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Basic View on Corporate Governance at Hino Motors

As a company that manufactures and sells trucks and buses needed for distribution and transportation, Hino Motors is working to fulfill its corporate mission: “To make the world a better place to live by helping people and goods get where they need to go—safely, economically and with environmental responsibility—while focusing on sustainable development.” At the same time, the Company has taken a clear stand on its responsibility to contribute to society and has set related goals under the HINO Credo, along with its Core Principles and CSR Charter.

To fulfill its corporate mission, Hino Motors is striving to build on the positive relationships it has established with its stakeholders, which include shareholders, customers, business partners, local communities around the world, and employees. Based on this stance, Hino Motors is working to enhance its corporate governance with the goal of achieving sustainable growth and raising its corporate value over the medium to long term as a global company. In addition, Hino Motors endorses the Corporate Governance Code prescribed by the Financial Instruments Exchange of Japan and has devised various measures based on the objectives and intent of the code’s guidelines and principles. As a basic policy, Hino Motors intends to pursue these measures as a means of strengthening its corporate governance.

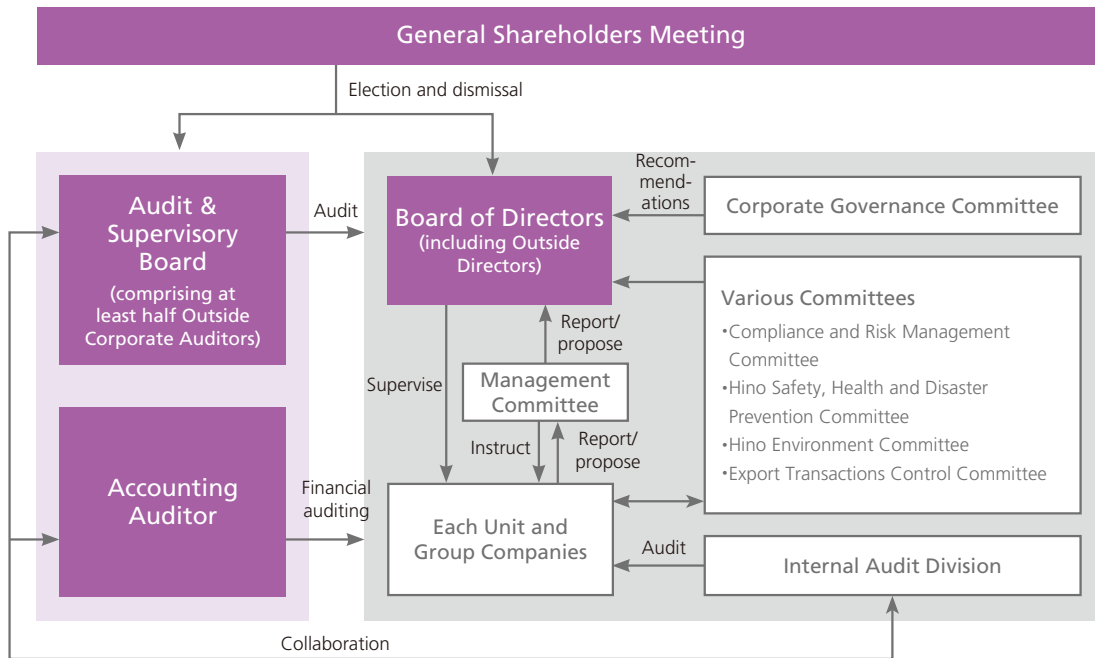
Outline of Corporate Governance Framework

◆ Corporate Management and Its Operating Framework

Hino Motors is a company that employs an Audit & Supervisory Board and has established a Board of Directors, established an Audit & Supervisory Board, appointed its members, and appointed an accounting auditor. The Company’s Board of Directors is composed of 10 directors (as of June 2018, the number including two outside directors as defined by Japan’s Companies Act. The Company’s Articles of Incorporation stipulate a maximum number of 15). The Board of Directors makes decisions on important matters of business execution and supervises the execution of duties by the directors. The Company also employs a system of vice presidents, senior managing officers, managing officers, and a four-unit setup (overseeing the Corporate, Advanced Technology, Monozukuri, and Global Business Units.) with the aim of streamlining the Board of Directors and flexibly executing business.

The Company has also established a Management Committee made up of full-time directors and Audit & Supervisory Board members to deliberate on the management policies and strategies of the Company and to report information that is important for management. Hino Motors has established a Corporate Governance Committee in response to the election of outside directors with the aim of increasing the effectiveness of corporate governance and contributing further to sustained growth and enhancement of corporate value. The Corporate Governance Committee discusses the form that the Board of Directors should take (recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary) and shares management information with the involvement of all of the outside directors and non full-time director. In fiscal 2017, the Corporate Governance Committee met three times.

