefits for executive officers, although the retirement benefit plan was abolished according to the resolution of the Compensation Committee held on January 12, 2018, the accumulated amount up to 2017 will be paid at the time of their retirement.

### (3) Matters Regarding Outside Directors

(i) Matters regarding Outside Directors

a. Outside Directors' significant concurrent positions and relationship with the Company

Classification	Name	Significant concurrent positions	Relationship with the Company
Outside Director	Yasuo Yamagata	Partner, Legal Professional Corporation Kansai Law & Patent Office	The Company has executed legal advisory agreement with Legal Professional Corporation Kansai Law & Patent Office but the amount paid by the Company is less than 0.014% of the consolidated amount of selling, general and administrative expenses as well as less than 2.5 million yen. Therefore, it is insignificant.
Outside Director	Haruo Kitamura	Certified Public Accountant Chief, Kitamura Certified Public Accountant Office	The Company has no business relationship with Kitamura Certified Public Accountant Office.
Outside Director	Masahiro Kishida	CEO and Representative Director, AT Kearney, K.K. Member of the Board, A.T. Kearney Ltd.	The Company has no business relationship with AT Kearney, K.K and A.T. Kearney Ltd.

b. Major activities in the fiscal year under review

Classification	Name	Major activities
Outside Director	Masanori Miyajima	Mr. Miyajima attended eleven (11) meetings of the Board of Directors held in the fiscal year under review. He made advice and proposals to secure the validity and appropriateness of decision-makings of the Board of Directors by presenting his opinions mainly based on his extensive knowledge and experience, etc. of corporate management at the meetings of the Board of Directors.
Outside Director (Audit Committee Member)	Yasuo Yamagata	Mr. Yamagata attended all twelve (12) meetings of the Board of Directors and all nine (9) meetings of the Audit Committee held in the fiscal year under review. He made advice and proposals to secure the validity and appropriateness of decision-makings of the Board of Directors by presenting his opinions mainly from a professional viewpoint as an attorney-at-law at the meetings of the Board of Directors. He also presented his opinions mainly from a professional viewpoint as an attorney-at-law, exchanged views on the audit results and made discussions on important matters concerning audit at the meetings of the Audit Committee.
Outside Director (Audit Committee Member)	Haruo Kitamura	Mr. Kitamura attended all twelve (12) meetings of the Board of Directors and all nine (9) meetings of the Audit Committee held in the fiscal year under review. He made advice and proposals to secure the validity and appropriateness of decision-makings of the Board of Directors by presenting his opinions mainly from a professional viewpoint as a certified public accountant at the meetings of the Board of Directors. He also presented his opinions mainly from a professional viewpoint as a certified public accountant, exchanged views on the audit results and made discussions on important matters concerning audit at the meetings of the Audit Committee.
Outside Director (Audit Committee Member)	Masahiro Kishida	Mr. Kishida attended nine (9) meetings of the Board of Directors and four (4) meetings of the Audit Committee held in the fiscal year under review. He made advice and proposals to secure the validity and appropriateness of decision-makings of the Board of Directors by presenting his opinions mainly from a professional viewpoint as a management consultant on business management at the meetings of the Board of Directors. He also exchanged views on the audit results and made discussions on important matters concerning audit at the meetings of the Audit Committee.

(Note) If any Director cannot attend in person, the relevant meeting is held by way of a telephone conference.

# (ii) Summary of the Agreement on Limitation of Liability The Company has not entered into agreements with Outside Directors that are stipulated in Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act.

(iii) Total amount of Compensation, etc.

(iii) Total amount of compensation, etc.		
Classification	No. of recipients	Amount paid
Outside Director	4	21,600 thousand yen

### 5. Accounting Auditor

- (1) Accounting Auditor's Name Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC
- (2) Amount of Accounting Auditor's Compensation, Etc.

	Amount paid	
Amount of Accounting Auditor's compensation, etc. for the fiscal year under review	21,670 thousand yen	
Total amount of money and other property benefits payable by the Company to Accounting Auditor	21,670 thousand yen	

(Note) Under the audit agreement between the Company and its Accounting Auditor, compensation for audits pursuant to the Companies Act and that for audits pursuant to the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act are not clearly distinguished, and cannot be substantially distinguished. Consequently, the above amount reflects the total amount of compensation, etc. for the fiscal year under review.

### (3) Reasons for the Audit Committee's Consent on Accounting Auditor's Compensation, Etc.

The Audit Committee of the Company has given the consent of its members, as set forth in Article 399, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, with respect to the Accounting Auditor's compensation, etc., as a result of confirmation of the number of hours of audit by auditing item and the transition of audit compensation and the previous years' audit plan and results, and review of the appropriateness of the number of hours of audit for the fiscal year under review and the compensation estimate, by taking into account the "Practical Guidelines for Cooperation with Accounting Auditors" released by the Japan Audit & Supervisory Board Members Association.

### (4) Policy on Decisions of Dismissal or Non-reappointment of Accounting Auditor

In the event that the Accounting Auditor is deemed to fall under any of the items set forth in Article 340, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, the Audit Committee of the Company dismisses the Accounting Auditor with the consent of all Audit Committee members. In this case, the Audit Committee member selected by the Audit Committee reports the dismissal of the Accounting Auditor and the reason therefor at the first general shareholders' meeting to be held after the dismissal.

If the Accounting Auditor is deemed to have violated or conflicted with laws and regulations or that the Accounting Auditor is deemed not capable of maintaining the quality of audit generally required, the Audit Committee decides the content of the proposal for the non-reappointment of the Accounting Auditor to be submitted to a general shareholders' meeting.

### (5) Summary of the Agreement on Limitation of Liability

The Company has not entered into an agreement with the Accounting Auditor that is stipulated in Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act.

## 6. Basic Policy for Frameworks to Ensure Properness of Operations (Internal Control System), Etc.

The Company sets forth the basic policy for the matters "necessary for the execution of the duties of the Audit Committee," as prescribed in Article 416, Paragraph 1, Item 1, (b) of the Companies Act and the "systems necessary to ensure the properness of operations," as prescribed in the same Item, (e) of the same act as follows.

### [Matters necessary for the execution of the duties of the Audit Committee]

# 1 Matters regarding Directors and employees who are required to support the Audit Committee of the Company in execution of duties (Article 112, Paragraph 1, Item 1 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Companies Act)

In the event that the Audit Committee needs to conduct an investigation on matters pertaining to the execution of duties of any other committee in order to perform its own duty, the Director who is Chairperson of the related committee shall be obliged to cooperate actively in such investigation. With respect to employees who are required to support duties, two (2) or more members of the Internal Audit Office shall support the duty of the Audit Committee.

# 2 Matters regarding independence of Directors and employees stated in 1 above from Executive Officers of the Company (Item 2)

The President & CEO decides on matters regarding appointment of employees who belong to the Internal Audit Office, their personnel changes, wages and employment conditions such as other compensation, etc. with approval of the Audit Committee.

