

Kurita Water Industries Ltd.

## **Shareholder Relations Meeting for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020**

(Securities code: 6370)

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Kurita Group Overview

## Company Overview & Shareholder Composition



#### Company Overview

■ Name : Kurita Water Industries Ltd.

■ Representative : Michiya Kadota, President

■ Date of Establishment : July 13, 1949

■ Location : Nakano Central Park East, 10-1,

Nakano 4-chome, Nakano-ku, Tokyo

■ Fiscal Year-end : March 31

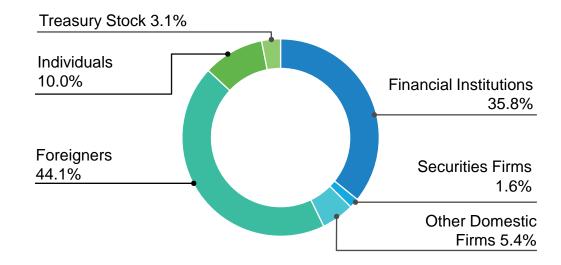
Stock Exchange Listing : First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange

■ Paid-in Capital : ¥ 13,450,751,434

■ Issued Common Stock : 116,200,694 shares

■ Number of Shareholders : 22,884 (As of September 30, 2019)

#### Shareholding Ratio (As of September 30, 2019)



#### Shareholder Composition (As of September 30, 2019)

Rank	Shareholder	Shares (thousand)	Ratio
1	Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account)	7,937	7.04%
2	The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)	6,674	5.92%
3	Nippon Life Insurance Company	5,979	5.31%
4	Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account 9)	3,660	3.25%
5	Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account 5)	2,167	1.92%
6	Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	2,155	1.91%
7	MUFG Bank, Ltd.	2,056	1.82%
8	BNP PARIBAS SECURITIES SERVICES PARIS / JASDEC FRENCH RES / UCITS ASSETS	1,786	1.58%
9	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK 385151	1,784	1.58%
10	BNYMSANV AS AGENT / CLIENTS LUX UCITS NON TREATY 1	1,764	1.56%

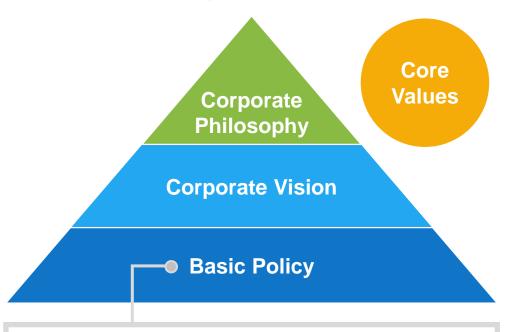
Note: In addition to the above, the company has 3,591 thousand shares of treasury stock.

Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust Account) includes 312 thousand shares of treasury stock for performance-linked stock compensation to directors.

## Kurita Group Philosophy System



### Systemizing our mission and visions based on the corporate philosophy



- 1. Kurita Group Code of Conduct
- 2. Corporate Governance Policies
- 3. Basic Policies for Constructing an Internal Control System
- 4. CSR Policy
- 5. Kurita Group BCM Policy (Business Continuity Management)
- 6. Kurita Group Business Policy

#### **Corporate Philosophy**

Study the properties of water, master them, and we will create an environment in which nature and man are in harmony

#### **Corporate Vision**

"A Creator of unique value to the solution of water and environment," contributing to the realization of a sustainable society.

## **CSR Policy**



# In order for the Kurita Group to continue to grow as it works to realize its corporate philosophy, CSR has been positioned at the heart of management strategy

#### **Definition**

The Kurita Group's responsibility for its impacts on society

#### Objectives

- 1. Creating and maximizing shared value for the Kurita Group and society
- 2. Identifying, preventing and mitigating possible adverse impacts by the Kurita Group

#### **CSR Policy**

Provide solutions to issues related to water and the environment, and fulfill responsibility for the future

#### **Basic themes**

- Provide highly safe services and products
- 2. Conduct fair business activities
- 3. Respect human rights

