

the purchase and additional purchase by the Company of fractional shares of less than One Unit stock, shall be decided by the Board of Directors taking into consideration general practices.

#### **ARTICLE XIV (Record Date)**

The Company shall deem any shareholder entered or recorded in the register of shareholders as of the close of business on the last day of each business year to be a shareholder who is entitled to exercise his or her rights as a shareholder at the ordinary general meeting of shareholders concerning such business year.

Unless otherwise provided for in the preceding paragraph or elsewhere in the Articles of Incorporation, the Company may, whenever necessary, by resolution of the Board of Directors and by giving prior public notice, deem any shareholder or pledgee entered or recorded in the register of shareholders as of the close of business on a specified date to be a shareholder or pledgee who is entitled to exercise his or her rights as a shareholder or pledgee.

### **CHAPTER III General Meeting of Shareholders**

#### **ARTICLE XV (Convening of General Meeting of Shareholders)**

An ordinary general meeting of shareholders shall be convened in June of each year, and an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders shall be convened from time to time, whenever necessary.

#### **ARTICLE XVI (Chairman)**

The President and Chief Executive Officer shall convene a general meeting of shareholders and shall assume its chairmanship. In case, however, the President and Chief Executive Officer is prevented by unavoidable circumstances from so acting, or in case the post of the President and Chief Executive Officer is vacant, one of the other Directors shall act in his stead,

according to the order as decided by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XVII (Exercise of Voting Right by Proxy)**

A shareholder may appoint another shareholder (one person only) having voting rights to be his or her proxy in order to exercise his or her voting rights.

**ARTICLE XVIII (Internet-based Disclosure of Reference Data for General Meeting of Shareholders)**

In convening a general meeting of shareholders, the Company may deem to have supplied information about matters to be stated or indicated in reference-documents for the general meeting, business reports, financial statements and consolidated financial statements to shareholders, by disclosing the information via an Internet-used method in accordance with applicable laws and ordinances.

**ARTICLE XIX (Resolution)**

A special resolution by a general meeting of shareholders (which refers to a resolution stipulated in the Corporate Law, Article 309, Paragraph 2) shall be adopted when, at a general meeting of shareholders where shareholders with voting rights surpassing 1/3 of the aggregate voting rights of the total shareholders capable of exercising such rights are present, it is approved by a vote of 2/3 or more of the voting rights present.

All resolutions other than those provided for in the preceding paragraph shall be adopted by a majority vote of the shareholders present, unless otherwise provided for by laws or ordinances or by the Articles of Incorporation.