## 3 Matters regarding ensuring the effectiveness of instructions by the Audit Committee of the Company to Directors and employees stated in 1 above (Item 3)

In the event that the Audit Committee requires an investigation on matters pertaining to the execution of duties of any other committee to perform its own duty, but cooperation of the Director who is Chairperson of the related committee is deemed insufficient, the Audit Committee shall actively request cooperation by informing all Directors by reporting such event at a meeting of the Board of Directors in a timely manner.

The President & CEO shall inform all Executive Officers and employees that the employees who support the Audit Committee's duties follow instructions and orders of the Audit Committee and have the authority to collect information necessary to conduct audits.

## 4 The following frameworks and other matters regarding reporting to the Audit Committee of the Company (Item 4)

- (1) Framework for reporting to the Audit Committee of the Company by Directors (excluding those who are Audit Committee Members), Executive Officers and employees (Item 4, (a))
  - (i) The President & CEO shall report the issues discussed and reported at a meeting of General Managers of Divisions held by Executive Officers and General Managers of Divisions to the Audit Committee and exchange views with Audit Committee Members as necessary.
  - (ii) The President & CEO shall secure a framework to report the results of internal audits conducted by the Internal Audit Office to the Audit Committee.
  - (iii) The Company shall develop a framework for a whistle-blowing system to facilitate discovery of misconduct related to the performance of duties by Executive Officers, Directors or employees, etc., a threat of violation of laws and regulations or the Articles of Incorporation, or the facts that may give significant damage to the Company, and shall establish a framework that such circumstances are also properly reported to the Audit Committee.
- (2) Framework for reporting to the Audit Committee of the Company by Directors, Corporate Auditors, Executive Officers, executive employees and other persons equivalent thereto and employees of the Company's subsidiaries or persons who receive reports from any of the above persons (Item 4, (b))
  - (i) Directors and employees of the Company's subsidiaries shall promptly make appropriate reports upon request from the Audit Committee of the Company regarding the matters concerning the execution of operations.

- (ii) The President & CEO shall cause the Company's subsidiaries to develop a framework for a whistle-blowing system to facilitate discovery of misconduct related to the performance of duties by Directors or employees, etc. of the Company's subsidiaries, a threat of violation of laws and regulations or the Articles of Incorporation, or the facts that may give significant damage to the Company or a subsidiary of the Company by securing a framework under which reports through such whistle-blowing system are made to not only the Company's subsidiaries' relevant organs but also the Audit Committee of the Company and the compliance supervisory department of the Company, and shall establish a framework that such circumstances are also properly reported to the Audit Committee.
- (iii) The President & CEO must secure a framework to report the results of internal audits on the Company's subsidiaries conducted by the Internal Audit Office of the Company also to the Audit Committee of the Company.

## 5 Frameworks for ensuring that a person who made a report in the above 4 shall not be subject to any unfavorable treatment due to having made such report (Item 5)

The President & CEO shall prohibit any unfavorable treatment of a person who made a report to the Audit Committee of the Company due to having made such report, and inform all Executive Officers and employees of the Company and Directors and employees of the Company's subsidiaries accordingly.

6 Matters regarding the policy for handling expenses or payables in relation to execution of duties of Audit Committee Members of the Company (limited to those related to the execution of duties of the Audit Committee), such as procedures for advance payment or reimbursement in relation to execution of such duties (Item 6)

When an Audit Committee Member of the Company requests advance payment, etc. of expenses necessary for the execution of his or her duties, such expenses or payables shall be promptly processed unless they are unnecessary for the execution of such member's duties.

### [Systems necessary to ensure the properness of operations]

1 Framework regarding information storage and management related to execution of duties of Executive Officers of the Company (Article 112, Paragraph 2, Item 1 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Companies Act)

The President & CEO shall store and manage information in accordance with the internal rules of the Company and take necessary measures to prevent leakage of information to outside the Company.

- 2 Rules and other frameworks regarding management of risk of loss of the Company (Item 2)
  - (i) The President & CEO shall establish and operate an appropriate management framework by establishing the Risk Management Rules and determining persons responsible for addressing risks by type of risks and the procedures to manage risks pursuant to a manual.
  - (ii) The Internal Audit Office shall confirm and report the status of operation of the risk management framework to the President & CEO and the Audit Committee of the Company at least annually.
  - (iii) In the event that a new risk arises, the President & CEO shall promptly serve as the responsible person to address such risk and respond to such risk.
- 3 Frameworks to ensure that execution of duties of Executive Officers and employees of the Company is in compliance with laws, regulations and the Articles of Incorporation of the Company and is made effectively (Items 3 and 4)
  - (i) The President & CEO shall establish and operate the "Compliance Manual" so that Executive Officers and employees of the Company can strictly comply with related laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation of the Company in all aspects of business activities and act in accordance with social norms based on high ethical values and morals. The President & CEO shall also establish and promote the Compliance Committee.
  - (ii) The President & CEO shall establish a whistle-blowing system.
  - (iii) The President & CEO shall discuss important matters on normal business operations at meetings of General Managers of Divisions and report the content of such discussion to the Audit Committee of the Company on a regular basis.
  - (iv) The President & CEO shall develop the Rules on Division of Authority and promote efficient execution of duties.

(v) The internal Audit Office shall conduct internal audits and report the results of such audits to the President & CEO and the Audit Committee of the Company.

### 4 The following frameworks and other frameworks to ensure properness of operations by the Group comprised of the Company, its parent company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") (Item 5)

- (1) Framework for reporting the matters regarding the execution of duties of Directors, Executive Officers, executive employees and other persons equivalent thereto of the Company's subsidiaries ("Directors, Etc." in (3) and (4) below) to the Company (Item 5, (b))
  - (i) In order to accurately understand the content of business of the Company's subsidiaries, The President & CEO shall request its subsidiaries to submit related materials, etc. as necessary in accordance with the Subsidiary Management Rules.
  - (ii) The President & CEO shall request President and Director, Directors or employees of the Company's subsidiaries to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company as needed in order for the subsidiaries to report their business results, financial status and other important information to the Company.
- (2) Rules and other frameworks regarding management of risk of loss of the Company's subsidiaries (Item 5, (b))
  - (i) The President & CEO shall develop the Risk Management Rules that provide for risk management of the entire Group and require that the Company's subsidiaries manage risks under such rules. The President & CEO shall, at the same time, manage the entire Group's risks in a comprehensive and supervisory manner.
  - (ii) The Internal Audit Office shall confirm and report the status of operation of the risk management framework of the Company's subsidiaries to The President & CEO and the Audit Committee of the Company on a regular basis.
- (3) Framework for ensuring efficient execution of duties by Directors, Etc. of the Company's subsidiaries (Item 5, (c))
  - (i) The President & CEO shall develop the Subsidiary Management Rules to contribute to the efficient operation of the Group while respecting the autonomy and independence of business management of the Company's subsidiaries.
  - (ii) The Company's subsidiaries shall develop the Rules on Division of Authority and promote efficient execution of duties.
- (4) Frameworks to ensure that execution of duties of Directors, Etc. and employees of the Company's subsidiaries is in compliance with laws, regulations and their Articles of Incorporation (Items 5, (d))
  - (i) The President & CEO shall cause the Company's subsidiaries to establish a framework to appoint the appropriate number of Corporate Auditors and persons in charge of promotion of compliance based on the content of business and the scale of the subsidiaries.
  - (ii) The President & CEO shall cause the Company's subsidiaries to establish a framework for audit by Corporate Auditors of the Company's subsidiaries over the execution of duties of Directors, Etc. and employees of the Company's subsidiaries, including the status of establishment and operation of the internal control system.
  - (iii) The Company's subsidiaries shall be the companies with Board of Directors and adopt a framework under which the Company can monitor the properness of operations of the subsidiaries by appointing the Company's officers and employees as Directors of the subsidiaries.
  - (iv) The President & CEO shall cause the Company's subsidiaries to establish a whistle-blowing system.

