# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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## The corporate governance of Azbil Corporation ("the Company") is described below.

## I. Basic Approach to Corporate Governance, Capital Structure, Corporate Attributes and Other Basic Information

## 1. Basic Approach and Policy



Basic Approach

In order to deserve the trust of our shareholders and other stakeholders, the Company's fundamental approach to corporate governance is not just to ensure compliance with laws and regulations and our Articles of Incorporation, but also to fulfill our social responsibilities based on corporate ethics and to contribute to society while continuously improving enterprise value through efficient and transparent management. We see this as a top management priority.

The azbil Group has established its long-term targets (to achieve by FY2030) and a medium-term plan (FY2025-FY2027), whose aim is to contribute "in-series" to a sustainable society and achieve growth through providing automation-related products and services. Guided by the Group philosophy of "human-centered automation", we will secure our own medium- and long-term development while implementing sustainable enhancement of enterprise value. At the same time, we recognize that it is corporate governance which provides the foundation for such sustainable enhancement of enterprise value, and so improving corporate governance is a key issue for management. As a company with a three-committee board structure, we are therefore working to strengthen the supervisory and auditing functions of the Board of Directors, enhance the transparency and soundness of management, and clarify responsibilities for business execution.

## Basic Policy

## (1) Ensuring the rights and equality of shareholders

In order to ensure that shareholders' rights are substantially secured, the Company takes appropriate measures in accordance with laws and regulations, and, giving due consideration to all shareholders including foreign shareholders and minority shareholders, is promoting the development of an environment in which shareholders can exercise their rights equally and appropriately.

## (2) Cooperation with stakeholders who are not shareholders

In order to achieve sustainable growth and increase enterprise value over the medium to long term, we believe that the Company must be strongly aware of its corporate social responsibility and conduct management that is appropriate for all our stakeholders. For this purpose, we have adopted "human-centered automation" as our Group philosophy to realize safety, comfort and fulfillment in people's lives and work and contribute to the global environment. To this end, we have instituted Guiding Principles for azbil Group Business and established the azbil Group Code of Conduct to provide specific guidelines for all officers and employees of the Company and the azbil Group. We aim to connect our Group philosophy, Guiding Principles, Code of Conduct, and management strategy, leading "in series" to a sustainable society, and to realize a balance between resolving social issues and achieving sustainable growth. In addition, to contribute "in series" to the achievement of a sustainable society, we recognize it is important to build relationships of trust not only with shareholders but with all stakeholders—including employees, business partners, customers, creditors, and local communities—as well as accelerate transformation through appropriate collaboration with multiple stakeholders, and grow sustainably. Based on this awareness, we have formulated and published our Multistakeholder Policy. At the same time, we endorsed and published a Partnership-building Declaration, which seeks to increase added value throughout the supply chain and build relationships of co-prosperity with business partners.

You can find the Multi-stakeholder Policy and Partnership-building Declaration on our corporate website.

Multi-stakeholder Policy (Japanese only): https://www.azbil.com/jp/csr/csr-management/multi-stakeholder policy.html

Partnership-building Declaration (Japanese only): https://www.azbil.com/jp/csr/csr-management/partnership.html

Furthermore, regarding our human rights initiatives, we have established the azbil Group Basic Policy on Human Rights and have created a framework for human rights due diligence, which is currently being implemented. We have thoroughly examined the entire value chain of the azbil Group to identify potential human rights risks (with adverse impact), assessed their severity and likelihood of occurrence, and drawn up a human rights risk map. Based on this, we have identified as priority human rights issues those serious human rights risks that have a high likelihood of occurrence, and we are implementing measures to avert these risks. Additionally, we continually review human rights issues and our policies for addressing them, taking into consideration changes in the business environment and the results of stakeholder engagement. This initiative is discussed at the Management Meeting and reported to the Board of Directors.

With regard to the internal reporting system, we believe it is important to (a) encourage employees to use this system by dispelling any concerns that in so doing they might be put at a disadvantage, and (b) ensure that the information thus conveyed is used appropriately. We have therefore established a user-friendly reporting & consultation system—the CSR Hotline—which ensures that the information received is reported to the president & CEO, Audit Committee members, and outside directors with due consideration given to personal information.

## (3) Ensuring appropriate information disclosure and transparency

The Company strives to disseminate information so as to ensure transparency and fairness in decision-making, thus realizing effective corporate governance. Specifically, in order to ensure that all stakeholders have a proper understanding of financial information—such as the Company's financial position and business results—as well as non-financial information—such as management strategy, management planning, management issues, and information relating to risk and governance—we actively disclose information on a voluntary basis in addition to the information stipulated by law. The Company also discloses policies and procedures regarding the appointment of candidates for directors, as well as the selection and dismissal of the CEO and other senior executives, and policies for deciding on the remuneration for directors and corporate executives. We will continue to strive to increase the scope of information covered by these disclosures and ensure transparency.

In addition, we are taking appropriate measures to ensure proper audits by the independent accounting auditor: the Company provides sufficient time for audits to be conducted, arranges for the independent accounting auditor to interview the president & CEO and the officer in charge of finance on a regular basis, and continuously conducts quarterly reporting between the independent accounting auditor, the Audit Committee, and the Internal Audit Department.

## (4) Responsibilities of the Board of Directors, etc.

The basic mission of the Board of Directors is to put in place an appropriate corporate governance system and to implement this so as to achieve sustainable growth for the Company and enhance its enterprise value.

The Board Rules stipulate that basic management strategy and management plans are important items for deliberation, and following discussions that are unrestricted, robust and constructive, the Board will make appropriate decisions. Moreover, to ensure transparency and fairness in management, the Company will maintain systems for timely disclosure, internal control and risk management. At the same time, the Audit Committee, in cooperation with the Internal Audit Department, will successively provide appropriate audits and opinions on management.

The Company recognizes that independent outside directors play a key role in ensuring that the Board properly fulfills its functions and responsibilities, and thus it has appointed seven independent outside directors with a broad range of experience in corporate management and supervision, as well as considerable expertise and knowledge. Drawing on their diverse backgrounds, these independent outside directors adopt a wide range of perspectives to fulfill their responsibilities, offering advice on improving enterprise value, supervising management, etc. As of June 25, 2025, the total number of directors is 10, with outside directors representing a majority. Board composition demonstrates ample diversity, including that of nationality and gender.

For the Board of Directors to effectively fulfill its roles, the Company believes that, in appointing directors, it is important to promote diversity, taking into consideration the balance of knowledge and experience, and also to ensure transparency and objectivity in the selection process. From the viewpoint of sustainable increase in enterprise value, including the realization of the medium-term plan, the Company has set out what skill sets are expected of its directors and has confirmed the requisite independence, diversity, and anticipated skills of its current Board. For details, please refer to Principle 3-1 (4) and Supplementary Principle 4-11-1 in "Disclosure Based on the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code" in this report.

Regarding succession planning for the Company's senior management, the Nomination Committee discusses the ongoing training and selection of successors, records the results of those discussions as well as the process of deliberation, and ensures that succession planning is conducted appropriately and objectively. In addition, the chairperson of the Nomination Committee, who is an independent outside director, regularly reports on the activities of the Nomination Committee to the Board of Directors. A system is in place to ensure that sufficient time and resources are allocated to the training of candidates for succession.

## (5) Responsibilities of the Statutory Committees

As a company with a three-committee board structure, the Company has established three statutory committees—namely the Nomination Committee, the Audit Committee, and the Remuneration Committee—and each committee has the responsibilities listed below. In addition, each committee member is selected from among the directors by a resolution of the Board of Directors; similarly, the chairperson is selected from among the independent outside directors by a resolution of the Board. Moreover, the committee member determined by each committee reports to the Board of Directors in a timely and appropriate manner on the content of the committee deliberations and resolutions.

#### (Nomination Committee)

The Nomination Committee is responsible for deciding proposals for the election/dismissal of directors to be submitted to the General Meeting of Shareholders; for selecting/dismissing candidates for members of statutory committees (Nomination, Audit, and Remuneration); for selecting/dismissing candidates for corporate executives; and for deliberating matters related to succession planning.

#### (Audit Committee)

The Audit Committee is responsible for auditing the execution of duties by corporate executives and directors; for preparing audit reports; for drawing up detailed proposals for the election, dismissal, or non-reappointment of the accounting auditor; and for promoting systematic auditing.

## (Remuneration Committee)

The Remuneration Committee is responsible for determining policies related to the remuneration system for corporate executives and directors; for determining individual remuneration; and for deliberating on the establishment, revision, or abolition of remuneration systems as well as other matters related to executive remuneration.

## (6) Dialogue with shareholders

In order to meet requirements for corporate accountability while contributing to sustainable growth and the enhancement of enterprise value over the medium to long term, the Company is working to develop and implement a system for promoting constructive dialogue with shareholders and investors. For more information, please refer to Principle 5-1 in the "Disclosure Based on the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code" section of this report.

# [Reasons for Non-Compliance with the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code]

The Company complies with all principles of the Corporate Governance Code.

# [Disclosure Based on the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code] Updated

# [Principle 1-4] [Strategic shareholdings]

Quantitative verification is conducted for each individual stock from the viewpoint of economic rationality, assessing whether the significance of holding the stock—taking into account such factors as business and financial returns—is commensurate with the capital cost. We also assess any risks involved in holding the stock. Furthermore, depending on the circumstances and reasons for acquiring a stock, in each case we conduct qualitative verification to assess whether holding the stock can be deemed as contributing to the medium- to long-term enhancement of enterprise value. Should it be determined, as a result of these verifications, that holding an individual stock lacks reasonable justification—that, for example, any advantage associated with holding the stock is not expected to improve—and that it cannot be judged to contribute to the improvement of the Company's enterprise value from a medium- to long-term perspective, our policy is to reduce our holdings of that stock by selling shares when deemed appropriate in light of stock prices and market trends. The Board of Directors conducts these quantitative and qualitative verifications, as well as assessments of the risks of holding individual stocks. The Company's strategic shareholdings are disclosed in the Securities Report, with the current number of shares of each stock, the purpose of holding the stock, and whether reductions have been made, etc.

When it comes to exercising voting rights, an issuer's financial position and governance status are regularly monitored, and the details of each proposal are reviewed to determine comprehensively whether or not medium- to long-term shareholder value will be enhanced and whether there will be any impact on the Company's enterprise value or on the significance of holding the stock.

In dealings with companies that hold the Company's stock as strategic shareholdings, the economic rationale of each transaction is given appropriate consideration. In addition, even if such a company indicates its intention to sell these shares, the Company will not engage in any conduct intended to prevent the sale, such as suggesting a scaling-back of business.

## [Principle 1-7] [Related party transactions]

The Board Rules stipulate that conflict-of-interest transactions by the Company's directors and corporate executives require both prior approval and post-transaction reporting. Furthermore, to establish whether or not there have been any transactions involving corporate officers and their close relatives, a questionnaire-based survey is conducted each year. In addition, based on the Code of Audit Committee Auditing Standards, Audit Committee Members monitor and verify whether any directors or corporate executives are in violation of their obligations. As for shareholder transactions, there are no major shareholders as defined by the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, and thus no such transactions have taken place.