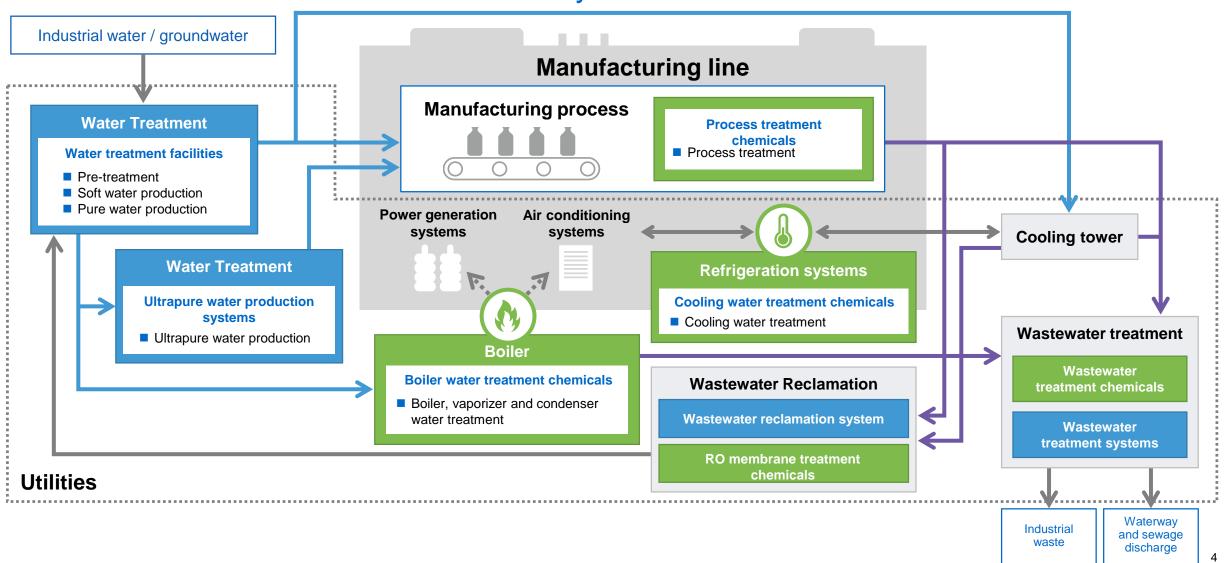
#### **Growth opportunity themes**

- 4. Solve issues related to water resources
- 5. Realize sustainable energy use
- 6. Reduce waste
- 7. Advance industrial production technologies