### [Summary of the status of operation of a framework to ensure the properness of operations]

The Internal Audit Office conducts operational audits for each division on a regular basis to verify from an independent position whether the internal control system properly functions, any misconduct is made, or there is a matter that should be improved, etc. The Company has reported any issue that was found through audits to the Audit Committee and Representative Executive Officers and made improvement in a timely manner, in addition to advising the audited division to make improvement simultaneously upon finding such issue. The management division and the Internal Audit Office serve as the hub to seek to enhance the related divisions' and the Company's subsidiaries' awareness of the importance of the internal control system and compliance through training and audits conducted on a regular basis.

### 7. Policy for Decisions on Dividends from Surplus, Etc.

The Company acknowledges that profit returns to shareholders is one of the important policies of business management and adopts the basic policy of conducting stable and continuous dividends from surplus in line with growth of its consolidated business results. Pursuant to such basic policy, the Company decided that the year-end dividend for the fiscal year under review be 6.5 yen per share and that the annual dividend for the fiscal year under review aggregated with the interim dividend of 13 yen (taking into consideration of the share split on October 1, 2018, it is equivalent to 6.5 yen per share) per share be substantially 13 yen per share.

The Company intends to further improve its business results by allocating internal reserves to strategies to develop business aggressively to respond to the changes in the Company's business environment while securing its financial soundness.

### Consolidated balance sheet

As of December 31, 2018

Assets		Liabilities		
Account	Amount	Account	Amount	
Current assets	38,380,827	Current liabilities	17,961,655	
Cash and deposits	12,381,790	Accounts payable-trade	8,318,686	
Notes and accounts receivable - trade	11,211,940	Long-term loans payable - current portion	2,000,666	
Electronically recorded monetary claims	334,932	Lease obligations	794,378	
Merchandise	9,428,750	Accounts payable-other	2,545,519	
Goods in transit	442,445	Income taxes payable	2,835,615	
Supplies	115,860	Provision for employees bonuses	107,220	
Accounts receivable-other	4,027,813	Provision for directors' bonuses	25,749	
Deferred income taxes	196,047	Other	1,333,819	
Other	298,339			
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(57,092)	Non-current liabilities	2,906,303	
		Long-term loans payable	2,498,668	
Non-current assets	12,325,209	Lease obligations	20,702	
Property and equipment	9,620,478	Provision for retirement benefits	263,553	
Buildings	4,270,045	Other	123,379	
Structures	430,024			
Machinery and equipment	294,685			
Vehicles	2,289	Total liabilities	20,867,959	
Tools, furniture and fixtures	332,848			
Land	1,817,432			
Leased assets	2,466,023	Net assets		
Construction in progress	7,128			
		Shareholders' equity	29,544,755	
Intangible assets	1,483,796	Common stock	1,979,707	
Goodwill	84,148	Capital surplus	785,483	
Software	1,309,421	Retained earnings	27,005,889	
Other	90,226	Treasury stock	(226,325)	
		Accumulated other comprehensive income	24,963	
Investments and other assets	1,220,935	Foreign currency translation adjustment	17,328	
Guarantee deposits	732,768	Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	7,635	
Deferred income taxes	157,064	Subscription rights to shares	35,783	
Other	373,531	Non-controlling interests	232,575	
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(42,429)			
		Total net assets	29,838,077	
Total assets	50,706,037	Total liabilities and net assets	50,706,037	

# Consolidated statement of income For the year ended December 31, 2018

Account	Amount	
Net sales		100 552 022
		109,553,023
Cost of sales		77,525,768
Gross profit		32,027,255
Selling, general and administrative expenses		18,236,593
Operating income		13,790,661
Non-operating income:		
Interest income	29,419	
Foreign exchange gains	27,057	
Commission fee	7,890	
Compensation income	4,962	
Gain on sale of materials	15,125	
Other	20,652	105,107
Non-operating expenses:		
Interest expenses	68,254	
Loss on disposal of inventories	30,399	
Other	8,460	107,115
Ordinary income		13,788,653
Extraordinary income:		
Gain on sale of non-current assets	74	74
Extraordinary losses:		
Loss on sale of non-current assets	70	
Loss on disposal of non-current assets	21,392	21,462
Income before income taxes		13,767,265
Income taxes:		
Current	4,471,585	
Deferred	(71,291)	4,400,293
Net income		9,366,972
Net income attributable to:		
Non-controlling interests		(148,477
Owners of the parent		9,515,450

### Consolidated statement of changes in net assets

For the year ended December 31, 2018

	Shareholders' equity				
	Common stock	Capital surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury stock	Total shareholders' equity
Balance as of the beginning of the year	1,968,189	772,727	20,470,185	(206,417)	23,004,683
Changes of items during the year					
Issuance of new shares	11,518	11,518			23,037
Change of capital surplus due to change in ownership interest of consolidated subsidiaries		1,237			1,237
Dividends			(2,979,745)		(2,979,745)
Net income attributable to owners of the parent			9,515,450		9,515,450
Purchase of treasury stock				(19,908)	(19,908)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity					
Total changes of items during the year	11,518	12,756	6,535,704	(19,908)	6,540,071
Balance as of the end of the year	1,979,707	785,483	27,005,889	(226,325)	29,544,755

	Accumulated o	ther compre	hensive income			
	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Remeasure ments of defined benefit plans	Total accumulated other comprehensive income	Subscription rights to shares	Non- controlling interests	Total net assets
Balance as of the beginning of the year	76,796	(550)	76,246	38,294	97,484	23,216,709
Changes of items during the year						
Issuance of new shares						23,037
Change of capital surplus due to change in ownership interest of consolidated subsidiaries						1,237
Dividends						(2,979,745)
Net income attributable to owners of the parent						9,515,450
Purchase of treasury stock						(19,908)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity	(59,468)	8,185	(51,282)	(2,510)	135,090	81,297
Total changes of items during the year	(59,468)	8,185	(51,282)	(2,510)	135,090	6,621,368
Balance as of the end of the year	17,328	7,635	24,963	35,783	232,575	29,838,077

### Notes to consolidated financial statements

1. Summary of basis for preparation of consolidated financial statements

(1) Scope of consolidation

Number of consolidated subsidiaries

Names of consolidated subsidiaries: NAVIMRO Co., Ltd.

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Zoro Shanghai Co., Ltd.

Zoro Shanghai Co., Ltd. was established in the fiscal year ended December, 2018 and included in the scope of consolidation.