[Supplementary Principle 2-4-1] [Ensuring diversity in the appointment, etc. of core personnel]

For details on ensuring diversity in the appointment, etc. of core personnel, please refer to the "Other" section of "3. Measures to Ensure Due Respect for Stakeholders" within "III. Implementation of Measures for Shareholders and Other Stakeholders" in this report.

[Principle 2-6] [Functioning as corporate pension asset owner]

On June 1, 2015, the Company terminated its defined benefit corporate pension plan for participating employees and fully transitioned to a defined contribution pension plan. However, a contractual corporate pension plan was established to manage the assets of those entitled to retirement pensions from the former employees' pension fund or the defined benefit system.

The pension fund assets of this contractual corporate pension plan, which is limited to beneficiaries who have already retired, are expected to gradually decrease over time. However, in order to ensure the proper operation of the defined benefit corporate pension plan, the Company has established the Azbil Defined Benefit Pension Plan Administration Committee, chaired by the officer in charge of finance and composed of employees who work in such fields as finance, accounting, and human resources. Qualified personnel have been assigned to the department in charge of corporate pensions and to the committee office, and training opportunities are provided so that the staff can refine skills relevant to these tasks.

In addition, management of the reserve funds for this contractual corporate pension plan is outsourced to several investment management organizations. By thus entrusting the voting rights, the Company ensures that there are no conflicts of interest between the beneficiaries of the corporate pension plan and the Company.

The defined contribution pension plan, designed to help employees build wealth for their retirement, is managed so as to provide them with financial support and thus peace of mind; as a result, it increases the job satisfaction experienced by employees working for the Group. From FY2023, the azbil Group Contractual Pension Plan (Defined Contribution Pension Plan) Management Committee—chaired by the officer in charge of finance and composed of employees who work in such fields as human resources and finance, as well as full-time officers of the labor union representing the participants—has been charged with ensuring the proper operation of the defined contribution pension plan. Additionally, the Company has concluded an investment advisory contract with a neutral independent external consulting firm to call on additional expertise regarding corporate pensions. The Company is committed to ensuring appropriate management of the pension plan, with a focus on the following:

- 1. Selecting mainly those investment products with trust fees and total expense ratios that are reasonable;
- 2. Providing employees with instruction, at the time of joining the pension plan and thereafter, to improve their financial literacy; and
- 3. Developing appropriately qualified personnel to be in charge of the defined contribution pension plan, arranging regular meetings with the investment management organizations, sharing monitoring reports, and offering training opportunities.

## [Principle 3-1] [Enhancement of information disclosure]

As outlined below, the Company discloses information in accordance with relevant laws and regulations, but also proactively publishes additional information on a voluntary basis, and will continue to strive to enhance information disclosure and ensure transparency.

(1) Management philosophy, management strategy, management plans

Please refer to our website: https://www.azbil.com/corporate/index.html

(2) Corporate governance: Basic approach and basic policy

For details, please refer to "Basic Approach" and "Basic Policy" sections in "1. Basic Approach" within "I. Basic Approach to Corporate Governance, Capital Structure, Corporate Attributes and Other Basic Information" in this report.

(3) Policies and procedures for determining remuneration for directors and corporate executives

Please refer to "Remuneration for directors and corporate executives" and "2. Functions of Business Execution, Auditing, Oversight, Nomination, and Remuneration Decisions" within "II. Business Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems regarding Decision-making, Execution of Business, and Oversight in Management" in this report.

(4) Policies and procedures regarding the appointment of candidates for directors, as well as the selection/dismissal of the CEO and other senior executives

Please refer to "2. Functions of Business Execution, Auditing, Oversight, Nomination, and Remuneration Decisions" within "II. Business Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems regarding Decision-making, Execution of Business, and Oversight in Management" in this report.

(5) Reasons for the appointment of candidates for directors

For the reasons behind the appointment of individual directors, please refer to the notices of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

Notice of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders: <a href="https://www.azbil.com/ir/stock/meeting/index.html">https://www.azbil.com/ir/stock/meeting/index.html</a> (Notices for past Ordinary General Meetings of Shareholders can also be accessed.)

[Supplementary Principle 2-3-1] [Supplementary Principle 3-1-3] [Supplementary Principle 4-2-2] [Sustainability policy and initiatives]

The azbil Group's sustainability policy

With regard to sustainability, the azbil Group is committed to continuously enhancing enterprise value based on mutual trust with stakeholders, to realizing "safety, comfort, and fulfillment in people's lives" and contributing to global environmental preservation, and to contributing "in series" to a sustainable society. These are achieved through practicing the azbil Group philosophy of "human-centered automation" and respecting the values to contribute to society for people's well-being based on the founding spirit of "freeing people from drudgery".

Sustainability management and identifying materiality

In accordance with the Group philosophy, we are contributing to the global environment and addressing various social issues in order to realize a sustainable society. We recognize that tackling sustainability issues is not just about responding to risk, but also about seizing important business opportunities to enhance enterprise value, so we will continue to make contributions that lead "in series" to a sustainable society. Environmental, social, and business structural changes—resulting from such factors as climate change, the need to tackle SDGs, declining birthrates, the aging population, and changes in the way people work—have led to the emergence of various new issues that need to be addressed. At the same time, automation—which can serve in a variety of ways, such as mechanization, labor saving, energy saving, and resource saving—can play a major role in solving these issues. As the value of automation increases, so too do people's expectations of it.

Against this changing background, in August 2022 the Company introduced "double materiality" aiming to achieve sustainable growth for the Group. This looks at both opportunities and risks, in line with the Group philosophy, assessing materiality along two axes, one representing the financial impact of the environment and society on the Company, while the other represents the impact of the Company's activities on the environment and society. The Group has identified materiality as ten material issues across five areas to be tackled over the long term, as described in (1) to (10) below; in FY2023, with advice from outside experts, these issues were reassessed, and their validity reaffirmed.

(1) Climate change; (2) Resource recycling; (3) Innovation; (4) Supply chain; (5) Contribution to local communities; (6) Human rights, safety, and health; (7) Learning and human resource development; (8) Product safety and quality; (9) Corporate governance; and (10) Compliance

Of these materialities, items (1) to (7), which are related to business and corporate activities, are specifically defined as the Essential Goals of the azbil Group for SDGs within the domain of Sustainable Development Goals. Items (8) to (10) are the basic responsibilities that a company must fulfill to be a member of society; for these, specific targets have been laid out as part of our CSR activities (thorough enforcement of compliance, strengthening legal compliance, disaster prevention and business continuity planning, preventing information leaks, proper accounting, creating a healthy workplace, occupational safety and health, safety measures to protect customers from product accidents, and human rights initiatives), and to achieve these we undertake various initiatives to push ahead with sustainability management.

As a framework for this, the Company has established a system for examining and promoting sustainability initiatives on a company-wide basis. Under the corporate officer in charge of all sustainability matters, the azbil Group CSR Promotion Committee and SDGs Promotion Committee meet regularly. Progress and issues discussed in these meetings are reported to the Board of Directors and the Management Meeting.

Sustainability reporting

The Company discloses its sustainability initiatives and achievements in its annual *Securities Report*, the integrated report and *ESG Databook*.

Annual Securities Report (Japanese only): https://www.azbil.com/jp/ir/library/report/index.html

Integrated report: https://www.azbil.com/ir/library/annual/index.html

ESG Databook: https://www.azbil.com/ir/library/esg/index.html

Also, as regards disclosing how climate-related risks and opportunities affect the Company, we have expressed our support for the TCFD international framework. In line with the guidance, the Company discloses information on governance, strategy, risk management, and metrics and targets in its annual *Securities Report*, in its integrated report, and on its website. The Company is progressively enhancing the content of these reports, both qualitatively and quantitatively.

Details can be found on our website: https://www.azbil.com/csr/basic/tcfd.html

Among those items not included in the top 10 material issues mentioned above, natural capital (biodiversity, water resources, etc.) can be said to have relatively high priority. Going forward, we will further examine this, looking at changes in environmental, social, and business structures, as well as their financial impact. To appropriately evaluate the effects, dependencies, and business risks/opportunities associated with natural capital, we will advance nature-positive initiatives aligned with the recommendations of the Task Force on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD). In August 2024, Azbil Corporation registered as a TNFD Adopter and we have declared our commitment to reporting on the outcomes of our FY2025 initiatives in accordance with the disclosure recommendations.

Our initiatives to date can be found on our website:

https://www.azbil.com/csr/basic/environment/own business activities/biodiversity.html

Investing in human capital and intellectual property

Our medium-term plan includes strategic consideration of human capital and intellectual property, and going forward we will continue to monitor the progress made in enhancing the utilization efficiency of these management resources so as to contribute to the sustainable growth of the Company. The Company's approach to human capital can be found in the 103rd Annual Securities Report.

[Supplementary Principle 4-1-1] [Scope of matters delegated to management (summary)]

Our Board Rules stipulate the matters to be discussed and reported to the Board of Directors and also those matters to be delegated to the executive side as well as their scope, and the Company reviews these as necessary. The matters to be discussed and reported to the Board shall—in addition to those matters required by laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation—be matters that are important for management, such as basic management strategies, basic management plans, corporate governance policies, and risk management. Matters related to business management—excepting matters deemed to be especially important and for which authority shall be reserved to the Board—are delegated to the executive side so as to facilitate speedy execution.

As regards the scope of delegation to the executive side, based on the Management Meeting Rules final decisions are principally made by the president and CEO, while authority for decisions on matters within a certain scope is delegated to each executive department, in accordance with the Administrative Authority Rules.

[Principle 4-8] [Effective use of independent outside directors]

In order to contribute to sustainable growth and the enhancement of enterprise value over the medium to long term, the Company has appointed seven (7) independent outside directors with a wide range of experience in corporate management and supervision, as well as extensive expertise and professional knowledge from their diverse backgrounds. These independent outside directors contribute to enhancing enterprise value through counseling and supervising decision-making processes in meetings of the Board of Directors. Following the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders on June 25, 2025, the new Board of Directors is now chaired by an independent outside director. This has further enhanced the effectiveness of the Board's supervisory functions and contributes to increased transparency.

As of June 25, 2025, the total number of directors is ten (10), with outside directors accounting for more than half of the Board of Directors. The Board composition demonstrates ample diversity, including that of nationality and gender.

[Principle 4-9] [Criteria for judging the independence and qualifications of independent outside directors]

In addition to meeting the requirements for outside directors set out in the Companies Act, the Company applies its own criteria for judging independence and appoints outside directors who can be expected to make constructive recommendations and offer accurate advice regarding management issues and the enhancement of enterprise value over the medium to long term. As indicated in the Securities Report and in the notices of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, the seven (7) independent outside directors appointed by the Company are demonstrably independent and have diverse backgrounds and knowledge, together with extensive experience and expertise.

The criteria for judging independence established by the Company are explained in this *Corporate Governance Report* and are also included in the reference documents provided with the notices of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

[Supplementary Principle 4-11-1] [Views on balancing knowledge, experience and competence in the composition of the Board of Directors, as well as issues of diversity and scale]

In a rapidly changing business environment, we believe that the Company needs a Board of Directors that offers diversity and provides a good overall balance of knowledge and experience that will contribute to the enhancement of enterprise value over the medium to long term. Based on this fundamental principle, as of June 25, 2025, the Board of Directors consists of three (3) directors with executive experience in the Company's business, audit and management, and seven (7) independent outside directors with wide-ranging experience, extensive expertise and professional knowledge.