● Corporate Governance System



◆ Auditing System

Hino Motors' Audit & Supervisory Board comprises four members (as of June 2018, the number including two outside members; the Company's Articles of Incorporation stipulate a maximum number of seven). Conforming to the standards for audits by the audit & supervisory board members stipulated by the Audit & Supervisory Board, the members communicate with the directors, the Internal Audit Department, and other employees and work to gather information and establish the audit environment in accordance with the Company's audit policy and planning. They also audit the status of Company operations and assets by attending meetings of the Board of Directors and other important meetings, hearing about the execution of duties from the directors and other employees, viewing important approval documents, visiting each business site and visiting subsidiaries inside and outside Japan, and supervise the execution of duties by the directors.

The Audit & Supervisory Board members receive reports on audit planning, the implementation and results of audits, and the status of implementation of their duties from the accounting auditors and exchanging opinions in addition to striving for mutual cooperation which includes witnessing onsite audits at subsidiaries during the fiscal year and monitoring and verifying the maintenance of independence and the performance of proper auditing by the accounting auditors. They also review the Business Report, financial statements and supplementary statements, and the consolidated financial statements.

Hino Motors has also established an Audit Division. In addition to conducting audits of the development and operation of internal control system relating to financial reporting in each department and at subsidiaries based on in-house regulations, the Audit Division seeks to enhance internal control by conducting audits of the legality, appropriateness, and efficiency of business, while urging each department and subsidiary to make the necessary improvements. The division also reports the findings of internal audits to the audit & supervisory board members as appropriate and shares information with them and the accounting auditors in relation to audits by the audit & supervisory board members and accounting audits.

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◆ Outside Directors and Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members

To oversee the execution of duties by the directors, Hino Motors has appointed two outside directors, (as of June 2018, both of whom are independent officers under the provisions of the Tokyo Stock Exchange and Nagoya Securities Exchange), as provided for in Japan's Companies Act. The outside directors are contributing to transparent, fair, swift and resolute decision making by playing a management oversight role for important decision making by the Board of Directors as well as participating in active and constructive discussion at the Corporate Governance Committee and inspecting the business sites of Hino Motors and its affiliated companies inside and outside Japan. To monitor the execution of duties by the directors, Hino Motors has also appointed two outside Audit & Supervisory Board members, both whom are independent Audit & Supervisory Board members, as of June 2018, as provided for in Japan's Companies Act. The Company believes that there is an adequate management monitoring function to oversee the appropriateness and legality of management through the implementation of objective audits in partnership with the two full-time Audit & Supervisory Board members.

Hino Motors makes efforts on collaboration so that the supervisory and audit functions operate fully by establishing forums for the exchange of information between the outside directors and outside Audit & Supervisory Board members and the Representative Director in addition to providing information on important matters, including providing explanations in advance of proposals to be submitted to the Board of Directors. The outside audit & supervisory board members work to achieve mutual communication with the full-time audit & supervisory board members, the directors, and other employees, and they attend the audit & supervisory board members' meeting Board of Directors' meetings to hear about the execution of duties and internal audits from the directors and other employees. In addition, as a rule, a meeting of the Audit & Supervisory Board is held before a meeting of the Board of Directors is convened. Thus, the audit & supervisory board members in attendance, including the outside audit & supervisory board members, check the proposals to be submitted to the Board of Directors to conduct a preliminary review.

Hino Motors ensures mutual cooperation by routinely receiving reports on audit planning and the implementation and results of audits from, and exchanging views with, the accounting auditor.

Basic Views on Internal Control System and the Progress of System Development

◆ System to Ensure the Appropriateness of Business Operations under the Basic Policy

Hino Motors fosters a sound corporate culture that includes subsidiaries based on The HINO Credo, The Hino Code of Conduct, and The Hino Spirit. For detecting problems in operational processes and incorporating mechanisms for improvement at the sites where operations are actually executed, Hino Motors will make unwavering efforts to develop the human resources to implement these approaches.

◆ An Outline of the Operational Status of the System to Ensure the Appropriateness of Business Operations under the Basic Policy

Hino Motors strives to establish an internal control system to ensure the appropriateness of business operations as a corporate group and for the proper operation of these systems according to the Basic Policy on Establishing a System to Ensure the Appropriateness of Business Operations of the Company. Hino Motors also verifies the establishment and operational status of systems each business year to check that activities are conducted independently and strengthened as necessary in departments that implement internal control, in addition to confirming the content of internal control operations at the Management Committee and the Board of Directors. Please refer to IV. Matters Related to the Internal Control System in the Corporate Governance Report for Hino Motors' basic policies on matters stipulated in Japan's Companies Act based on the aforementioned awareness.

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