(2) Fiscal year-end of subsidiaries

The fiscal year-end for all subsidiaries is December 31.

(3) Summary of significant accounting policies

1. Valuation policies and method of accounting for assets:

Inventories

\* Merchandise Lower of cost or market, cost being determined by the first-in, first-out method for

the Company

Lower of cost or market, cost being determined by the moving average method for

all subsidiaries

\* Goods in transit and Lower of cost or market, cost being determined by the specific identification

supplies method

2. Methods of depreciation and amortization of fixed assets:

1) Property and equipment (other than leased assets)

\* Buildings (other than attachments to buildings) Straight-line method

\* Other fixed assets Declining-balance method (straight-line method for

attachments to buildings and structures acquired on or after

April 1, 2016)

2) Intangible assets (other than leased assets)

Straight-line method

Software intended for internal use is amortized over its estimated useful life of five years.

3) Leased assets

accounts

bonuses

bonuses

Leased assets under finance lease contracts are depreciated to a residual value of zero by the straight-line method using the contract term as the useful life.

3. Accounting for allowances and provisions

\* Allowance for doubtful The allowance for doubtful accounts is provided based on past experience of bad

debts and an estimate of uncollectible amounts determined after an analysis of

specific individual receivables.

\* Provision for employees' The provision for employees' bonuses is provided as the estimated amount of the

bonuses to be paid to the employees in the following year, which are attributable to  $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right$ 

the current fiscal year.

\* Provision for directors' The provision for directors' bonuses is provided as the estimated amount of the

bonuses to be paid to the directors in the following year, which are attributable to

the current fiscal year.

### 4. Accounting for net defined benefit liability

Net defined benefit liability is provided based on the estimated amount of the projected retirement benefit obligation less the plan assets as of the end of the fiscal year.

The Company Group mainly uses a straight-line attribution method for the calculation of projected retirement benefit expenses to be attributable to the period before the current fiscal year.

The actuarial gain and loss are amortized by the straight-line method over a certain period within the average remaining service years for employees at the time of recognition, and allocated proportionately from the fiscal year following the respective fiscal year of recognition.

In the calculation of the projected retirement benefit obligation, one subsidiary uses a simplified method in which the projected benefit obligation equals the amount to be paid if all eligible employees voluntarily terminated their employment as of the end of the fiscal year.

#### 5. Foreign currency translation

Receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies are translated into yen at the rates of exchange in effect at the balance sheet date, and the resulting exchange gains and losses are included in the consolidated statement of income

Assets and liabilities of foreign consolidated subsidiaries are translated into yen at the rates of exchange in effect at the balance sheet date and revenue and expense accounts are translated at the average rate of exchange in effect during the year. Differences resulting from translating the foreign currency financial statements are presented as foreign currency translation adjustment in net assets in the consolidated balance sheet.

#### 6. Amortization method of goodwill

Goodwill is amortized by the straight-line method over 10 years.

#### 7. Other information on the preparation of the consolidated financial statements

\* Consumption taxes All amounts in the accompanying con-

All amounts in the accompanying consolidated financial statements are stated exclusive of consumption taxes.

#### 2. Consolidated balance sheet

(1) Accumulated depreciation of property and equipment

2,241,320 thousand yen

(2) Direct reduction in the amount of property and equipment

Land 318,660 thousand yen

Machinery and equipment 171,760 thousand yen

Tools, furniture and fixtures 328,240 thousand yen

### 3. Consolidated statement of changes in net assets

### (1) Total number of shares issued

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	Tyma of charge	Number of shares	Ingranga	Dooroogo	Number of shares
	Type of shares	as of Jan. 1, 2018	Increase	Decrease	as of Dec. 31, 2018
	Common Stock	250,468,400	72,000	-	250,540,400

Note. 1. The increase in the number of shares of 72,000 was due to the exercise of stock options.

2. The Company implemented a 2-for-1 share split effective October 1, 2018. The number of shares as of January 1, 2018 and the increase in the number of shares during the year are stated on the assumption that the share split was implemented at the beginning of this fiscal year.

### (2) Total number of treasury stock

Type of shares	Number of shares as of Jan. 1, 2018	Increase	Decrease	Number of shares as of Dec. 31, 2018
Common Stock	2,182,066	10,386	-	2,192,452

Note. 1. The increase in the number of treasury stock of 10,386 was due to the purchase of 10,200 shares based on a resolution of the board of directors and the purchase of 186 shares at the request of the Company's shareholders.

2. The Company implemented a 2-for-1 share split effective October 1, 2018. The number of shares as of January 1, 2018 and the increase in the number of shares during the year are stated on the assumption that the share split was implemented at the beginning of this fiscal year.

### (3) Dividends

### 1. Dividends paid

Resolution	Type of shares	Total dividends (thousands of yen)	Dividends per share (yen)	Record date	Effective date
Shareholders' meeting on March 27, 2018	Common stock	1,365,574	11.0	December 31, 2017	March 28, 2018
Board meeting on July 27, 2018	Common stock	1,614,171	13.0	June 30, 2018	September 10, 2018

Note. Though the Company implemented a 2-for-1 share split effective October 1, 2018, dividends per share are stated based on the number of shares before the share split.

## 2. Dividends with a record date in the year ended December 31, 2018 and the effective date in the year ending December 31, 2019

Resolution	Type of shares	Total dividends (thousands of yen)	Source of dividends	Dividends per share (yen)	Record date	Effective date
Shareholders' eeting on March 26, 2019	Common stock	1,614,261	Retained earnings	6.5	December 31, 2018	March 27, 2019

### (4) Stock options outstanding as of December 31, 2018

+) Stock options outstanding as of December 31,	Stock options outstanding as of December 51, 2016								
	Resolution at board	Resolution at board	Resolution at board						
	meeting on March 24,	meeting on January 27,	meeting on April 27,						
	2011	2012	2012						
Type of shares	Common stock	Common stock	Common stock						
Number of shares	35,200	40,800	7,200						
Stock options outstanding	22	51	9						

	Resolution at board meeting on June 21, 2013	Resolution at board meeting on July 29, 2014	Resolution at board meeting on July 29, 2015
Type of shares	Common stock	Common stock	Common stock
Number of shares	5,600	2,000	1,200
Stock options outstanding	14	5	3

Note: The table above does not include stock options whose initial exercise dates are subsequent to December 31, 2018.

#### 4. Financial instruments

### (1) Policy for financial instruments

The policy of the Company is to manage excess cash by investing in short-term deposits and obtain debt financing from financial institutions. In addition, the Company does not utilize any derivative financial instruments.

Trade receivables, such as trade and other accounts receivable, are exposed to customers' credit risk. The Company manages this risk by applying internal credit limits to each customer in accordance with the Company rules, and by requiring customers to pay excess amounts over the credit limit in advance in order to prevent losses from bad debts. In addition, the Company carefully monitors customers if payment is overdue.

Payment terms of payables, such as trade and other accounts payable, are due mostly within one year. Payables denominated in foreign currencies are exposed to foreign currency risk.

Loans mainly consist of borrowings for capital investments.

Trade accounts payable and loans are exposed to liquidity risk. The Company monitors and manages it by controlling the cash positions as a part of daily operations.