### Kurita's Business Domains



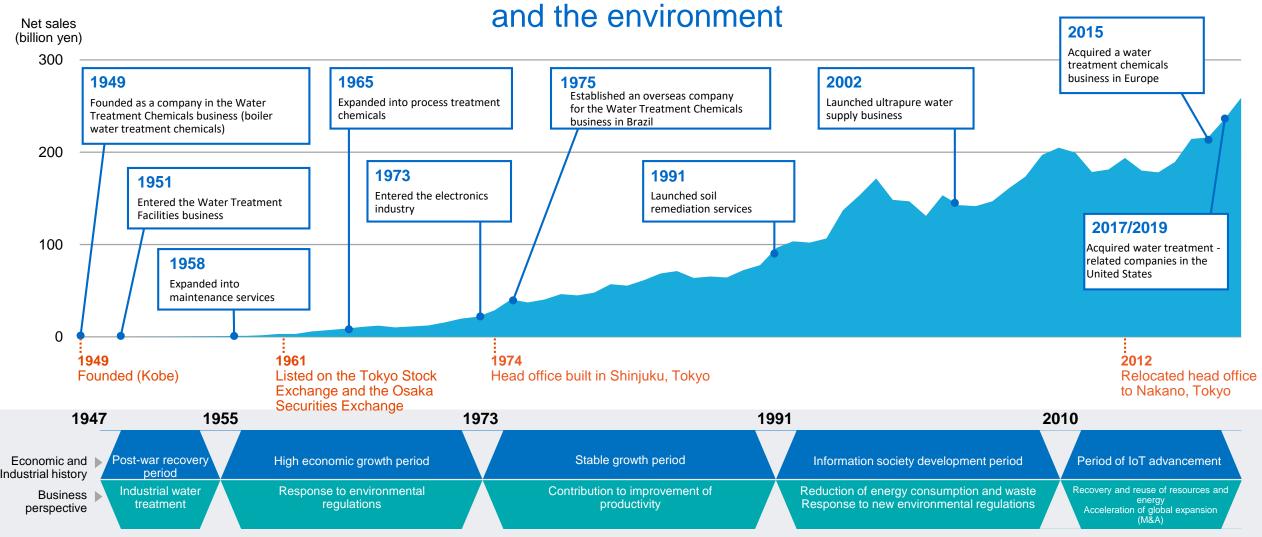
### From factory entrance to exit



## History of Value Creation

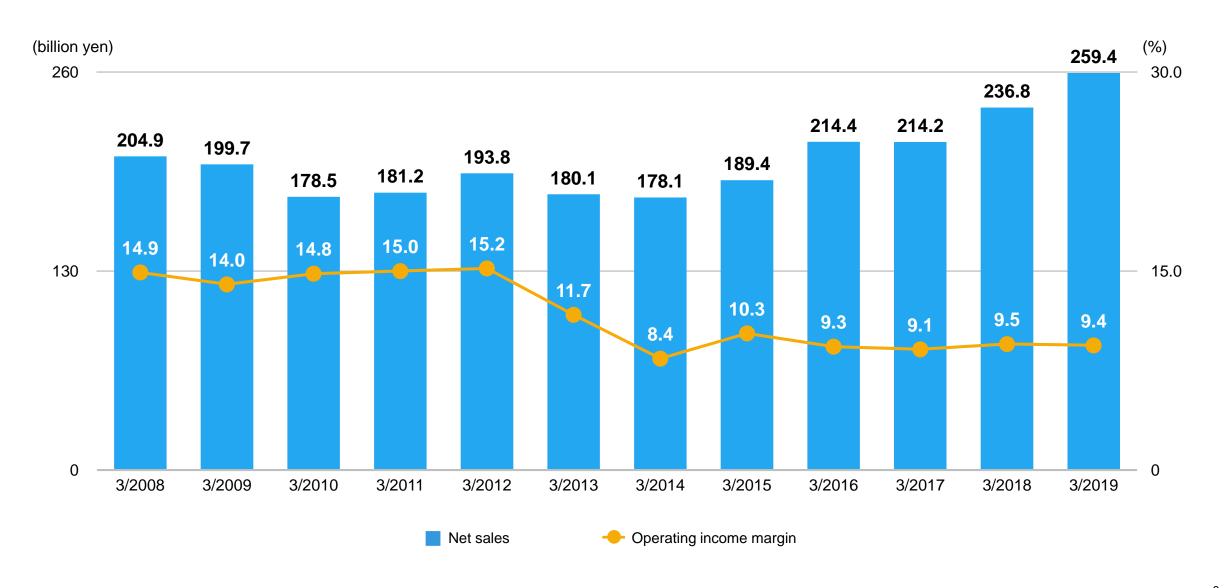


Contributing to the resolution of customers' and society's issues in the areas of water



## Changes in Net Sales and Margin







II Medium-Term Management Plan MVP-22(Maximize Value Proposition 2022)

## **Basic Policy and Priority Measures**



### **Basic Policy**

Maximize customer intimacy by dismantling preconceived ideas and dramatically raising the quality and speed of our work.

#### **Priority Measures**

- Development of CSV Business
- Rebuilding of manufacturing system for water treatment facilities
- Strengthening the foundation and promotion of research and development

- Enhancement of total solutions
- Creation of new business and the promotion of innovation
- Establishment of the Group governance system

## Management Targets and Required Measures



## Emphasis on profitability and capital efficiency

### **Management Targets**

Net sales organic growth rate 3 % or more

Business profit margin 15 %

Return on equity (ROE) 10 % or more

Adoption of management using return on invested capital (ROIC)

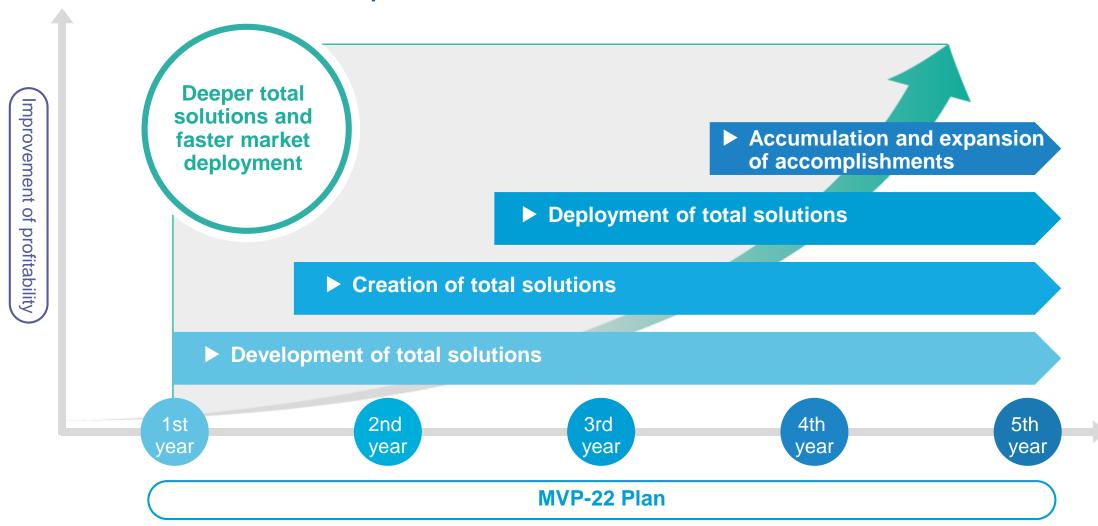
#### Measures

- (1) Expansion of the service contract business model for sharing created value
- (2) Creation of comprehensive contracts for maintenance and operations management originating from major EPC projects
- (3) Restructuring and downsizing of low-margin businesses and assets