Of the ten (10) directors, three (3) are women (one of whom is a foreign national). Also, we have established the skill sets expected of the directors from the viewpoint of sustainable increase in enterprise value, including the realization of the Company's medium-term plan, and we have confirmed the independence, diversity, and anticipated skills of the entire current Board of Directors. The skills expected of the Company's directors (i.e. their skills matrix) are described below in "2. Other Matters Concerning the Corporate Governance System" within the "V. Other" section of this report.

[Supplementary Principle 4-11-2] [Concurrent positions of directors]

If a director or a corporate executive concurrently serves as a director of another listed company, the Company shall confirm in advance whether this might negatively impact—owing to the time and effort invested—the individual's ability to carry out their roles and responsibilities as an officer of the Company. Any such concurrent positions are disclosed in the *Securities Report* and in the notices of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. At this time, there are no concurrent positions that affect the Company's management or the roles and responsibilities of its corporate officers.

[Supplementary Principle 4-11-3] [Evaluating the effectiveness of the Board of Directors]

Through conducting objective and constructive deliberations, the Company's Board of Directors decides on such matters as management strategy, supervises their execution, and strives to enhance enterprise value over the medium to long term. A survey is carried out every year to evaluate the effectiveness of the Board of Directors in properly fulfilling its roles and responsibilities, to identify issues and points of improvement, and to indicate ways in which the Board's effectiveness might be enhanced. In FY2024, to further ensure the objectivity of the evaluation of the Board's effectiveness, we commissioned an appropriate, independent agency to develop survey items for the evaluation and to assess the results.

In FY2024, it was recognized that, to further enhance the Board's effectiveness, it was important to deepen discussions on key management issues, to improve monitoring of delegated matters, to advance discussions aimed at maintaining the appropriate Board composition (or improving it), and to promote dialogue with shareholders and investors. Consequently, for this FY2024 survey, we reviewed all directors' opinions and assessments of the following survey items: (1) the role and composition of the Board of Directors; (2) the operation of the Board of Directors; (3) the deliberations and monitoring of the Board of Directors; (4) the performance of the corporate executives and outside directors; (5) support systems, training, and communication; (6) dialogue with shareholders and investors; and (7) operations of the Nomination Committee, Audit Committee, and Remuneration Committee. Based on the above, the Board of Directors held constructive discussions on current Board effectiveness as well as issue-sharing and future steps.

The evaluation results for FY2024 indicate that the Board of Directors is of an appropriate size and composition, is properly fulfilling its role as the supervisory body of a company with a three-committee board structure, and is holding active and open discussions; that the outside directors' understanding of the Company's business has been enhanced through a training program; that—thanks to the Liaison Meeting for Directors and Corporate Executives, established for directors as an opportunity to gather information and exchange opinions with corporate executives, and also intensive discussions and off-site meetings—there is sufficient communication; that adopting an appropriate process for formulating the new medium-term plan has enabled the Board of Directors to function as a forum for discussing important management issues; that Board refreshment is progressing and that the appropriate composition of the Board of Directors is being maintained; that private meetings with shareholders and investors are being held and that this dialogue has progressed. It was also confirmed that the deliberation topics of the three statutory committees for nomination, audit, and remuneration are appropriate, and that the overall effectiveness of the Board of Directors is adequately ensured. Nevertheless, with discussions on the composition of the Board of Directors progressing, Board members all share an awareness of the need for reaffirming the appropriate roles of directors of a company with a three-committee board structure, as well as for deepening discussions regarding further reappraisal of the Group's overall business portfolio and for making further improvements to the operation of the Board of Directors. In order to achieve sustainable growth and increase enterprise value over the medium to long term, the Company will continue its efforts to enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Directors.

## [Supplementary Principle 4-14-2] [Training policy for directors]

The Company believes that it is important to provide appropriate training opportunities for individual officers so that directors can appropriately fulfill their roles and responsibilities. Based on this recognition, internal and external training opportunities are provided for newly appointed directors to acquire and update the knowledge necessary for the performance of their duties, including their legal authority and obligations as officers. Especially, so that they can deepen their understanding of the Company, we operate an induction program for newly appointed outside directors, providing an overview of the enterprise, its businesses and products; factory tours; and explanations of matters related to corporate governance, etc. Furthermore, once they have taken office, we provide them with opportunities to visit bases for the Group's operations, attend exhibitions, etc., so as to deepen their understanding of our business and external environment, and to facilitate the strengthening of effective monitoring. We also regularly conduct group compliance training for all officers, inviting external lecturers as needed. And in order to prepare the next generation of senior management, we provide training opportunities for managers to acquire the leadership skills, knowledge of management strategies, and management competences required of top management.

## [Principle 5-1] [Dialogue with shareholders]

In order to fulfill our duty of corporate accountability and contribute to sustainable growth and the enhancement of enterprise value over the medium to long term, the Company is working to establish a system to promote constructive dialogue with shareholders and investors as described below. Details of these efforts can be found in the *azbil Report* (integrated report).

In order to facilitate constructive dialogue with shareholders and investors, the Company has appointed an officer in charge of corporate communications who monitors all such dialogue in coordination with the relevant internal departments. Depending on the purpose, dialogue with shareholders and investors is directed by senior management, the officer in charge of corporate communications, or Investor Relations within the Group Management Headquarters.

In actual practice, dialogue with shareholders and investors is conducted via individual meetings, financial results announcements and other briefings, and informational tours. In addition, we proactively supply information to shareholders, institutional investors and individual investors, both in Japan and overseas, through extensive use of digital media such as online briefings, all designed to promote understanding. Topics range widely, from management strategy and business performance to sustainability, ESG-related initiatives, and voting criteria. We are thus actively promoting dialogue with a mixed audience, ranging from analysts and fund managers utilizing various investment approaches for shareholders and investors, to people whose responsibilities cover ESG and the exercise of voting rights. Moreover, in FY2024, regarding activities related to the dialogue with shareholders, the Company held a private meeting between institutional investors and outside directors as a part of investor engagements by the Board of Directors, and discussion about initiatives for enhanced corporate governance, etc. was conducted. After being made available to the president and management team, the outside directors, management meetings and Board meetings, the feedback from such dialogue is used, as appropriate, to inform the development of capital and corporate policies, and guide management.

When preparing to engage in dialogue, both the content and scope of information disclosure are clarified in advance, efforts are made to ensure information consistency, and appropriate measures are taken, such as setting a "quiet period" before the announcement of financial results to prevent leaks of insider information. In order to build, maintain, and develop relationships of trust with our stakeholders, the Company is committed to conducting fair and transparent information disclosure in a timely and appropriate manner, promoting constructive dialogue through a variety of communications activities. This is explained in our disclosure policy, which is made available online.

Disclosure policy: https://www.azbil.com/ir/management/disclosure/index.html

[Principle 5-2] [Formulation and announcement of management strategies and plans]

The azbil Group has formulated and launched a new 3-year medium-term plan\*¹ running from FY2025 through to FY2027. With this FY2025-FY2027 plan, we are aiming to achieve net sales of 340 billion yen, operating income of 51 billion yen, an operating margin of 15.0%, and an ROE of 14% in the final fiscal year. At the same time, the Group's long-term targets for FY2030 have been revised upwards\*² to net sales of 420 billion yen, operating income of 65 billion yen, an operating margin of 15.5%, and an ROE of 15%. Furthermore, in FY2024, the final year of the previous medium-term plan\*³, we made progress in strengthening business profitability and achieved net sales of 300.3 billion yen, operating income of 41.4 billion yen, an operating margin of 13.8%, and an ROE of 17.9%. These results compare favorably with the plan: net sales of 300 billion yen, operating income of 37.5 billion yen, an operating margin of 12.5%, and an ROE of 12.2%.

\*1 On May 13, 2025, the azbil Group published the new medium-term plan (FY2025-FY2027).

\*2 On May 13, 2025, the azbil Group revised upward its previous long-term targets (net sales of 400 billion yen, operating income of 60 billion yen, an operating margin of 15%, and an ROE of 13.5%) as detailed above.

- \*3 On May 14, 2021, the azbil Group published the previous medium-term plan (FY2021-FY2024).
- \*4 Excluding extraordinary income, such as gain on transfer of equity interests in Azbil Telstar, S.L.U., ROE was 14.2%.

[Supplementary Principle 5-2-1] [Basic policy on our business portfolio]

Guided by the Group philosophy of "human-centered automation", our basic mission is to pursue new value creation and business growth that will contribute "in series" to a sustainable society through a business portfolio that is based on automation technologies and focused primarily on our markets (Building Automation/Advanced Automation/Life Automation) and solutions (systems and products). In preparing the medium-term plan, the Board of Directors has been discussing and reviewing strategies for each business portfolio. In FY2021, we began using return on invested capital (ROIC) as a key management indicator—which is aligned with the idea of management that is mindful of the cost of capital and the stock price—and we are aiming to further improve capital efficiency. For FY2024, the Board of Directors has reviewed the business portfolio, and from the perspective of restructuring the business portfolio to improve capital efficiency—a goal set forth in the Group's medium-term plan—the decision was made to transfer all of the Company's equity interests in its wholly owned overseas subsidiary in the Life Automation business (Azbil Telstar, S.L.U.); a contract was concluded to that effect on June 6, 2024, and the transfer was completed on October 31, 2024. Going forward, we will continue to engage in optimizing our business portfolio.

# Action to Implement Management That Is Conscious of Cost of Capital and Stock Price

Content of Disclosure Updated	Disclosure of Initiatives (Update)
Availability of English Disclosure Updated	Available
Date of Disclosure Update Updated	June 25, 2025

Supplementary Explanation Updated

The Group is striving to realize management that is mindful of the cost of capital and the stock price. As explained in the "Message from management" in the azbil Report 2024 (the Company's integrated report), we introduced ROIC as an important management indicator and we are continuously engaged in optimizing capital allocation across the Group, as well as in managing our business portfolio according to the profitability and capital efficiency of each business. Through the strategic allocation of management resources, we are aiming to achieve sustainable improvement in enterprise value. In FY2024, the final year of the previous medium-term plan, as part of the restructuring of our business portfolio, we transferred all of the Company's equity interests in Azbil Telstar, S.L.U.—a wholly owned overseas subsidiary in our Life Automation Business—to another company. As a result of these initiatives, the Group's ROIC is estimated at 12.6% (10.3% if special factors such as the transfer of equity interest in Azbil Telstar are excluded), and the weighted average cost of capital (WACC) is 6.3%; these figures are disclosed in our 103rd Annual Securities Report, Summary of Financial Results, and Financial Results Presentation materials. Furthermore, the business portfolio is regularly reviewed as part of the Board of Directors' assessment of the progress of the medium-term plan, and its effectiveness has been attested.

In addition, so as to promote management that is mindful of the cost of capital and the stock price, the relative size of the incentive component of corporate executives' remuneration has been increased; this is designed to motivate them to achieve our medium- and long-term performance targets and enhance enterprise value. Whereas sales and operating income are used as key performance indicators (KPIs) for determining bonuses, relative TSR (vs. TOPIX, including dividends) and ROE\* are the financial metrics used to determine stock-based compensation.