### (2) Fair value of financial instruments

The carrying value, fair value and the difference between them of financial instruments as of December 31, 2018 were as follows:

(Thousands of yen)

	Carrying value	Fair value	Difference
Assets			
(1) Cash and deposits	12,381,790	12,381,790	-
(2) Notes and accounts receivable-trade	11,211,940		
(3) Electronically recorded monetary claims	334,932		
(4) Accounts receivable-other	4,027,813		
Allowance for doubtful accounts *1	(57,092)		
	15,517,593	15,517,593	-
(5) Doubtful receivables *2	42,429		
Allowance for doubtful accounts *3	(42,429)		
	-	-	-
Total assets	27,899,384	27,899,384	-
Liabilities			
(1) Accounts payable-trade	8,318,686	8,318,686	-
(2) Accounts payable-other	2,545,519	2,545,519	-
(3) Income taxes payable	2,835,615	2,835,615	-
(4) Long-term loans payable (included due within one year)	4,499,334	4,489,665	(9,668)
Total liabilities	18,199,155	18,189,486	(9,668)

<sup>\*1</sup> Notes and accounts receivable-trade, Electronically recorded monetary claims and Accounts receivable-other are offset by a specific allowance.

Notes: Methods to determine the estimated fair value of financial instruments

- (1) Cash and deposits, (2) Notes and accounts receivable-trade, (3) Electronically recorded monetary claims and
- (4) Accounts receivable-other

Carrying value approximates fair value since these are settled in the short term.

\* Notes and accounts receivable-trade, Electronically recorded monetary claims and Accounts receivable-other are offset by a specific allowance.

<sup>\*2</sup> Doubtful receivables are included in "Other" in investments and other assets on the consolidated balance sheet.

<sup>\*3</sup> Doubtful receivables are offset by a specific allowance.

### (5) Doubtful receivables

Fair value of doubtful receivables is calculated based on the net amount of the nominal receivable and an allowance for doubtful accounts based on uncollectible amounts determined after an analysis of specific individual receivables.

#### Liabilities

(1) Accounts payable-trade, (2) Accounts payable-other, (3) Income taxes payable Carrying value approximates fair value since these are settled in the short term.

### (4) Long-term loans payable

Fair value of long-term loans payable is stated as the present value of the total amount of principal and interest discounted by the applicable rate based on the assumption that a similar loan is newly executed.

### (3) Repayment schedules for monetary receivables and payables after December 31, 2018

	Within one year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years	Over 5 years
Cash and deposits	12,381,790	-	-	-	_	_
Notes and accounts receivable-trade	11,211,940	-	-	-	-	-
Electronically recorded monetary claims	334,932	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts receivable-other	4,027,813	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	27,956,477	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts payable-trade	8,318,686	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts payable-other	2,545,519	-	-	-	-	-
Income taxes payable	2,835,615	-	-	-	-	-
Long-term loans payable (included due within one year)	2,000,666	2,498,668	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	15,700,487	2,498,668	_	-	-	-

- 5. Per share information (as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018)
- (1) Net assets per share

119.07 yen

(2) Earnings per share (basic)

38.32 yen

Note. The Company implemented a 2-for-1 share split effective October 1, 2018. The respective per share information above is stated on the assumption that the share split was implemented at the beginning of this fiscal year.

6. Subsequent events

Not applicable

# $\frac{Non\text{-}consolidated\ balance\ sheet}{\text{As\ of\ December\ }31,\,2018}$

Assets		(Thousands of yen) Liabilities			
Account	Amount	Account	Amount		
Current assets	37,052,135	Current liabilities	17,539,333		
Cash and deposits	11,610,735	Accounts payable-trade	8,015,493		
Notes receivable-trade	17,477	Long-term loans payable - current portion	2,000,666		
Accounts receivable-trade	11,123,824	Lease obligations	794,378		
Electronically recorded	334,932	Accounts payable-other	2,439,615		
monetary claims Merchandise	8,974,509	Accrued expenses	243,859		
Goods in transit	453,380	Income taxes payable	2,835,615		
	115,719	Accrued consumption	966,444		
Supplies	*	taxes	*		
Advance payments	9,558	Advances received	16,825		
Prepaid expenses	218,662	Deposits received	95,474		
Accounts receivable-other	4,017,089	Provision for employees bonuses	96,544		
Deferred income taxes	195,758	Provision for directors' bonuses	25,749		
Other	37,196	Other	8,665		
Allowance for doubtful	(56,709)		,		
accounts	(30,709)		2 070 005		
Non-current assets	14,533,517	Non-current liabilities	2,879,895		
Property and equipment	9,598,104	Long-term loans payable  Lease obligations	2,498,668 20,702		
		Provision for retirement	,		
Buildings	4,270,045	benefits	237,145		
Structures	430,024	Other	123,379		
Machinery and equipment	294,685				
Vehicles	2,289				
Tools, furniture and fixtures	310,474				
Land Leased assets	1,817,432 2,466,023				
Construction in progress	7,128				
Constituction in progress	7,120	Total liabilities	20,419,229		
Intangible assets	1,316,115	Net assets	-, -, -		
Trademarks	15,351				
Software	1,225,889	Shareholders' equity	31,130,639		
Telephone rights	35	Common stock	1,979,707		
Software in progress	74,839	Capital surplus	784,245		
		Legal capital surplus	784,245		
Investments and other assets	3,619,297	Retained earnings	28,593,011		
Investments in subsidiaries	2,452,337	Other retained earnings Retained earnings	28,593,011		
Doubtful receivables	42,429	brought forward	28,593,011		
Long-term prepaid expenses	56,864	Treasury stock	(226,325)		
Guarantee deposits	690,685	Subscription rights to shares	35,783		
Insurance funds	270,698				
Deferred income taxes	148,712				
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(42,429)	Total net assets	31,166,423		
Total assets	51,585,652	Total liabilities and net assets	51,585,652		

# $\frac{Non\text{-}consolidated statement of income}{\text{For the year ended December 31, 2018}}$

Account	Amount	
N 1		105 221 514
Net sales		105,331,519
Cost of sales		74,184,24
Gross profit		31,147,27
Selling, general and administrative expenses		16,868,79
Operating income		14,278,47
Non-operating income:		
Interest income	315	
Foreign exchange gains	33,320	
Commission fee	7,890	
Compensation income	3,727	
Gain on sale of materials	15,125	
Other	17,229	77,60
Non-operating expenses:		
Interest expenses	68,254	
Loss on disposal of inventories	28,863	
Other	8,422	105,54
Ordinary income		14,250,54
Extraordinary income:		
Gain on sale of non-current assets	74	7
Extraordinary losses:		
Loss on sale of non-current assets	70	
Loss on disposal of non-current assets	21,392	21,46
Income before income taxes		14,229,15
Income taxes		
Current	4,471,585	
Deferred	(67,762)	4,403,82
Net income		9,825,334