### **Acceleration of Total Solutions**



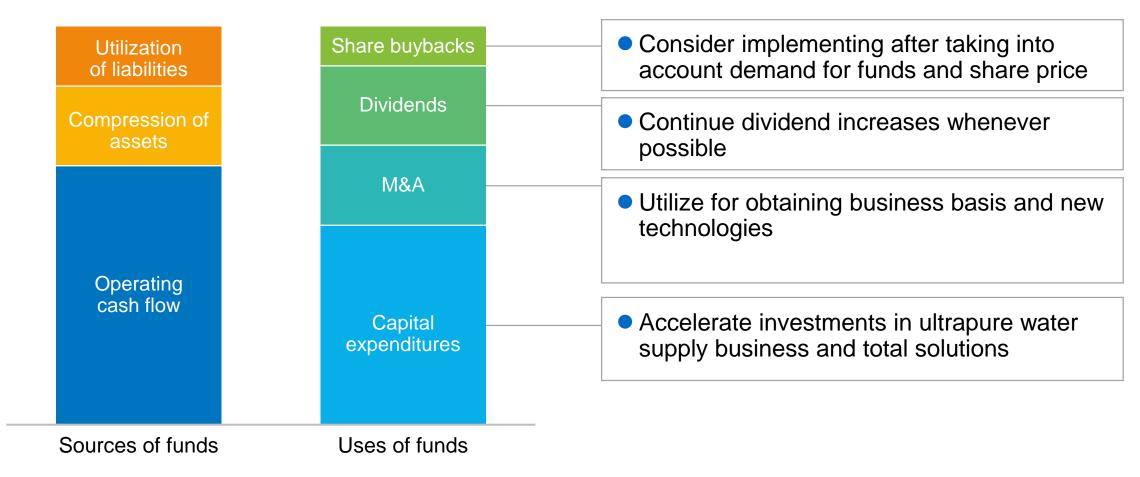
### Focus on development and advancement of total solutions



### Acceleration of Investment and Utilization of Capital



## Concentrated investment in growth fields, and efficient and effective use of capital





III Corporate Governance Initiatives of Kurita

## Basic Concept and Basic Policies



#### **Basic Concept**

#### **Corporate Philosophy**

Study the properties of water, master them, and we will create an environment in which nature and man are in harmony

#### **Establishment of Corporate Governance**

#### **Purpose**

- Transparent, fair, prompt, and decisive decisionmaking
- Highly effective management supervision

#### Sustainable Growth and Medium- and Long-Term Enhancement of Corporate Value

Respect for the rights and position of stakeholders and meeting their expectations

Customers

**Business Partners** 

Employees

Shareholders Investors



#### **Basic Policies (5 Items)**

- (1) Ensuring the rights and equality of shareholders
- (2) Appropriate level of cooperation with stakeholders other than shareholders
- (3) Ensuring appropriate information disclosure and transparency of information
- (4) Duties of the Board of Directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board, etc.
- (5) Dialogue with shareholders and investors

#### Policies (16 Items)

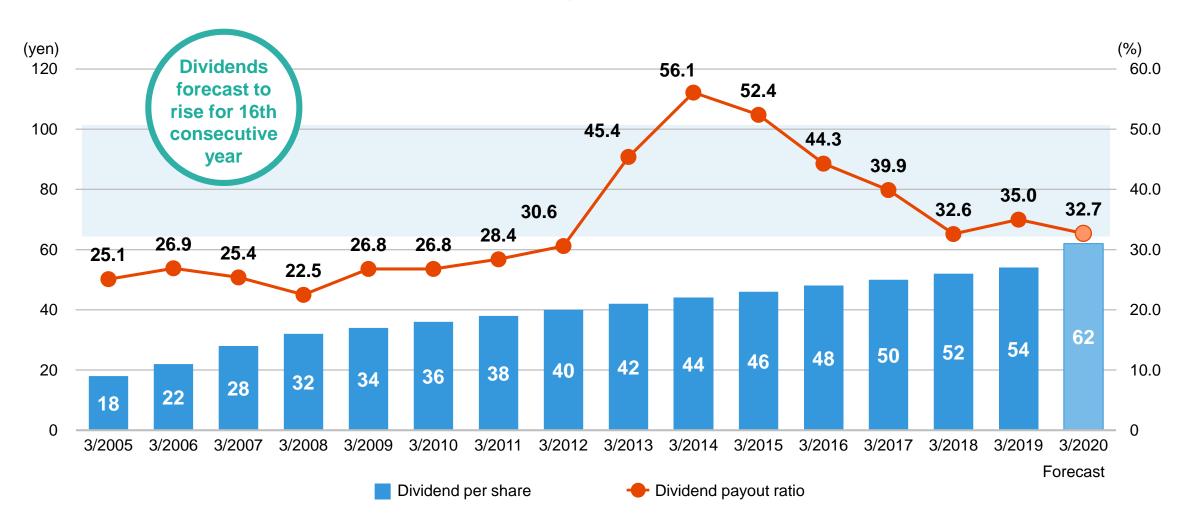
Minor revisions were made in the fiscal year ending March 2020, mainly associated with the voluntary application of IFRS