The basic policy of the azbil Group is to use revenue from business activities for investing in sustainable growth and for ensuring a healthy financial foundation, while simultaneously working to enhance shareholder returns. Through implementing disciplined capital planning based on this policy, we strive to maintain and improve enterprise value. Details regarding our management strategy and, based on this, our strategies and measures for capital investment as well as investments in R&D, human capital, etc., can be found on our website, in the azbil Report (integrated report), our Financial Results Presentation materials, and our Annual Securities Report.

\*From FY2025, ROE has been adopted as a KPI for stock-based compensation.

## 2. Capital Structure

Foreign Shareholding Ratio

30% or more

[Major Shareholders]

Updated

Shareholder name	Number of shares owned	Percentage of the total shares issued (%)
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust account)	80,970,000	15.31
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY 505001	42,252,954	7.99
Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company	41,712,800	7.88
Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust account)	33,115,900	6.26
Northern Trust CO. (AVFC) Re Fidelity Funds	18,781,097	3.55
National Mutual Insurance Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives	13,425,600	2.53
the azbil Group Employee Stock Ownership Association	11,810,582	2.23
Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust E)	11,114,597	2.10
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK 385840	8,272,600	1.56
GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY	7,771,768	1.47

	ontrolling Shareholder (other than parent ompany)	_
Pa	arent Company	None
	Supplementary Explanation Updated	

- 1. The Company holds 31,983,876 treasury shares. Furthermore, the number of treasury shares does not include either the 11,114,597 shares owned by Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust E) for the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (J-ESOP) and the Board Benefit Trust (BBT), or the 793,800 shares owned by the azbil Group Employee Stock Ownership Dedicated Trust.
- 2. 32,726 thousand shares held by The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (trust account) and 20,941 thousand shares held by Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (trust account) are all the shares related to the trust business.
- 3. According to the Report on Large Shareholding (change report) dated June 6, 2024, which has been made available for public inspection, 6,979,000 shares (4.93 % of the total shares issued) are held by BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd. and 6 other joint holders as of May 31, 2024. However, as the Company is not able to confirm the number of shares actually held as of March 31, 2025, BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd. and other joint holders are not included in the above list of major shareholders. Furthermore, the Company implemented a stock split on October 1, 2024 (each share of common stock split into 4 shares), but as the Report on Large Shareholding (change report) was provided for public inspection before October 1, 2024, the number of shares before the split was reported.
- 4. According to the *Report on Large Shareholding* dated December 6, 2024 which was made available for public inspection, 30,817,000 shares (5.49% of the total shares issued) are held by Mizuho Bank, Ltd. and 2 other joint holders as of November 29, 2024. However, as the Company is not able to confirm the number of shares actually held as of March 31, 2025, these shares are not included in the above status of major shareholders.

# 3. Corporate Attributes

Listed Stock Market, Market Section	Tokyo Stock Exchange, Prime Market
Fiscal Year End	March 31
Business Category	Electric Appliances
Number of Employees (Consolidated) as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	1,000 or more
Sales (Consolidated) for the Previous Fiscal Year	Between 100 billion yen and 1 trillion yen
Number of Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	Between 10 and 50

4. Policy on Measures to Protect Minority Shareholders in Conducting Transactions with Controlling Shareholder

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5. Other Special Circumstances that May Have a Material Impact on Corporate Governance

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# II. Business Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems Regarding Decision-making, Execution of Business, and Oversight in Management

# 1. Organizational Composition and Operation

Structure of Organization	Company with a three-committee board structure
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## [Directors]

Number of Directors as Specified in Articles of Incorporation	15
Term of Office of Directors as Specified in Articles of Incorporation	1 year
Chairperson of the Board Updated	Outside Director
Number of Directors Updated	10

# [Outside Directors]

Number of Outside Directors Updated	7
Number of Independent Directors Updated	7
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Relationship with the Company (1)	Updated	

Name	Affiliation	Relationship with the Company (*)										
Name	Annation	а	b	С	d	е	f	g	h	i	j	k
Mitsuhiro Nagahama	From another company								Δ			
Anne Ka Tse Hung	Lawyer											
Shigeaki Yoshikawa	From another company								Δ			
Tomoyasu Miura	From another company								Δ			
Sachiko Ichikawa	Lawyer											
Hiroshi Yoshida	From another company								Δ			
Satoko Nakatani	Certified Public Accountant								0			

<sup>\*</sup> Nature of relationship with the Company:

- O: The director presently belongs to or has recently belonged to the category.
- $\triangle\!:$  The director belonged to the category in the past.
- : A close relative of the director presently belongs to or has recently belonged to the category.
- ▲: A close relative of the director belonged to the category in the past.

## Categories:

- a. Executive of the Company or its subsidiaries
- b. Non-executive director or executive of the parent company of the Company
- c. Executive of a subsidiary company of the Company
- d. A party whose major client or supplier is the Company or an executive thereof
- e. Major client or supplier of the Company or an executive thereof
- f. Consultant, accountant, or legal professional who receives a large monetary consideration or other property from the Company besides remuneration as a director
- g. Major shareholder of the Company (or an executive of a major shareholder if the said shareholder is a legal entity)
- h. Executive of a client or supplier company of the Company which does not correspond to categories d, e, or f above (the director himself/herself only)
- i. Executive of a company having an outside director or Audit & Supervisory Board member who is also appointed to the Company (the

- director himself/herself only)
- j. Executive of a company or organization that receives a donation from the Company (the director himself/herself only)
- k. Others

Relationship with the Company (2)

Updated

	Comn	nittee memb	ership	Designated as		
Name	Nomination	Remuneration	Audit	an independent	Supplementary explanation	Reason for appointment
	Committee	Committee	Committee	director	of conforming items	
Mitsuhiro		Yes		Yes	He served as a	He possesses broad knowledge and
Nagahama					director at the	extensive experience in corporate
					Company's lender,	management, financial/securities sectors
					Mizuho Corporate	and global business, as he has
					Bank, Ltd. (now:	successively served in important posts at
					Mizuho Bank, Ltd.),	financial institutions. In 2015, he assumed
					until April 2013.	the post of outside Audit & Supervisory
					However, the amount	Board member of the Company, and since
					of the Company's	2019 as an outside director he has not
					borrowings from said	only supervised business execution, but
					bank is ¥2,348 million,	also proactively offered opinions to
					which is 0.7% of the	enhance management transparency from
					Company's	the perspective of the capital markets and
					consolidated total	based on a global perspective. In these
					assets of ¥315,072	ways, he fulfills such appropriate roles as
					million yen. Thus, said	supervising and giving advice on business
					bank is not a major	execution and the Company judges he can
					lender as per "the	continue contributing to the enhancement
					criteria for judging the	of the Company's management going
					independence of	forward.
					outside directors	He had engaged in business execution at
					established by the	the Company's lender, Mizuho Corporate
					Company".	Bank, Ltd. (now: Mizuho Bank, Ltd.), until
					He also served as a	April 2013; and at the Company's business
					director at a business	partner Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd. until
					partner of the	March 2015. However, they are neither
					Company, Mizuho	lenders nor business partners that
					Securities Co., Ltd,	influence the Company's decision-making,
					until March 2015.	as shown at left. Thus, the Company has
					However, in both the	designated him as an independent
					most recent fiscal	director, judging there to be no possibility
					year and the	of the occurrence of conflict of interest with
					preceding three (3)	general shareholders, in accordance with
					fiscal years, the	the Company's own criteria for judging the
					amount of	independence of outside directors.
					transactions with the	
					Company represents	
					less than 0.3% of the	
					consolidated net sales	
					of both the Company	
					and Mizuho	
					Securities, which	
					does not make said	

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					company a major	
					business partner as	
					per the Company's	
					own criteria for	
					judging the	
					independence of	
					outside directors.	
					Thus, the Company	
					has determined that	
					neither are business	
					partners which	
					influence the	
					Company's decision-	
					making.	
Anne Ka	Yes			Yes	-	She worked at an international law office
Tse Hung						as a partner attorney, and supported the
						conclusion of agreements for the
						international transactions of Japanese
						companies, in addition to overseas
						corporate matters. As such, she is familiar
						with Japanese business customs, and
						possesses knowledge in the industry to
						which the Company belongs. She
						assumed the post of outside director of the
						Company in 2020, and she draws on her
						expert knowledge of international business
						not only to supervise business execution,
						but also to proactively offer opinions based
						on her global perspective, advising on
						such topics as a business promotion
						system targeting international business
						growth and her approach to investment for
						medium- and long-term growth. In these
						ways, she fulfills such appropriate roles as
						supervising and giving advice on business
						execution and the Company judges she
						can continue contributing to the
						enhancement of the Company's
						management going forward.
						Also, as she falls under none of the above
						categories (a to k), the Company has
						designated her as an independent director,
						judging there to be no possibility of the
						occurrence of conflict of interest with
						general shareholders, in accordance with
						the Company's own criteria for judging the
Chiga ald	Vas	Vas		Vas	He conted as	independence of outside directors.
Shigeaki	Yes	Yes		Yes	He served as an	He has held key positions in a general
Yoshikawa					executive vice	trading company with global operations,
					president at the	and has broad knowledge and abundant
					Company's business	experience regarding overseas business
					partner Mitsubishi	development and business portfolio

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			Corporation until	strategies, as well as experience in
			March 2016.	corporate management, etc. at a think-tank
			However, in both the	consulting firm. He assumed the post of
			most recent fiscal	outside director of the Company in 2022,
			year and the	and—based on his extensive experience
			preceding three (3)	and insight into overseas business, as well
			fiscal years, the	as his knowledge of marketing and sales—
			amount of	he has proactively offered his opinions
			transactions with the	regarding the Company's international
			Company represents	business strategies, approach to business
			less than 0.1% of the	strategies for medium- to long-term
				growth, and human resource development.
			of both the Company	In these ways, he fulfills such appropriate
			and Mitsubishi	roles as supervising and giving advice on
			Corporation, which	business execution, and the Company
			does not make said	judges he can continue contributing to the
			company a major	enhancement of the Company's
			business partner as	management going forward.
			per the Company's	He was involved with business execution
			own criteria for	at the Company's business partner
			judging the	Mitsubishi Corporation until March 2016.
			independence of	However, Mitsubishi Corporation is not a
			outside directors.	business partner which influences the
			Thus, the Company	Company's decision-making, as shown at
			judges that Mitsubishi	left.
			Corporation is not a	Thus, the Company has designated him as
			business partner	an independent director, judging there to
			which influences the	be no possibility of the occurrence of
			Company's decision-	conflict of interest with general
			making.	shareholders, in accordance with the
				Company's own criteria for judging the
				independence of outside directors.
Tomoyasu		Yes	He served as a	He has held key positions at a think-tank
Miura			counselor at the	consulting firm and possesses extensive
			Company's business	knowledge and experience in a wide range
			partner Nomura	of fields, such as IT, technology innovation,
			Research Institute,	and new business creation, as well as
			Ltd. (NRI) (until June	abundant experience in the development
			2022) and Executive	of management human resources at a
			Director & Dean of	public interest incorporated foundation. He
			Nomura School of	assumed the post of outside director of the
			Advanced	Company in 2022, and has proactively
			Management (NSAM)	offered his opinions from the perspectives
			(until May 2022). The	of business strategies, including
			Company currently	consideration of technological aspects, for
			has transaction	the Company's medium- to long-term
			relationships with NRI	growth, and of human resource
			and NSAM related to	development, based on his abundant
			consulting and	knowledge of the IT and technology
			training services.	domains, his experience of new business
			However, in both the	creation, and his experience of human
			most recent fiscal	resource development. In these ways, he