### Non-consolidated statement of changes in net assets

For the year ended December 31, 2018

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			Shareholo	lers' equity				
		Capital surplus	Retained	l earnings				
	Common stock	Legal capital surplus	Other retained earnings	Treasury Total stock	Treasury stock	Total share- holders' equity	Subscription rights to shares	Total net assets
			Retained earnings brought forward	earnings				
Balance as of the beginning of the year	1,968,189	772,727	21,747,422	21,747,422	(206,417)	24,281,921	38,294	24,320,216
Changes of items during the year								
Issuance of new shares	11,518	11,518				23,037		23,037
Dividends			(2,979,745)	(2,979,745)		(2,979,745)		(2,979,745)
Net income			9,825,334	9,825,334		9,825,334		9,825,334
Purchase of treasury stock					(19,908)	(19,908)		(19,908)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity							(2,510)	(2,510)
Total changes of items during the year	11,518	11,518	6,845,588	6,845,588	(19,908)	6,848,717	(2,510)	6,846,206
Balance as of the end of the year	1,979,707	784,245	28,593,011	28,593,011	(226,325)	31,130,639	35,783	31,166,423

### Notes to non-consolidated financial statements

### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

(1) Valuation policies and method of accounting for assets:

Investment securities

Inventories

\* Merchandise Lower of cost or market, cost being determined by the first-in, first-out method

\* Goods in transit and Lower of cost or market, cost being determined by the specific identification

supplies method

### (2) Methods of depreciation and amortization of fixed assets:

1) Property and equipment (other than leased assets)

\* Buildings (other than attachments to buildings) Straight-line method

\* Other fixed assets Declining-balance method (straight-line method for

attachments to buildings and structures acquired on or after

April 1, 2016)

2) Intangible assets (other than leased assets)

Straight-line method

Software intended for internal use is amortized over its estimated useful life of five years.

3) Leased assets

bonuses

bonuses

Leased assets under finance lease contracts are depreciated to a residual value of zero by the straight-line method using the contract term as the useful life.

### (3) Accounting for allowances and provisions

accounts debts and an estimate of uncollectible amounts determined after an analysis of

specific individual receivables.

\* Provision for employees' The provision for employees' bonuses is provided as the estimated amount of the

bonuses to be paid to the employees in the following year, which are attributable to

the current fiscal year.

\* Provision for directors' The provision for directors' bonuses is provided as the estimated amount of the

bonuses to be paid to the directors in the following year, which are attributable to

the current fiscal year.

\* Provision for retirement The provision for retirement benefits is provided as the estimated amount of the

benefits retirement benefits to be paid to the employees in the following year, which are

attributable to the current fiscal year.

### (4) Foreign currency translation

Receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies are translated into yen at the rates of exchange in effect at the balance sheet date, and differences arising from the translation are included in the non-consolidated statement of income.

### (5) Other information on the preparation of non-consolidated financial statements

\* Consumption taxes All amounts in the accompanying non-consolidated financial statements are stated

exclusive of consumption taxes.

2. Non-consolidated balance sheet	
(1) Accumulated depreciation of property and equipment	2,135,153 thousand yen
(2) Direct reduction in the amount of property and equipment	240.660
Land	318,660 thousand yen
Machinery and equipment	171,760 thousand yen
Tools, furniture and fixtures	328,240 thousand yen
(3) Monetary receivables and payables to related parties	
Monetary receivables	5,743 thousand yen
Monetary payables	20,677 thousand yen
3. Non-consolidated statement of income	
Transactions with related parties	
Business transactions:	
Sales	28,041 thousand yen
Purchases	249,382 thousand yen
Selling, general and administrative expenses	16,639 thousand yen
Transactions other than ordinary course of business	2,342 thousand yen
4. Non-consolidated statement of changes in net assets	
Number of shares of treasury stock as of December 31, 2018	
Common stock	2,192,452 shares
5. Income taxes	
(1) Deferred income tax assets:	(thousands of yen)
(Deferred tax assets)	(
Accrued enterprise taxes	119,054
Provision for employees' bonuses	29,523
Allowance for doubtful accounts	30,316
Provision for retirement benefits	72,519
Asset retirement obligations	41,431
Subscription rights to shares	10,942
Accrued facility taxes	15,790
Others	34,810
Total deferred tax assets	354,388
(Deferred tax liabilities)	
Asset retirement obligations	8,367
Others	1,549
Total deferred tax liabilities	9,917
Total deferred tax assets - net	344,470

(2) Reconciliation of statutory income tax rate to effective tax rate for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 was as follows:

Since the difference between the statutory income tax rate and effective tax rate was less than 5%, the reconciliation was omitted.

6. Per share information (as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018)

(1) Net assets per share 125.35 yen

(2) Earnings per share (basic) 39.56 yer

Note. The Company implemented a 2-for-1 share split effective October 1, 2018. The respective per share information above is stated on the assumption that the share split was implemented at the beginning of this fiscal year.

7. Subsequent events

Not applicable

# Accounting Auditor's Report for Consolidated Financial Statements

[English Translation of the Auditors' Report Originally Issued in the Japanese Language]

# **Independent Auditors' Report**

February 13, 2019

The Board of Directors MonotaRO Co., Ltd.:

Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC

Dai Matsuura Certified Public Accountant Designated and Engagement Partner

Daiji Tokuno Certified Public Accountant Designated and Engagement Partner

Pursuant to Article 444, Section 4 of the Companies Act, we have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements, which comprise the consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated statement of income, the consolidated statement of changes in net assets and the notes to the consolidated financial statements of MonotaRO Co., Ltd. (the "Company") applicable to the fiscal year from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

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

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Japan. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. The purpose of an audit of the consolidated financial statements is not to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control, but in making these risk assessments the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair

presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the MonotaRO Group, which consisted of the Company and the consolidated subsidiary, applicable to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan.

## Conflicts of Interest

We have no interest in the Company which should be disclosed in compliance with the Certified Public Accountants Act.

# Accounting Auditor's Report for Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

[English Translation of the Auditors' Report Originally Issued in the Japanese Language]

# **Independent Auditors' Report**

February 13, 2019

The Board of Directors MonotaRO Co., Ltd.:

Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC

Dai Matsuura Certified Public Accountant Designated and Engagement Partner

Daiji Tokuno Certified Public Accountant Designated and Engagement Partner

Pursuant to Article 436, Section 2, Item 1 of the Companies Act, we have audited the accompanying financial statements, which comprise the balance sheet, the statement of income, the statement of changes in net assets, the notes to the financial statements and the related supplementary schedules of MonotaRO Co., Ltd. (the "Company") applicable to the 19th fiscal year from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements and the Related Supplementary Schedules

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

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and the related supplementary schedules based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Japan. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and the related supplementary schedules are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and the related supplementary schedules. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and the related supplementary schedules, whether due to fraud or error. The purpose of an audit of the financial statements is not to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control, but in making these risk assessments the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the

entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements and the related supplementary schedules.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

# Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements and the related supplementary schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the Company applicable to the 19th fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan.

### Conflicts of Interest

We have no interest in the Company which should be disclosed in compliance with the Certified Public Accountants Act.

## **Audit Report by the Audit Committee**

## Audit Report

Audit Committee (hereinafter called as the "Committee") audited job execution of directors for the 19th fiscal year from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 and submits the following audit report.