**Major Changes** 

Redefined "important transaction" in "Related Party Transactions" as an IFRS account item



### The dividend payout ratio target is 30% to 50% over five years

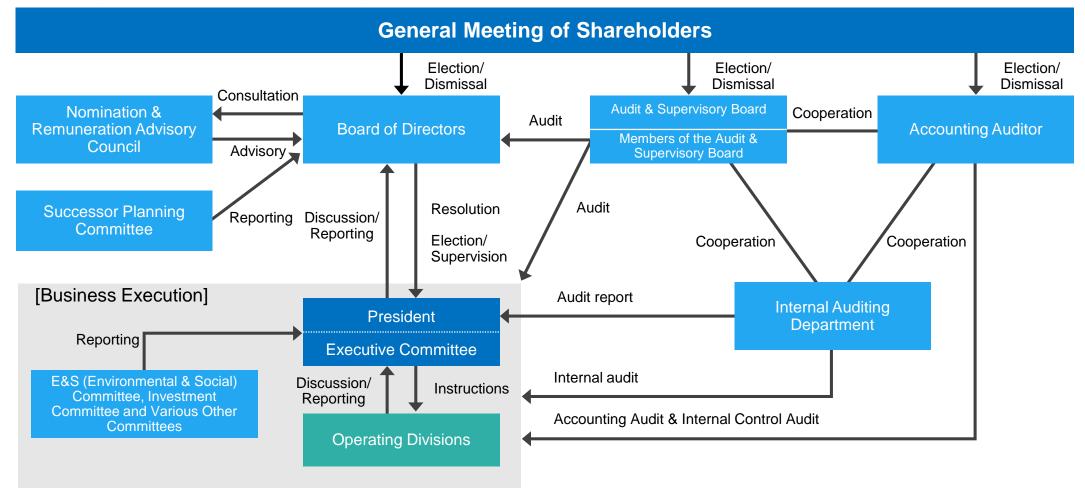


## Corporate Governance Structure



## Voluntarily establish a Nomination & Remuneration Advisory Council and a Successor Planning Committee

Company with an Audit & Supervisory Board



## Size and Composition of the Board of Directors



## The Board of Directors as a whole complements the necessary knowledge, experience and diversity for management decision making

■ Members: 11 (including 3 independent external directors) ■ Term: 1 year

Nama	Sales		Finance/ Accounting	Development	Knowledge and experience expected of external directors			
Name	Japan	Overseas	planning	planning Legal affairs HR	Production Technology	Corporate management	Environment	International
Koichi lioka		•			•	_	_	_
Michiya Kadota						_	<del></del>	<del></del>
Kiyoshi Itou						_	<del></del>	<del>-</del>
Toshitaka Kodama	•	•				_	<del></del>	<del></del>
Yoshio Yamada						_	<del></del>	<del></del>
Hirohiko Ejiri	•	•				_	<del></del>	<del></del>
Toshimi Kobayashi	•					_	<del></del>	<del>-</del>
Yasuo Suzuki	•	•				_	_	<del>_</del>
Tsuguto Moriwaki (external director)	_	_	_	_	_	•		
Ryoko Sugiyama (external director)	_	_	_	_	_	•	•	
Keiko Tanaka (external director)	_	_	_	_	_	•		