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			year and the	fulfills such appropriate roles as
			preceding three (3)	supervising and giving advice on business
			fiscal years, the	execution and the Company judges that he
			amount of	can continue contributing to the
			transactions with NRI	enhancement of the Company's
			makes up less than	management going forward.
			0.1% of the	He was involved with business execution
			consolidated net sales	at two of the Company's business
			of both the Company	partners, Nomura Research Institute, Ltd.
			and NRI.	(until June 2022) and Nomura School of
			As regards the	Advanced Management (until May 2022).
			Company's	However, they are not business partners
			relationship with	which influence the Company's decision-
			NSAM, the amount of	making, as shown at left.
			transactions (training	Thus, the Company has designated him as
			fees paid to NSAM)	an independent director, judging there to
			as a percentage of	be no possibility of the occurrence of
			NSAM's net sales is	conflict of interest with general
			less than 1.4%; in	shareholders, in accordance with the
			monetary terms, this	Company's own criteria for judging the
			is less than 7 million	independence of outside directors.
			yen per fiscal year. It	independence of outside directors.
			should be noted that	
			the Company has no	
			sales to NSAM. Thus,	
			neither is a major	
			business partner as	
			per the Company's	
			own criteria for	
			judging the	
			independence of	
			outside directors and	
			the Company judges	
			they are not business	
			partners which	
			influence the	
			Company's decision-	
			making.	
Sachiko	Yes	Yes	-	She has a global perspective, extensive
Ichikawa				experience, broad knowledge and
				expertise as an attorney (in Japan and in
				New York State, the U.S.) and as a U.S.
				certified public accountant. Moreover, she
				has served as an outside officer at other
				listed companies, primarily in the
				manufacturing industry, and has excellent
				insights concerning the ideal form of
				corporate governance and company
				management. She assumed the post of
				outside director of the Company in 2024,
				and she proactively offers opinions based
				on her abundant and specialist knowledge
				on her abundant and specialist knowledge

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					and experience related to legal affairs and
					accounting, along with her insights in
					areas such as corporate governance and
					compliance. In these ways, she fulfills such
					appropriate roles as supervising and giving
					advice on business execution and the
					Company judges that she can continue
					contributing to the enhancement of the
					Company's management going forward.
					Also, as she falls under none of the above
					categories (a to k), the Company has
					designated her as an independent director,
					judging there to be no possibility of the
					occurrence of conflict of interest with
					general shareholders and that she has
					sufficient independence, in accordance
					with the Company's own criteria for judging
					the independence of outside directors.
Hiroshi		Yes	Yes	He served as a	He has held key positions at a globally
Yoshida				corporate executive at	operating listed chemical manufacturer. He
				the Company's	has broad knowledge related to finance
				business partner	and accounting, abundant experience in
				Hitachi Chemical Co.,	management planning and strategy
				Ltd. (now: Resonac	formulation in the manufacturing industry,
				Corporation) until	and experience as both a corporate
				June 2020. However,	executive and an Audit & Supervisory
				in both the most	Board member. He assumed the post of
				recent fiscal year and	outside director of the Company in 2024,
				the preceding three	and he proactively offers opinions based
				(3) fiscal years, the	on his wealth of specialist knowledge
				amount of	related to finance and accounting in
				transactions with the	addition to his extensive experience in
				Company represents	management planning and strategy
				less than 0.2% of the	formulation in the manufacturing industry.
				consolidated net sales	In these ways, he fulfills such appropriate
				of both the Company	roles as supervising and giving advice on
				and Hitachi Chemical	business execution and the Company
				Co., Ltd. (now:	judges that he can continue contributing to
				Resonac	the enhancement of the Company's
				Corporation), which	management going forward.
				does not make said	He was involved with business execution
				company a major	at the Company's business partner Hitachi
				business partner as	Chemical Co., Ltd. (now: Resonac
				per the Company's	Corporation) until June 2020. However,
				own criteria for	Resonac Corporation is not a business
				judging the	partner which influences the Company's
				independence of	decision-making, as shown at left.
				outside directors.	Thus, the Company has designated him as
				Thus, the Company	an independent director, judging there to
				judges that Hitachi	be no possibility of the occurrence of
				Chemical Co., Ltd.	
				(now: Resonac	conflict of interest with general shareholders, in accordance with the
				(HOW. INESURIAL	Shareholders, in accordance with the

			Corporation) is not a	Company's own criteria for judging the
			business partner	independence of outside directors.
			which influences the	
			Company's decision-	
			making.	
Satoko	Yes	Yes		As a partner at an audit corporation, she
Nakatani				has been engaged in the auditing of a
				range of business types, mostly related to
				manufacturing, and has been in charge of
				advisory services for various accounting
				systems and other matters. In addition, as
				a certified public accountant, she has
				broad knowledge and expertise in finance
				and accounting, and extensive experience
				in auditing operations, etc. The Company
				judges that as an outside director of the
				Company, she can fulfill such appropriate
				roles as offering objective suggestions and
				advice for the enhancement of
				management transparency from wide-
				ranging perspectives, as well as
				supervising business execution for the
				Board of Directors, utilizing her broad
				knowledge and expertise, and her
				extensive experience related to finance
				and accounting.

## [Supervisory Committees]

Composition of Supervisory Committee and Attributes of the Chairperson

	Total no. of committee members	Full-time members	Internal directo	rs Outside directors	Chairperson
Nomination Committee	4	0	1	3	Outside Director
Remuneration Committee	3	0	1	2	Outside Director
Audit Committee	3	1	1	2	Outside Director

## [Corporate Executives (shikkoyaku)]

Number of Corporate Executives Updated 5

Additional Duty Status

Updated

	Representative		Concurrent		
Name	Authority		Nomination Committee member	Remuneration Committee member	duties as employee
Kiyohiro Yamamoto	Yes	Yes	0	×	No
Takayuki Yokota	Yes	Yes	×	0	No
Yoshimitsu Hojo	No	No	×	×	No
Kazuyasu Hamada	No	No	×	×	No
Hideaki Ishii	No	No	×	×	No

## [Auditing Structure]

Appointment of Directors and Employees to Support the Audit Committee

Yes

Matters Related to the Independence from Corporate Executives of Such Directors and Employees

To perform their duties under the direction and instructions of the Audit committee, we have established an Audit Committee office with three (3) staff within the Internal Audit Department. Personnel transfers involving members of this staff are decided with the prior consent of the Audit Committee. Also, the performance of the head of the Audit Committee office is reviewed by the Audit Committee, and personnel evaluations involving him/her are decided with the prior consent of the Audit Committee, thereby ensuring independence from the executive side.

Cooperation Between the Audit Committee, Independent Accounting Auditor, and Internal Audit Department

As stated in "2. Functions of Business Execution, Auditing, Oversight, Nomination, and Remuneration Decisions" in this report, the Audit Committee—the majority of which is composed of outside directors—conducts audits in cooperation with the Internal Audit Department and the independent accounting auditor. The Committee regularly reports to the Board of Directors on its audit activities.

**Number of Independent Directors** 

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Matters Relating to Independent Directors

The Company designates as independent directors all outside directors who meet the criteria for independent directors.

The Company's criteria for determining the independence of outside directors are as follows.

Criteria for Judging the Independence of Outside Directors (revised on June 23, 2022)

For appointing outside directors, the Company has formulated its own criteria for judging the independence of outside directors. It judges that a person is not independent if any of the items below apply:

- 1. A person who currently serves as an operating executive\*1 of the Company or a consolidated subsidiary of the Company, or who previously served within ten (10) years prior to being appointed;
- 2. A person who has served as an executive of the Company or a consolidated subsidiary within ten (10) years prior to being appointed as a non-executive director or an Audit & Supervisory Board member of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company;
- 3. A person who has served as a non-executive director of the Company or its consolidated subsidiary for more than twelve (12) years, in principle:
- 4. A person who has served as a member of the Audit & Supervisory Board of the Company or its consolidated subsidiary for more than twelve (12) years or three (3) terms, in principle;
- 5. A person who serves as an executive of a major business partner of the azbil Group—that is, a business partner that has made a payment in the amount exceeding 2% of its annual consolidated sales for the latest fiscal year or any of the preceding three (3) fiscal years or receives such a payment—or who has served in such a position in the last three (3) years;
- 6. A person who serves as an executive or an Audit & Supervisory Board member of a major lender<sup>\*2</sup> of the azbil Group or its parent company or its significant subsidiary, or who has served in such a position in the last three (3) years;
- 7. A related party of the independent accounting auditor or audit firm etc. of the azbil Group, or who has served in the last three (3) years in such a position (including those who have already resigned from such a position);
- 8. A lawyer, certified public accountant, or other consultant who does not correspond with item 7 above and who received money or other economic benefits in the annual average amount of 10 million yen or more over the past three (3) years other than executive compensation from the azbil Group;
- 9. A member, partner, associate or employee of a law firm or an audit firm, etc. who does not correspond with items 7 or 8 above, where the azbil Group is a major business partner of the said law firm, audit firm, etc.—that is, a firm that received a payment from the Company or its consolidated subsidiary in the annual average amount of 2% or more of the consolidated net sales of said firm over the past three (3) fiscal years;
- 10. A person who serves as an executive or an Audit & Supervisory Board member of a current major shareholder of the Company (a shareholder that holds 10% or more of voting rights in the Company), its parent company or its significant subsidiary, or who has served in such a position in the last five (5) years;
- 11. A person who serves as an executive or an Audit & Supervisory Board member of a company that accepts a director seconded from the azbil Group, its parent company or its subsidiary;
- 12. A person who serves as an executive or an Audit & Supervisory Board member of a company in which the Company is a major shareholder:
- 13. A person who has received as an executive of an organization such as a public interest incorporated foundation, a public interest incorporated association, or a non-profit organization that has received a donation or subsidy from the azbil Group in the annual average of 10 million yen or more over the past three (3) fiscal years; or
- 14. A spouse, a person within the second degree of consanguinity, or a relative residing in the same household as a person for whom any of above items (1 to 13) are applicable.
- \*1: Here "operating executive" refers to an executive director, a corporate executive, an executive officer, the head of a department, or other general employee.
  - \*2: A "major lender" refers to a financial institution group from which the azbil Group has borrowed funds where the outstanding aggregate of those borrowings exceeds 2% of the consolidated total assets of the azbil Group as of the end of the Company's fiscal year and where the azbil Group effectively has loans payable (net balance of loans exceeding current liquidity deposited at such lender).

## [Incentives]

Implementation of Measures to Provide Incentives to Directors and Corporate Executives

Performance-linked remuneration, etc.

