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**Subject: Requests in response to the response letter dated 22 February 2024**

Dear Members of the Board:

Since becoming shareholders with over 300 voting rights in Wakamoto as of the end of September 2023, we addressed a letter on January 29, 2024, to Mr. Yuko Hirai, General Manager of the General Affairs Department and Public Relations Office (Director), summarising our meeting and posing several questions. We received the response on February 22, 2024, and wish to outline our subsequent requests and concerns as follows:-

- Regarding the Nomination of Directors from MHFG:

We observe that currently, two directors from Mizuho Financial Group ("MHFG") serve on Wakamoto's seven-member board, constituting 28.6% of its makeup. Despite MHFG's status as a major shareholder, we argue for the limitation of MHFG representation on the board to one director, in alignment with its shareholding ratio. The response indicated a disconnect between shareholding ratios and the number of board members, a stance we find troubling from a corporate governance perspective, particularly as it may signal a prioritization of the bank's interests over shareholder value enhancement.

Furthermore, we understand it's customary in Wakamoto for individuals to ascend to director positions after a brief tenure as general manager of certain departments. Given that there is presently one director from MHFG, we request that this individual not be considered for future directorial positions.

- Prevention of Reporting Omissions to the MHLW's Research Ethics Review Committee:

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In light of the admitted failure to report certain matters to the MHLW's reporting system, which you have since rectified, we urge you to undertake a thorough investigation into the causes of this oversight. More importantly, we expect the development and disclosure of robust measures designed to prevent such omissions from recurring.

- Disclosure Regarding Nobuyuki Kamiya's Resignation:

According to the response, the financial impact of the misappropriation of funds for Mr. Nobuyuki Kamiya's personal expenses was greater than initially reported. The decision not to disclose the investigation report or measures to prevent similar incidents reflects poorly on Wakamoto's respect for shareholder concerns. We strongly advocate for the disclosure of both the details of Mr. Kamiya's resignation and the preventive measures taken on Wakamoto's website.

We have sought dialogue with President Igarashi since last year, aiming to enhance shareholder value, yet our requests for a forum for discussion have been declined. We wish to reiterate our call for such an exchange, believing it critical for mutual understanding and progress.

We trust these points will be carefully considered and look forward to a constructive response.

Kind regards,

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Founder CEO at Nanahoshi Management Ltd.