- 1. Summary of auditing method and its contents.
  - (1) The Committee audited the resolution of Board of Directors Meeting and the internal control system established according to the said resolution stipulated in the Article 416-1-1-RO & HO of the Companies Act.
  - (2) The Committee, according to the auditing policy and allocation of responsibilities set by the Committee, conducted the audit having close coordination with Internal Auditing Office as follows:
    - (i) Attended the Board of Directors Meeting and other important management meetings.
    - (ii) Received business reports from Directors and other managements on their execution of their duties
    - (iii) Reviewed important documents for making decisions.
    - (iv) Investigated into business and assets situations at the headquarter and other main offices.
    - (v) Communicated and exchanged information with the Director of subsidiary, and asked the progress of business performance if necessary.
  - (3) The Committee received the report and explanation from independent accounting auditor on their execution of duties accompanied by the monitoring and examining whether they are keeping independent position performing appropriate audit. Also, the Committee received the notice from independent accounting auditor that they have established the "System to ensure the fair execution of duties" (Issues stipulated in the Article 131 of the Corporate Accounting Rules) according to "Quality Control Standard Code of Audit" (October 28, 2005 Business Accounting Council) and requested the explanation where appropriate
  - (4) Based on the above methods, the Committee, in a cautious manner, examined the financial statements (Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement and Statement of the Changes in Shareholders' Equity together with explanatory notes) including supporting schedules and consolidated financial statements (Consolidated Balance Sheet, Consolidated Profit and Loss, Consolidated Statement of the Changes in Stockholders' Equity together with explanatory notes).

2. Results of Audit

(1) Results of audit on Business Report and its supporting documents.

(i) The Committee recognized that Business Report and its supporting documents of the

Company fairly showed the Company's situation in accordance with the relevant

legislations and the Articles of Incorporation.

(ii) The Committee did not see any directors' or Shikkoyakus' dishonesty or serious fact

violating to the relevant laws & legislations and the Articles of Incorporation on their

execution of duties.

(iii) The Committee recognized that the resolution of Board of Directors Meeting on the internal

control system of the Company was appropriate. Also, the Committee did not see any issue

to be pointed out on the directors' or Shikkoyakus' job execution pertinent to internal

control system.

(2) Results of audit on the financial statements and its supporting schedules.

The Committee affirmed that the auditing method and the conclusions of the audit conducted by

Independent Accounting Auditor, Ernst & Young ShinNihon Limited Liability Company were

appropriate.

(3) Results of audit on the consolidated financial statements.

The Committee affirmed that the auditing method and the conclusions of the audit conducted by

Independent Accounting Auditor, Ernst & Young ShinNihon Limited Liability Company were

appropriate.

February 13, 2019

Audit Committee, MonotaRO Co., Ltd.

Committee Chairman:

Yasuo Yamagata

Committee Member:

Haruo Kitamura

Committee Member:

Masahiro Kishida

(Note) All of the Audit Committee Members are Outside Directors as prescribed in Article 2, Item 15 and

Article 400, Paragraph 3 of the Companies Act.

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# Reference Documents for the General Shareholders' Meeting

#### **Proposals and References**

## **Proposal 1:** Appropriation of Surplus

Appropriation of surplus is proposed as described below.

Matters relating to the year-end dividend

The year-end dividend for the 19th term is proposed as described below in consideration of the business performance for the current fiscal year and future business expansion.

- 1. Type of dividend property: Cash
- 2. Allotment of dividend property to shareholders and the total amount thereof: 6.5 yen per share of the Company's common stock at a total amount of 1,614,261,662 yen
  - (Note) As of October 1, 2018, the Company has implemented a 2 for 1 share split. The interim dividend payment (13 yen per share) that the Company paid to the shareholders based on the record date of June 30, 2018 is equivalent to 6.5 yen taking into consideration of this share split. Therefore, the annual dividend equivalent to the year-end dividend would be equivalent to 13 yen per share.
- 3. Effective date of dividends from surplus: March 27, 2019

# **Proposal 2:** Election of Seven (7) Directors

The terms of office of all seven (7) Directors will expire at the conclusion of this General Shareholders' Meeting. Accordingly, the election of seven (7) Directors is proposed in accordance with the decision made by the Nomination Committee.

The candidates for Director are as follows:

No.	Name (Date of birth) Responsibilities	Career summary and positions (Significant concurrent positions)		Number of shares of the Company held
1	Kinya Seto (June 25, 1960)  Compensation Committee Member	Mr. Seto is the for for over ten years the Company befor committees.). Mr. leader of several of	Joined Sumitomo Corporation Specialty Iron & Steel Products Mgr., Sumitomo Corporation of Americas Vice President, Sales Dept., Precision Bar Service, INC. President & Representative Director, Iron Dynamics Process International LLC E-commerce Team Mgr., Business Planning Dept., Iron & Steel Div., No. 1, Sumitomo Corporation Director, the Company President & Representative Director, the Company Director, President & CEO, the Company Director (part-time), Zoro Tools, Inc. President & Representative Director, Grainger Asia Pacific K.K Director, Chairman & CEO, the Company Senior Vice President, W.W. Grainger, Inc. CEO, GWW UK Online Ltd. (present Grainger Global Online Business Ltd.) Director & Chairman, the Company (to present) Director, President & CEO, LIXIL Corporation Representative Executive Officer & COO, LIXIL Group Corporation Director, Grainger Asia Pacific K.K. Director, Representative Executive Officer, President & CEO, LIXIL Group Corporation Director, Representative Executive Officer, President, LIXIL Group Corporation (to present) under of the Company and led the business as President & CEO (He held the position of President & Representative Director of ore it became a company with Nomination Committees and other Seto has insight into business and abundant experience as a companies, and the Company requests that he continue to serve	1,306,400

No.	Name (Date of birth) Responsibilities	Career summary and positions (Significant concurrent positions)	Number of shares of the Company held
2	Masaya Suzuki (July 24, 1975)	April 1998 Joined Sumitomo Corporation  November 2000 Seconded to the Company; System Team Manager, the Company  March 2006 Advanced Materials and Specialty Iron & Steel Trade Dept., Sumitomo Corporation  May 2006 EC Business Dept., No. 2, Rakuten, Inc.  November 2006 Marketing Team Manager, Bookmedia Dept., Rakuten, Inc.  April 2007 General Manager, Marketing Dept., the Company  March 2008 Executive Officer and General Manager, Marketing Dept., the Company  August 2011 Director, K-engine Corporation  March 2012 Director, President & COO, the Company  January 2013 Director, NAVIMRO Co., Ltd. (to present)  March 2014 Director, President & CEO, the Company (to present)  August 2016 Director, PT Sumisho E-Commerce Indonesia (present PT MONOTARO INDONESIA) (to present)  February 2018 Chairman, ZORO Shanghai Co., Ltd (to present)  Grounds for nominating Mr. Masaya Suzuki as a candidate for Director)  Mr. Suzuki has been leading the Company as President & COO since 201 (President & CEO since 2014), and has appropriately explained and reported of the Company's strategies and execution thereof. Further, Mr. Suzuki has sufficiently fulfilled his role as Director and CEO of the Company as h supervised the execution of business of the other Executive Officers of the Company. Therefore, the Company requests that Mr. Suzuki continue to servas a Director of the Company.	1 S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S