Supplementary Explanation

As a company with a three-committee board structure, the Company's Remuneration Committee, which is chaired by and composed of a majority of independent outside directors, sets policy on the determination of the individual remuneration of directors and corporate executives. For details, please refer to the remuneration policy at the end of this report.

Recipients of Stock Options

Supplementary Explanation

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## [Remuneration for Directors and Corporate Executives]

Disclosure of Individual Directors' Remuneration

Disclosure for selected Directors

Disclosure of Individual Corporate Executives' Remuneration

Disclosure for selected Corporate Executives

Supplementary Explanation

The remuneration of one corporate executive (concurrently serving as a director) is disclosed separately in the 103rd Annual Securities Report, in accordance with the provisions of the Cabinet Office Ordinance on the Disclosure of Corporate Affairs, etc.

Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods

Established

Disclosure of Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods

As a company with a three-committee board structure, the Company's Remuneration Committee, which is chaired by and composed of a majority of independent outside directors, sets policy on the determination of the individual remuneration of directors and corporate executives. For details, please refer to the remuneration policy at the end of this report.

## [Supporting System for Outside Directors]

Updated

We have established a Corporate Secretariat office, which, in addition to performing secretarial duties for officers, functions as a secretariat for the Board and provides support for the Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee. Within the Internal Audit Department, we have also set up an Audit Committee office with three (3) staff. In these ways, we are strengthening support functions for the Board of Directors and statutory committees. Moreover, materials prepared for Board meetings are distributed in advance, and outside directors, etc. are provided with briefings so that they have access to all necessary information for items on the agenda.

# [Status of Persons Who Have Retired as President and Representative Director, Chief Executive Officer, etc.]

Name of Consultants, Advisors, etc., Who Were Formerly President and Representative Director, Chief Executive Officer, etc.

Nama	Title and	Description of	Form and Conditions of Employment (Full-	Date of Retirement	Term of
Name position		Business	time, Part-time, Paid or Unpaid, etc.)	as President, etc.	Office
Hirozumi Sone	Advisor	Advice on	Form and Conditions of Employment:	June 24, 2020	1 year
		education	Part-time		
		program	Remuneration: Paid		
		(non-			
		executive)			

Total number of consultants, advisors, etc.
who were formerly President and Chief
Executive Officer, etc.

Updated

Other Matters

Updated

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- 1. The Board of Directors decided to abolish the counselor system on March 31, 2018, and the provision was deleted from the Articles of Incorporation at the 96<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 26, 2018.
- 2. The appointment of an advisor is reviewed by the Nomination Committee based on consultation with the president and CEO; the advisor's remuneration is reported to the Remuneration Committee. After resigning as a director at the conclusion of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 25, 2025, Hirozumi Sone assumed the office of advisor upon entering into a contract that specifies his duties.

# 2. Functions of Business Execution, Auditing, Oversight, Nomination, and Remuneration Decisions (Overview of Current Corporate Governance System)



## 1. Overview of Current Corporate Governance System

To ensure its own medium- to long-term development, respond to the trust of all its stakeholders including its shareholders, and consistently increase enterprise value, the azbil Group sets fortifying underlying corporate governance as a management priority. Measures have included strengthening the supervisory and auditing functions of the Board of Directors, improving management transparency and soundness, and clarifying the structure of responsibility for the execution of duties.

As a company with a three-committee board structure, three statutory committees—the Nomination Committee, Audit Committee, and Remuneration Committee—have been established, each having a majority of independent outside directors and being chaired by an independent outside director. In addition, by substantially transferring business execution authority from the Board of Directors to corporate executives with clear legal responsibilities, we are clearly separating supervisory and execution functions to ensure a business execution system based on flexible and efficient decision-making, while at the same time enhancing the objective supervision of management.

Furthermore, as a company with a three-committee board structure, to ensure the effectiveness of monitoring by the Board of Directors, we have established a forum for providing information to directors and exchanging opinions with corporate executives in the form of a Liaison Meeting for Directors and Corporate Executives, and in addition, opinion-exchange meetings are held regularly among outside directors. At the same time, we are continuing our system for executive officers charged with business execution, aiming to enhance the quality and speed of decision-making.

The Board of Directors is convened monthly in principle, to discuss and consider legal issues and other important managerial matters as the highest decision-making body for management, and to provide a major direction and exercise appropriate supervision over execution in order to reflect the opinions of stakeholders. In business execution, the Management Meeting, which corporate executives and executive officers with titles attend, has been established to serve as an executive-level advisory body to assist the president & Group CEO in making decisions; in attendance is the full-time Audit Committee member to ensure the effectiveness of monitoring. The Management Meeting is held twice a month in principle as part of ongoing initiatives to strengthen business operations through prompt decision-making and strict execution.

As of June 25, 2025, the Company has appointed a total of 10 directors, including three (3) who have accumulated experience in the Company's business, management and audits (Kiyohiro Yamamoto, Takayuki Yokota, and Hisaya Katsuta), as well as seven (7) who are independent outside directors having independence, broad experience, a wealth of expertise and knowledge, and rich diversity, including that of nationality and gender (Mitsuhiro Nagahama, Anne Ka Tse Hung, Shigeaki Yoshikawa, Tomoyasu Miura, Sachiko Ichikawa, Hiroshi Yoshida and Satoko Nakatani). Independent outside directors now form the majority of the Board of Directors. In addition to working diligently to contribute to enhancement of the Company's enterprise value through appropriate oversight and advice during the decision-making process at Board of Directors meetings, these independent outside directors regularly exchange opinions with corporate executives through the Liaison Meeting for Directors and Corporate Executives and other opportunities. Moreover, we have established the skill sets expected of the directors from the viewpoint of sustainable increase in enterprise value, including the realization of the Company's medium-term plan, and we have confirmed the independence, diversity, and anticipated skills of the current Board of Directors.

## 2. Status of Activities of the Board of Directors

In FY2024, the Board of Directors met a total of 13 times. The 12 directors attended all of the meetings. Major items discussed at the Board of Directors meetings are as follows.

Items resolved	Formulation of the next medium-term plan, capital policy, appointment of corporate executives, appointment of committee members, approval for financial results, transfer of equity in a subsidiary, establishment of an overseas manufacturing subsidiary, and other matters
Items reported	Selection of major risks, report on the holding status of strategic shareholdings, reports on execution of duties from each statutory committee and from corporate executives, reports on the status of operation of internal control systems, reports on the status of CSR management, business portfolio review, and other reports

3. Status of Activities of the Nomination Committee, the Audit Committee, and the Remuneration Committee

As a company with a three-committee board structure, the Company has established three committees, namely the Nomination Committee, the Audit Committee, and the Remuneration Committee. The status of activities of each committee is as follows.

## (Nomination Committee)

As of March 31, 2025, the Nomination Committee is comprised of four (4) members, with Shigeaki Yoshikawa (Independent Outside Director) serving as the Committee chairperson, and Anne Ka Tse Hung (Independent Outside Director), Sachiko Ichikawa (Independent Outside Director), and Kiyohiro Yamamoto (Director, President & Group CEO) serving as committee members; independent outside directors comprise a majority of the Committee\*1. In FY2024, the Nomination Committee met thirteen (13) times, and the four (4) members of the Nomination Committee attended all of the meetings\*2. Items implemented and specific items for consideration by the Nomination Committee were as follows.

- \*1: There was no change in the composition of the Nomination Committee after the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders and the Board of Directors meeting on June 25, 2025.
- \*2: Because Sachiko Ichikawa was elected at the 102<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 25, 2024, her attendance only applies to committee meetings held after her appointment.

Items implemented	Specific items for consideration
Action plans for the current fiscal year	The Nomination Committee considered and determined items for evaluation and annual action plans for the committee in the current fiscal year, and other matters.
Formulation of nomination guidelines	The Nomination Committee formulated guidelines for making nominations following consideration of the composition of the Board of Directors, processes concerning election and dismissal, terms of office, selection and training of candidates for director and upper management positions.
Consideration of the structure of the Board of Directors	The Nomination Committee considered the most suitable composition for the Board of Directors and confirmed the appropriateness of the current skills matrix.
Determination of the content of proposals concerning candidates for directors for the next term	In considering the structure of the Board of Directors for the next term (FY2025), the Nomination Committee confirmed views on the selection and the state of consideration, and deliberated and determined director candidates for the next term to be proposed at the general meeting of shareholders.
Determination of corporate executive candidates for the next term	Regarding the corporate executive structure for the next term (FY2025) based on consultation from the Board of Directors, the Nomination Committee confirmed views on the selection and the state of consideration, and deliberated on and determined corporate executive candidates for the next term.

Selection of successor candidates and	The Nomination Committee shared a profile of
confirmation of individual training plans	required successor and the judgment criteria for
	promotion, and confirmed the selection and
	training process as well as the training status of
	successor candidates based on the development
	of leadership personnel.

## (Audit Committee)

As of March 31, 2025, the Audit Committee is comprised of three (3) members, with Fumitoshi Sato (Independent Outside Director) serving as the Committee chairperson, Hiroshi Yoshida (Independent Outside Director) and Hisaya Katsuta (Non-executive Inside Director) serving as committee members; independent outside directors comprise a majority of the Committee\*1. Two (2) independent outside directors and one (1) non-executive inside director who is well acquainted with the Company's businesses formulate audit plans together with the Internal Audit Department and conduct multifaceted auditing activities; the inside Audit Committee member serves on a full-time basis to enhance the effectiveness of audits by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee chairperson Fumitoshi Sato and the Audit Committee member Hiroshi Yoshida have experience as officers in charge of accounting and finance, etc. responsible for the creation of financial statements at other operating companies over many years and thus have a wealth of knowledge concerning financial affairs and accounting. Furthermore, the Company established an Audit Committee Office, an organization dedicated to assisting the Audit Committee in its duties, with three (3) staff members (as of June 25, 2025) assigned to assist the Audit Committee in the execution of its duties.

The Audit Committee convenes in principle once a month and holds ad-hoc meetings, as necessary. In FY2024, it convened a total of 13 times and the three (3) Audit Committee members participated in all of the meetings\*2. The key audit items, points of note concerning audits, and specific audit details of the Audit Committee in FY2024 were as follows.

- \*1 As of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders and the Board of Directors meeting on June 25, 2025, Hiroshi Yoshida (Independent Outside Director) was appointed as the Committee chairperson, and Satoko Nakatani (Independent Outside Director) and Hisaya Katsuta (Non-executive Inside Director) were appointed as committee members.
- \*2 Because Hiroshi Yoshida was elected at the 102<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 25, 2024, his attendance only applies to committee meetings held after his appointment.