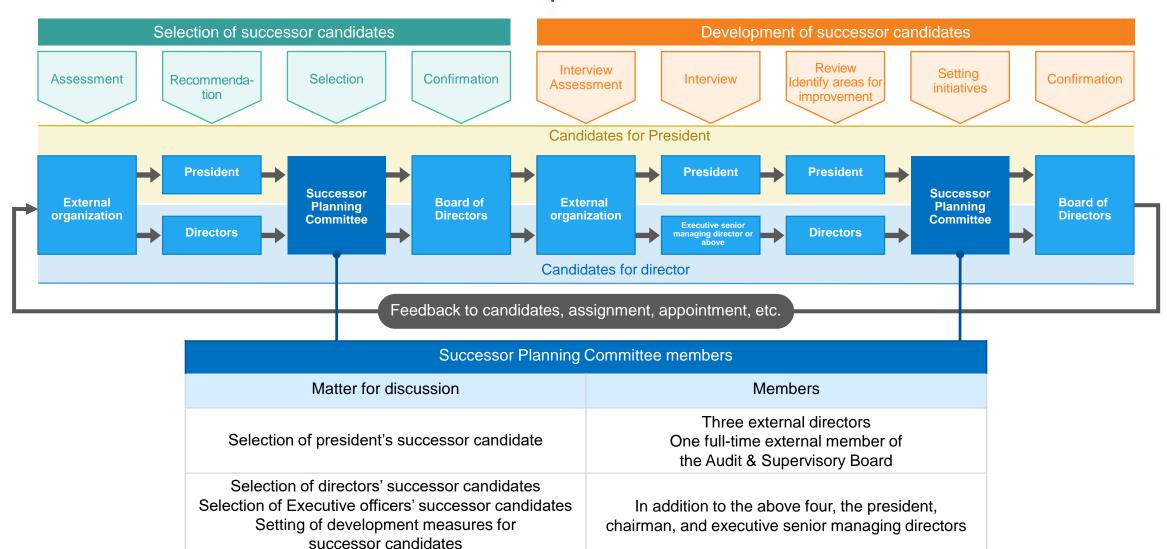
<sup>\*</sup>Note: This chart is based on information contained in Proposal 3 of the Notice of Convocation of the 83rd Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

There shall be three or more directors in total. At least two of these directors shall be external directors to ensure the independence and objectivity of the Board of Directors.

### Process of the Successor Planning Committee



#### Planned development of successors



## Nomination & Remuneration Advisory Council and Investment Committee



## The Nomination & Remuneration Advisory Council is composed mainly of external officers

Nomination & Remuneration Advisory Council			Investment Committee	
Increase transparency in the decision-making process regarding remuneration for directors	Purpose/Role	<ul> <li>Review investments and financing to be submitted to the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee for deliberation</li> </ul>		
and nomination of directors and members of the Audit & Supervisory Board.	r ui pose/Kole	<ul> <li>Report results of reviews and major discussion points to directors and members of the Audit &amp; Supervisory Board</li> </ul>		
• Three external directors		Chair	Deputy Executive GM, Corporate Planning and Control Division	
<ul> <li>Full-time external member of the Audit &amp; Supervisory Board</li> <li>President</li> <li>* In cases of nomination of candidates for director and remuneration of directors</li> </ul>	Members	Members	GM, Corporate Planning Department GM, Risk Management Department GM, Finance & Accounting Department GM, Overseas Finance Control Department	
Meetings held	Results	Meetings Cases re (As of Dece	s held	

### **Evaluation of the Board of Directors**



## The effectiveness of the Board of Directors is analyzed and evaluated to identify the future issues

#### Implementation Method

#### Frequency

Once a year

#### Method

Self-evaluation
 Discussion of written survey (with respondents identified) and tabulated results

#### Evaluation Items

- (1) Board of Directors roles and responsibilities
- (2) Collaboration with external directors and members of the Audit & Supervisory Board
- (3) Board of Directors composition
- (4) Board of Directors operation
- (5) Contributions of individual directors and members of the Audit & Supervisory Board
- (6) Dialogue with shareholders

Note: The evaluation of the Board of Directors for the period from January to December 2019 is currently underway.

#### **Evaluation Results**

(Period Covered: January-December 2018)

- Average self-evaluation results were generally good in all 6 items.
- Of these, evaluation item (2) was rated particularly high.
- Low ratings were given to improvement of systems for supporting risk-taking by the Group and creation of the Group's risk management system.

#### Issue

 Further improvement of governance standards for the Kurita Group as a whole, including group companies in Japan and overseas, is necessary.

#### **Measures**

- Further improve the systems and structures provided by the Company
- The Board of Directors will accurately evaluate operational status

## Main Governance Initiatives for the Fiscal Year Ending March 2020



	Initiatives for FY ending 03/2020	Expected Benefits	
Selection and development of candidates for President and director	<ul> <li>Improvement of the selection and development process</li> <li>Expansion of scope of candidates to broader range of tiers</li> <li>Implementation of interviews of potential candidates by external directors as needed in the selection process</li> </ul>	Development of management personnel in the medium to long term	
Composition of the Board of Directors	<ul> <li>External directors: 2 → 3</li> <li>Internal directors: 10 → 8</li> <li>Total: 12 → 11</li> </ul>	Ensuring independence, objectivity and diversity of the Board of Directors	
Reduction of shareholding of other listed companies  Sales in FY ending 03/2020: 2/28 stocks  (Reference) FY ended 03/2018: 9/46 stocks FY ended 03/2019: 13*/37 stocks * Includes partial sales		Investment of the funds acquired from the sales to promising businesses	
Provision of information and training to directors and members of the Audit & Supervisory Board	Seminars by outside instructors	<ul> <li>Learning about management strategy such as integrated thinking</li> </ul>	