No.	Name (Date of birth) Responsibilities	Career summary and positions (Significant concurrent positions)		Number of shares of the Company held
3	Masanori Miyajima (January 13, 1953) Nomination Committee Member and Chairperson, Compensation Committee	Director) The Company pro Director in the ex	Joined Nissan Motor CO., LTD.  Manager, Nissan European Technology Center Ltd. General Manager, Business Development Dept., General Electric Company Japan Executive Officer, GE Edison Life Insurance Co., Ltd. President & Representative Director, WIT Japan Investment Inc. (present Works Capital Inc.) Director, the Company (to present) Representative Director, Johnson Controls Automotive Systems, K.K. CEO & Representative Director, Japan Kantar Research Inc. (present Kantar Japan Inc.) Point Partner Business Senior Advisor, Rakuten, Inc. minating Mr. Masanori Miyajima as a candidate for Outside expectation that he will apply his deep insight and extensive mager gained through the management of multiple companies to	_
4	Yasuo Yamagata (June 27, 1971) Chairperson, Audit Committee	April 2000  March 2003  April 2005  September 2005  September 2006  March 2016  (Grounds for nomi The Company propin the expectation attorney-at-law to not previously bee	Admitted to the bar Joined Kansai Law & Patent Office Corporate Auditor, the Company Partner, Legal Professional Corporation Kansai Law & Patent Office (to present) Director, the Company (to present) Director, Osaka City Dome Co., Ltd. (to present) Outside director, Toyo Tanso Co., Ltd.(to present) inating Mr. Yasuo Yamagata as a candidate for Outside Director) poses the election of Mr. Yasuo Yamagata as an Outside Director that he will apply his expertise and extensive experience as an the management of the Company. Although Mr. Yamagata has n directly involved in management, the Company deems that he y out his duties as an Outside Director for the reasons stated	_

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5	Haruo Kitamura (August 21, 1958)  Chairperson, Nomination Committee and Audit Committee Member	The Company portion of the Director in the	Joined Arthur Andersen Konin Kaikeishi Kyodo Jimusho (present KPMG AZSA LLC) Registered as a certified public accountant Partner, Asahi & Co. (present KPMG AZSA LLC) Established Asahi Arthur Andersen Ltd.; Director, Asahi Arthur Andersen Ltd. Established Kitamura Certified Public Accountant Office; Chief, Kitamura Certified Public Accountant Office (to present) Established Charles's Wain Consulting Co., Ltd. (present CerWin Consulting K.K.); Representative Director, Charles's Wain Consulting Co., Ltd. Outside Corporate Auditor, ROHM Co., Ltd. (to present) Director, the Company (to present) Supervisory Director (part-time), MID REIT Inc. (present MCUBS MidCity Investment Corporation) (to present) Outside Corporate Auditor, Yamaha Corporation Outside Director, Yamaha Corporation Outside Corporate Auditor, ASMO Co., Ltd. Outside Corporate Auditor, LEGAL CORPORATION (to present) Outside Corporate Auditor, Toyo Aluminium K.K. (to present) inating Mr. Haruo Kitamura as a candidate for Outside Director) roposes the election of Mr. Haruo Kitamura as an Outside expectation that he will apply his expertise and extensive ortified public accountant to the management of the Company.	

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6	Masahiro Kishida (March 30, 1961) Compensation Committee Member and Audit Committee Member	April 1983 Joined PARCO CO., LTD.  May 1992 Joined The Japan Research Institute, Limited  July 1996 Joined Booz, Allen & Hamilton Inc. (present Booz & Company Inc.)  October 2002 Partner, Roland Berger Ltd.  September 2006 Partner, Booz, Allen & Hamilton Inc. (present Booz & Company Inc.)  March 2012 Director, the Company (to present)  April 2013 Partner, AT Kearney, K.K.  January 2014 CEO and Representative Director, AT Kearney, K.K. (to present)  January 2018 Member of the Board, A.T. Kearney Ltd. (to present)  (Grounds for nominating Mr. Masahiro Kishida as a candidate for Outside Director)  The Company proposes the election of Mr. Masahiro Kishida as an Outside Director in the expectation that he will apply his expertise and extensive experience in corporate management and marketing policies as a management consultant to the management of the Company.	_
7	David L. Rawlinson II (January 19, 1976) Nomination Committee Member	July 2000 Government Relations Representative, South Carolina Association of Counties  November 2001 Attorney-at-law, Locke Load Bissell & Liddell, LLP  August 2004 Attorney-at-law, K&L Gates, LLP  January 2008 White House Fellow, Office of the White House Chief of Staff  July 2009 Vice President and General Counsel, ITT Exelis, Inc.  August 2013 Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, W.W. Grainger, Inc.  March 2014 Director, the Company (to present)  January 2016 Vice President and President, Online Business, W.W. Grainger, Inc.  President, Razor Occam, Ltd. (present Grainger Global Online Business Ltd.) (to present)  Director (part-time), Zoro Tools, Inc. (to present)  February 2017 Director (part-time), Nielson Holdings PLC (to present)  Senior Vice President and President, Online Businesses, W.W.  Grainger, Inc. (to present)  (Grounds for nominating Mr. David L. Rawlinson II as a candidate for Director)  Mr. Rawlinson II has considerable knowledge of and experience in the field of corporate governance which he gained as a U.S. attorney, as well as experience overseeing the online business at W.W. Grainger, Inc., the parent company of the Company and utilize his experience for its business. The Company notes that Mr. Rawlinson II has been sent to the Company from W.W. Grainger, Inc., the parent company of the Company of t	

#### (Notes)

- 1. Mr. Kinya Seto is a Director, Representative Executive Officer President at LIXIL Group Corporation. The Company engages in selling and purchasing products immaterial with LIXIL Group Corporation and this company group; however, the amount of transactions is only below 1% of consolidated net sales of the Company or consolidated revenue of LIXIL Group, which is quite small. He will retire his position as Representative Executive Officer President of the LIXIL Group Corporation in March 2019 and will hold his position as a Director on the Board of LIXIL Group until June 2019.
  - There are no special relationships between the other candidates and the Company.
- 2. Mr. David L. Rawlinson II, a candidate for Director, is a business executive at W.W. Grainger, Inc., which is the parent company of the Company, and his positions and responsibilities are as stated above under "Career summary, positions and responsibilities at the Company (Significant concurrent positions).
- 3. Messrs. Masanori Miyajima, Yasuo Yamagata, Haruo Kitamura and Masahiro Kishida, candidates for Director, are candidates for Outside Director. The Company has designated the above four (4) persons as independent officers in accordance with the provisions of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and registered them as such at the Exchange.
- 4. At the conclusion of this General Shareholders' Meeting, the terms of office held as Outside Director will be 17 years and 9 months for Mr. Masanori Miyajima, 13 years and 7 months for Mr. Yasuo Yamagata, 13 years and 4 months for Mr. Haruo Kitamura, and 7 years for Mr. Masahiro Kishida.