Key audit items and audit considerations	Specific audit details
Status of operation of internal control systems  Status of operation of the azbil Group Basic Policy on Internal Control Systems Architecture  Status of response to major risks and division management risks	All Audit Committee members confirmed the status of operation through discussions at Board of Directors meetings, interviews, etc. and exchanging opinion with the divisions in charge of internal audits and the presidents and Audit & Supervisory Board members of the Company's subsidiaries. The full-time Audit Committee member also confirmed risk management status through interviews with the main control divisions and the Audit & Supervisory Board members of the Company's subsidiaries, as well as by attending the azbil Group General Risk Committee.
Confirmation of governance  Status of execution of duty of diligence by corporate executives and directors, and of the separation of supervisory and executive functions	All the Audit Committee members exchanged opinions with the corporate executives and presidents of subsidiaries and confirmed the status of operations of the internal reporting system. The full-time Audit Committee member attended the Management Meeting and other important meetings and confirmed both the response to emergencies and major incidents and the implementation status of measures to prevent

	recurrence.
Confirmation of legal and regulatory compliance  Status of compliance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information, Anti-Monopoly Act, Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, Construction Business Act, and Subcontract Act	The full-time Audit Committee member confirmed the status of regulatory compliance through an examination of business operations at the divisions in charge of operations related to various laws and regulations, and confirmed the implementation of disclosure matters and the status of the response to the introduction of a new quarterly reporting system (amendment to the Japanese Financial Instruments and Exchange Act).
Confirmation of the implementation status of management strategies (Long-term targets)  Status of achievement of result targets  Status of SDGs initiatives	At the Board of Directors meetings and the Liaison Meeting for Directors and Corporate Executives, discussions were held on measures to achieve medium to long-term targets and on details of the evaluation of the business portfolio. Additionally, during the examination of business operations, it was confirmed that the divisions were executing business operations according to the medium-term plan.
Confirmation of status of audits by the accounting auditor  Status of accounting audit and internal control audit	All the Audit Committee members listened to an audit report from, and exchanged opinions with, the accounting auditor and confirmed the status of audits in regard to the key audit matters (KAM). Members, particularly the full-time Audit Committee member, also observed onsite audit operations by the audit firm and confirmed the audit methods used.

The following are details of (1) coordination with the Internal Audit Department, (2) coordination with the independent accounting auditor, and (3) Audit Committee' evaluation of the audit firm.

## (1) Coordination with the Internal Audit Department

In formulating the internal audit plan for the fiscal year, the Audit Committee closely coordinated with the Internal Audit Department. The Internal Audit Department head also attended Audit Committee meetings to share information and exchange opinions on the progress of both the Audit Committee audit and the internal audit. And continuing with an initiative started in the previous fiscal year, the Audit Committee conducted joint audits of overseas subsidiaries with the Internal Audit Department.

## (2) Coordination with the independent accounting auditor

All members of the Audit Committee listened to an audit report by the independent accounting auditor, with whom they exchanged opinions; this enabled them to confirm the status of the accounting audit and the internal audit. Based on the evaluation criteria for accounting auditors established by the Audit Committee, we have evaluated the appropriateness of audits by the independent accounting auditor, the independence of the independent accounting auditor, and the quality of the audits. In addition to attending audits conducted by the independent accounting auditor, we also took into account the results of evaluations of the independent accounting auditor by the Accounting Department, Internal Control Department, and Internal Audit Department.

Moreover, regarding non-assurance services to be performed for the Company and its subsidiaries by the independent accounting auditor and network firms, the Audit Committee gave preapproval for such services after evaluating the degree of independence, referring to information provided by the independent accounting auditor, and checking with the relevant internal departments as appropriate.

In addition, throughout the fiscal year the Audit Committee conducted explanatory hearings on the progress of examination of items and content of key audit matters (KAMs), as well as the overall status of the audit.

## (3) Audit Committee's evaluation of the audit firm

The Audit Committee has established criteria for evaluation of the independent accounting auditor under three headings: (1)

professional competence; (2) audit quality control system and independence; and (3) audit plan, communication, and audit activities. The Committee evaluated the accounting audits by listening to regular audit/review reports from the independent accounting auditor, listening to explanations of the independent accounting auditor's quality control system, witnessing the independent accounting auditor's audits, and gathering information on the independent accounting auditor from the Accounting Department and Internal Audit Department.

## (Remuneration Committee)

As of March 31, 2025, the Remuneration Committee is comprised of four (4) members, with Mitsuhiro Nagahama (Independent Outside Director) serving as the Committee chairperson, Waka Fujiso (Independent Outside Director), Tomoyasu Miura (Independent Outside Director), and Takayuki Yokota (Director, Representative Corporate Executive Deputy President) serving as committee members; independent outside directors comprise a majority of the Committee\*. In FY2024, the Remuneration Committee met fourteen (14) times and the four (4) Remuneration Committee members attended all of the meetings. Items implemented and specific items for consideration by the Remuneration Committee were as follows.

\* As of the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders and the Board of Directors meeting on June 25, 2025, Mitsuhiro Nagahama (Independent Outside Director) was appointed as the committee chairperson, and Yoshiaki Yoshikawa (Independent Outside Director) and Takayuki Yokota (Director, Representative Corporate Executive Deputy President) were appointed as committee members.

Items implemented	Specific items for consideration
Action plan for the current fiscal year	The Remuneration Committee evaluated and decided on the items for consideration and its annual action plan for the current fiscal year.
Determination of policies and system for determining details of remuneration for directors and corporate executives	The Remuneration Committee revised the policies and system used to decide the details of remuneration for directors and corporate executives in anticipation of the new mediumterm plan beginning in FY2025, including reviewing the remuneration levels and ratios for directors and corporate executives, revising the KPI for performance-linked remuneration, and introducing a clawback provision applicable in cases such as financial results revisions and illegal acts.
Determination of individual remuneration for directors and corporate executives	In addition to evaluating the performance of corporate executives in FY2023, based on the policy for determining details of remuneration for directors and corporate executives, the Remuneration Committee determined details of individual remuneration for directors and corporate executives.
Confirmation of the external environment as for officers' remuneration	The Remuneration Committee made regular confirmation of the current remuneration system for officers and the remuneration level in light of information on other companies and general trends provided by external specialized institutions, etc.

4. Appointment of director candidates, and election/dismissal of the CEO and other senior executives

#### a Directors

In terms of basic qualifications, a candidate for director is to be a person with excellent character and insight who contributes to the growth of the Company and the Group as a whole and helps to enhance enterprise value. When nominating and electing candidates for director, the Nomination Committee also assesses the skills matrix and composition of the current committee, comprehensively taking into consideration diversity of the Board as a whole (nationality, gender, etc.)

#### b. The CEO and other senior executives

The appointment of the CEO and other senior executives (president & CEO, deputy president, and corporate executives) is decided by the Board of Directors after deliberation by the Nomination Committee, based on appointment criteria and the desired composition of the Board of Directors.

## Appointment criteria

As the basic requirements, senior executives must have a full of understanding of the Group philosophy, deep knowledge of corporate management, wide-ranging experience both inside and outside Japan and a high level of insight into corporate governance, CSR, and compliance, as well as the ability to lead the entire Group and guide it to sustainable growth.

## Dismissal criteria

Concerning policies and procedures for dismissing senior executives, the candidate for dismissal undergoes a fair and rigorous process of examination and deliberation by the Nomination Committee based on the following criteria. If the committee judges that the dismissal is appropriate, it is sent to the Board of Directors for approval.

Reasons for proposing dismissal include serious business problems arising from a violation of the law or the Articles of Incorporation, circumstances that make it difficult for the person to perform and continue in the job, and a reason for retirement that is stipulated by law. In deliberating the dismissal of the president and CEO, the Nomination Committee will also take into consideration declining financial results and other such quantitative data.

## 5. Status of accounting audits

The Company has retained the services of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC (DTT) to conduct statutory audits, as obliged by the Companies Act and by the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act. There exist no special interests between the Company and DTT or between the Company and the engagement partners of DTT who conduct the Company's audits. Furthermore, DTT takes measures to ensure that none of its engagement partners are involved with the Company's audits for more than seven years. DTT has been conducting the Company's audits for an uninterrupted period of 25 years. The Company has concluded a contract with DTT to conduct statutory audits, as obliged by the Companies Act and by the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, and has paid compensation as set forth in the contract. The names of the certified public accountants who executed their duties in FY2024 and details of the team assisting them in the audit work are as follows:

Certified public accountants who conducted the audit: Seiji Oguchi, Takusei Kashiwamura

Composition of team assisting in the audit: 7 certified public accountants, 33 others

## 6. Status of internal audits

The Company's internal audits are intended to help us achieve the azbil Group's management goals. All azbil Group companies are subject to these audits, which monitor management/operational organization and systems, business execution, business risk response, compliance status, and internal control system functions across all management activities. On the basis of these audits, the Internal Audit Department provides specific advice and recommendations for business improvement.

In addition, within the Internal Audit Department there is an independent internal reporting system, which plays a role in preventing irregularities but also enables a rapid response should something of that nature arise.

The Internal Audit Department is established directly under the president and CEO as an independent organization. It receives instructions on its audit function from the Audit Committee and on departmental operation from the president and CEO. It conducts independent, objective, and risk-based internal audits in accordance with the International Standards for the internal audit profession and the Global Internal Audit Standards. Internal audit plans are drafted in consultation with the Audit Committee, whose approval is required. On completion, the results of an internal audit are reported to the Audit Committee and to the president and CEO; they are also shared with the officer in charge of internal audits, and with relevant second-line departments, which provide support for any improvements needed to address issues identified in the audits. The Internal Audit Department

follows up on these to check that the improvements have been made. The Board of Directors is informed by the Internal Audit Department of evaluations it has conducted of internal controls related to financial reporting based on the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, and also of the results of related operational audits. As of the date of this report, there are 20 members\* of the Internal Audit Department, of whom 5 hold the CIA (Certified Internal Auditor) qualification, 1 holds the CISA (Certified Information Systems Auditor) qualification, and 8 hold the QIA (Qualified Internal Auditor) qualification. We continue to enhance the professionalism with which our internal audits are conducted.

\* Some members have more than 1 qualification.

#### Executive remuneration

As part of strengthening corporate governance and delivering sustainable increases in enterprise value through achieving the Group's management goals, the Company has established a policy on the determination of the individual remuneration of directors and corporate executives. The specific details are as laid out in "Disclosure of Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods" and "Incentives".

## 8. Others

The Company and the outside directors have entered into a contract to limit legal liability under Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, pursuant to the provisions of Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. The limit of legal liability under said contract is the minimum liability amount stipulated by laws and regulations. However, such limitation of liability is applicable only when the outside director was performing the duties that gave rise to such responsibility in good faith and without gross negligence. In addition, the Company has concluded Officer Liability Policies with an insurance company as stipulated in Article 430-3 Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, with the Company and its subsidiaries' directors, Audit & Supervisory Board members, and executive officers, etc. being included in the scope of the insurance. Per these liability policies, the insurance company will cover damages incurred by the insured persons in bearing responsibility for the execution of their duties or as a result of claims received in pursuit of these responsibilities. However, as a measure to ensure that the appropriateness of the duties of the insured persons is not lost, damages resulting from negligence, illegal personal profit-sharing, and criminal actions are not covered. The insured persons are not responsible for the insurance premiums.

## 3. Reasons for Adopting the Current Corporate Governance System

The azbil Group has established its long-term targets (to achieve by FY2030) and a medium-term plan (FY2025-FY2027), whose aim is to contribute "in series" to a sustainable society and achieve growth through providing automation-related products and services. Guided by the Group philosophy of "human-centered automation", we will secure our own medium- and long-term development while implementing sustainable enhancement of enterprise value. At the same time, we recognize that it is corporate governance which provides the foundation for such sustainable enhancement of enterprise value, and so improving corporate governance is a key issue for management. We are therefore working to strengthen the supervisory and auditing functions of the Board of Directors, enhance the transparency and soundness of management, and clarify responsibilities for business execution.