#### **External Directors**



### Increased number of external directors to strengthen their functions

Pyoko Sugiyama

■ Term: 1 year ■ Restrictions on concurrent positions: Allowed to serve concurrently at up to three listed companies, including Kurita

Tsuguto Moriw	Tsuguto Moriwaki			
Appointed as director of Kurita	June 2015			
Significant positions concurrently held	None			
Board attendance	11/11 (100%)			
Reason for election	Mr. Moriwaki is an individual who possesses a great deal of knowledge about manufacturing and corporate reform. The Company believes that he is an individual capable of utilizing this knowledge as well as his experience of having served in important positions such as representative director in other companies to deliver opinions from an outside perspective and increase the rationality and transparency of the Company's management.			

Ryoko Sugiyama			
Appointed as director of Kurita	June 2017		
Significant concurrent positions	<ul> <li>Head and Representative Director, Gifu Shimbun Co., Ltd.</li> <li>External Director and Audit and Supervisory Committee Member, LECIP Holdings Corporation</li> <li>External Director, UACJ Corporation</li> <li>Director, Gifu Sugiyama Memorial Foundation, a public interest incorporated foundation</li> </ul>		
Board attendance	9/11 (81.8%)		
Reason for election	Ms. Sugiyama is an expert in the environment and wastes, and has held important positions such as external director of listed companies. The Company believes that she is capable of expressing opinions from an outside perspective different from the Company's and increasing the rationality and transparency of the Company's management.		

Keiko Tanaka	
Appointed as director of Kurita	June 2019 New
Significant concurrent positions	Vice President, Nissan Financial Services Co., Ltd.
Board attendance	8/8 (100%)
Reason for election	Ms. Tanaka has been active in business fields that differ from those of the Kurita Group and possesses a great deal of knowledge on public relations and marketing, as well as having held the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Uruguay. The Company believes that she is capable of expressing opinions from an outside perspective different from the Company's and increasing the rationality and transparency of the Company's management.

Note: Board attendance is for April-December 2019.

## Effective Functioning of Members of the Audit & Supervisory Board



### Attendance at Board of Directors meetings and active input

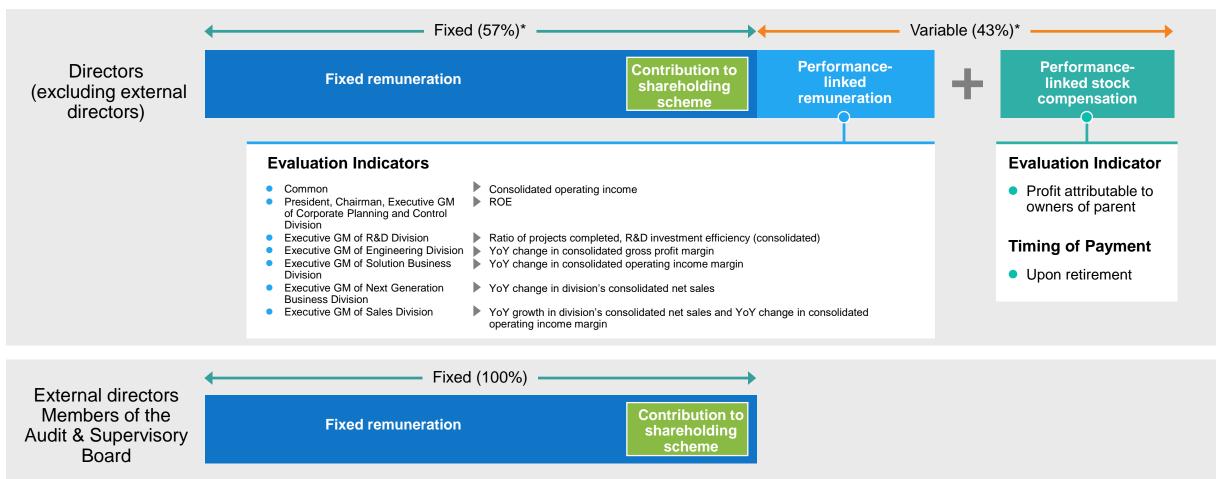
Name	Experience, Abilities, Expertise	Attendance (April–December 2019)		
Ivaille	Experience, Abilities, Expertise	Board meetings	Audit meetings	
Yukihiko Muto New	Possesses a wealth of knowledge and experience on finance, accounting and management.	8 8 meetings	6 6 meetings	
Kenjiro Kobayashi  External member of the Audit & Supervisory Board  Independent Officer	Has had a distinguished career in fields separate from the Kurita Group; possesses highly specialized expertise in finance, corporate planning, new business development, and a wealth of experience in international business.	11 / 11 meetings	8 8 meetings	
Shigekazu Torikai  External member of the Audit & Supervisory Board  Independent Officer	Possesses specialized expertise as a lawyer and a wealth of experience and insight into corporate legal matters.	11 / 11 meetings	8 8 meetings	

- 1. Members of the Audit & Supervisory Board attend meetings held by the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, E&S Committee and other important meetings while auditing directors' execution of duties
- 2. Support for members of the Audit & Supervisory Board and cooperation with Internal Auditing Department
  - Head of Audit Office assists administratively to ensure members can properly perform audit work
  - Members direct audit staff as necessary for support work

## Remuneration System for Directors and Members of the Audit & Supervisory Board



## Review director performance evaluation indicators to aim for achievement of management goals



<sup>\*</sup> Calculated using actual remuneration amounts for the fiscal year ended March 2019.

## (Reference) Efforts for Dialogue with Shareholders/Investors



New Initiatives (Implemented for FY ending 03/2020)

**Preparation of Integrated Report** 

	Early forwarding of the notice of convocation	June 1999-
	Adoption of ICJ, Inc.'s platform for electronic exercise of voting rights	June 2006-
	Promotion of dialogue through SR visits	November 2011-
Previous Key Initiatives	Preparation of the notice of convocation (reference materials) in English	June 2013-
	Preparation of English translation of CG report	October 2016-
	Quick disclosure prior to notice of convocation	June 2016-
	Production of notice of convocation in color, addition of more information (published together with shareholder report; added candidate photos, graphs, etc.)	June 2018-
	Provision of more English-translated information in notice of convocation	June 2018-

## (Reference) Initiatives Concerning the E in ESG



#### Creation of shared value with customers and society in the CSV business

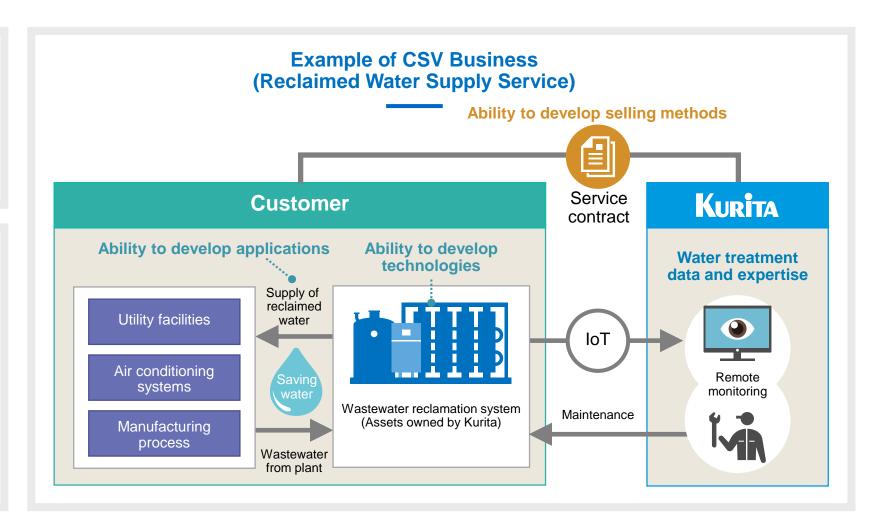
#### **Definition of CSV Business**

Products, technologies, and business models that contribute significantly to water-saving, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction and waste reduction compared to previous levels

#### **CSV Business Selection Standard**

CSV businesses demonstrate the following standards with regard to water-saving, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction, and waste reduction:

- 1) Are significantly more effective than previous or competing technologies.
- 2) Are new technologies or applications of existing technologies in new markets.
- 3) Contribute to the action plans presented in the SDGs.



## (Reference) Initiatives Concerning the S in ESG



## We are engaged in the development of human resources who will support a sustainable society

National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (The Wonderful World of Water)





KidZania Tokyo (The Universe – Water Reclamation Laboratory)

**EcoPro 2019** (Water Reclamation Station)





JSEC 2019 (Japan Science & Engineering Challenge)



#### **Forward-looking Statements**

The plans and values contained in this document are decided based on information available at the present time.

They contain risks and uncertainties, and therefore may differ from actual results.