As a company with a three-committee board structure, three statutory committees—the Nomination Committee, Audit Committee, and Remuneration Committee—have been established, each having a majority of independent outside directors and being chaired by an independent outside director. In addition, by substantially transferring business execution authority from the Board of Directors to corporate executives with clear legal responsibilities, we are clearly separating supervisory and execution functions to ensure a business execution system based on flexible and efficient decision-making, while at the same time enhancing the objective supervision of management.

Playing a central role in this is the Board of Directors, which has a total of 10 directors as of June 25, 2025; outside directors now represent a majority of the Board, whose composition demonstrates ample diversity, including that of nationality and gender.

## III. Implementation of Measures for Shareholders and Other Stakeholders

# 1. Measures to Revitalize the General Shareholders Meeting and Facilitate the Exercise of Voting Rights Update

	Supplementary explanation		
Early notification of General Shareholders Meeting	The notice is sent about seven (7) days before the legally stipulated day.		
Scheduling of General Shareholders Meeting to avoid the peak day	The 103 <sup>rd</sup> Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders was held on June 25, 2025.		
Allowing the electronic exercise of voting rights	The electronic exercise of voting rights via the Internet is allowed.		
Participation in an electronic voting platform and other measures to improve the voting environment for institutional investors	The Company participates in an electronic voting platform.		
Provision of notice of Annual Shareholders Meeting (summary) in English	The notice of an upcoming General Meeting of Shareholders is posted in English on the Company's website and on the Tokyo Stock Exchange's website for foreign shareholders at the same time as the notice in Japanese.		
Other	The notice of an upcoming General Meeting of Shareholders is posted on the Company's website and on the Tokyo Stock Exchange's website, etc. about ten (10) days before mailing for early provision of agenda information, etc. In addition to live broadcasts of parts of the proceedings on the day of the General Meeting of Shareholders, a video recording of some of the proceedings is made available on our website at a later date.		

# 2. IR Activities Updated

	Supplementary explanation	In-person explanations by the Company Representative
Preparation and publication of disclosure policy	The Company has its own disclosure policy. It is available on the Company's website. <a href="https://www.azbil.com/ir/management/disclosure/index.html">https://www.azbil.com/ir/management/disclosure/index.html</a>	
Regular investor briefings for analysts and institutional investors	Twice a year the president & CEO, as well as an officer in charge of corporate communications, explain the financial results and managing strategy.	Held
Regular investor briefings for foreign investors	Periodically the president & CEO, as well as an officer in charge of corporate communications, explain the financial results and managing strategy.	Held
Posting of IR materials on website	https://www.azbil.com/ir/index.html Securities Report, Summary of Financial Results, Financial Results Presentation materials, Business Report, azbil Report, ESG Databook, Fact Sheet, Notice of General Meeting of Shareholders, Resolution Notices, etc. are posted.	
Establishment of department and/or appointment of manager in charge of IR	Department in charge: Group Management Headquarters, Investor Relations Officer in charge: Director and Representative Corporate Executive Deputy President Takayuki Yokota, who is in charge of corporate communications	

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# Stipulation of internal rules for respecting the position of stakeholders

The Company's basic attitude to stakeholders is set down in the azbil Group's Code of Conduct based on our Group philosophy, "human-centered automation". The azbil Group's contribution to society is posted on the Company's website. <a href="https://www.azbil.com/csr/basic/compliance/business-conduct-quidelines.html">https://www.azbil.com/csr/basic/compliance/business-conduct-quidelines.html</a>

# Implementation of environmental protection activities, CSR activities, etc.

These activities are detailed in the *azbil Report* (the Company's integrated report) and on the Company's website. https://www.azbil.com/csr/index.html

The azbil Group Code of Conduct and the azbil Group Basic Policy on Human Rights stipulate that within the Company there should be no discrimination or harassment based on a person's race, nationality, gender, beliefs, birth, disability, etc., and that we should never turn a blind eye to discrimination. In order to foster happiness among the peoples of the world through the realization of "human-centered automation", as set forth in the Group philosophy, we must first respect the individuality of each and every employee, and strive to create a corporate culture in which a diversity of human resources can be nurtured and put to good use

At the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 25, 2025, three (3) female directors (one of whom is a foreign national) were appointed, resulting in a Board of Directors that represents ample diversity in terms of both nationality and gender.

## Approach to Ensuring Diversity

We believe that the driving force for corporate growth is respect for the individuality of each person, making use of their qualities, so they can enhance their performance by working with vitality. The Guiding Principles for azbil Group Business emphasize "Creating dynamic value through diverse human resources and teamwork" and "Growing constantly through innovation and a corporate culture of continual learning". We value the diversity of our human resources—each employee valued for their own personality, abilities, and knowledge—and at the same time we encourage them to continuously learn and grow by thinking "outside the box" and taking innovative action, unconstrained by precedent. In addition, by appointing and treating employees based on a fair evaluation of their ability to perform, we are ensuring that people with diverse personalities, characteristics, and experiences—including women, foreigners, and mid-career hires—are now actively engaged as our core human resources. This is all tied in with our initiatives designed to increase the value of human capital that contributes to the sustainable growth of the Company.

Voluntary and measurable goals for ensuring diversity: progress to date

## (1) Female employees

Taking the number of women employed by the Company at each level, and weighting these according to position in the organization—officer, manager, etc.—we arrive at our own metric (expressed as points), enabling us to determine our progress in meeting the target we had set for our core human resources, which was to double this figure by FY2024, compared to FY2017. As a result of our efforts, the target was exceeded: in FY2024 our metric had risen to 2.3 times the figure for FY2017.

We have now set new targets: to increase the percentage of female managers to at least 10% by FY2030, and to double the percentage of female managers in the Group's domestic companies by FY2027, compared to FY2017. We will advance diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives to enable employees to play even more prominent roles in the organization.

## (2) Foreign employees

In addition to globalization, we are promoting the hiring of foreign nationals: we have hired 15 new university graduates who are foreign nationals in 2025 and have set a target of hiring 10 or more overseas university graduates and foreign nationals as part of our goal of hiring around 120 new graduates in 2026. By bringing together a wide range of human resources—including Japanese employees given the opportunity to work overseas, and employees of overseas subsidiaries given the opportunity to study in Japan—we are creating new value while globalizing our human resources. In addition, according to their demonstrated capabilities, we are promoting them to our core human resources, and we have 5 foreign nationals in senior management positions in the Company.

## (3) Mid-career hires

On the expectation that they will be able to "hit the ground running", we have been hiring a number of mid-career staff every year. We hired 78 in FY2024 and have

## Other

set a goal of hiring 50 mid-career candidates in FY2025. To date, they have demonstrated practical business skills and are being promoted to managerial positions within the organization suited to their proven capabilities. Regarding the participation of these mid-career hires as core human resources, as of June 2025, 199 were in senior management positions, a figure which represents 18% of all senior management positions.

Human resource development policies and internal environmental enhancement policies to ensure diversity (current status)

The Azbil Academy, which is an organization specifically established for HR development, fosters the human resources that will propel operational reforms, including work-style reforms and diversity promotion. Launched in FY2017, the Diversity Promotion Task Force has made significant progress with developing leadership skills and diverse work styles, as well as reforming the corporate culture. We will next be expanding our existing initiatives, which focus on female participation, to include foreign nationals and mid-career hires. Furthermore, in the Health and Well-being Declaration of 2019, the Company and its employees declared that they will strive together to create a comfortable work environment that facilitates work, and to actively promote physical and mental health. The declaration also says that they will respect opportunities for diverse human resources to work and actively participate, with mutual recognition of differences in social and physical characteristics, ideas and values. We have established support systems so that employees can balance work and family life—including childcare, nursing care, and various other life events—and we are working to further improve the workplace environment so that all employees can continue their work comfortably and easily.

## IV. Matters Related to the Internal Control System

1. Basic Approach to and Enhancement of the Internal Control System

Updated

Regarding the Company's internal control system, the Board of Directors partially revised the azbil Group Basic Policy on Internal Control System Architecture at its meeting held on May 13, 2025. The revised azbil Group Basic Policy on Internal Control System Architecture and its current implementation are summarized as follows.

Summary of Resolution

Pursuant to Article 416, Paragraph 1, Item 1 of the Companies Act, the establishment of an internal control system is to be specifically implemented by Azbil Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") and its subsidiaries\* (hereinafter referred to as the "Subsidiaries" and, collectively with the Company, as the "azbil Group"). As well as clarifying the basic policy—which is to be complied with by the Company's corporate executives, executive officers, and other employees, as well as by the directors, executive officers and other employees of its Subsidiaries (hereinafter referred to as "officers and employees")—this sets forth the principal features of the system required for the maintenance of an internal control system as stipulated in Article 112 of the Regulation for Enforcement of the Companies Act. The purpose of the internal control system based on this policy is to create an efficient, lawful, and transparent corporate structure through improvement by constant review.

\* Of the Subsidiaries separately designated in the azbil Group Management Basic Policy, the Subsidiaries subject to basic policies are consolidated Subsidiaries whose annual net sales account for 1 % or more of the consolidated sales of the azbil Group.

Systems to ensure the appropriateness of the Company's operations and the azbil Group's operations

- 1. System to ensure that the execution of duties by officers and employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries shall comply with laws, regulations, and the Articles of Incorporation
- (1) Aiming to be a corporate group that contributes to society and is trusted by it, the officers and employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries shall comply not only with laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation but also with the Guiding Principles for azbil Group Business and the azbil Group Code of Conduct, while maintaining high standards of corporate ethics and conducting sound business activities. To do so, the Company and its Subsidiaries shall designate an executive at each company to be responsible for compliance promotion activities and together they shall tirelessly promote compliance initiatives.
- (2) In addition to what is stated in the preceding paragraph, the Company and each of its separately designated Subsidiaries shall formulate their own action plans to promote compliance—including compliance with laws, regulations, and the Articles of Incorporation—

and they shall report the results of implementation to their own Board of Directors.

- (3) The Company, to promote compliance-related activities throughout the entire Group, shall establish the azbil Group CSR Promotion Committee, and shall create action plans for the Group as a whole, manage progress, and provide guidance and advice to Subsidiaries.
- (4) The Company and its Subsidiaries shall establish internal control systems to ensure the appropriateness of business activities. To do so, the officers and employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries shall endeavor to develop and implement the basic elements of internal control, including the control environment, in the performance of business, and shall seek to maintain and improve the status of internal control by complying with relevant laws and regulations, business process manuals, etc.
- (5) In accordance with the Internal Audit Rules, the Internal Audit Department of the Company shall conduct audits periodically, or as necessary, on the status of compliance promotion activities at the Company and Subsidiaries and their establishment of internal control systems.
- (6) In the event where the Company or its Subsidiaries engage in serious illegal or unethical acts, or where there is a significant adverse impact on society, the officers and employees of the Company and Subsidiaries shall report this using either the designated reporting channels or the internal reporting system.
- (7) The Internal Audit Department of the Company shall maintain, develop and properly operate the internal reporting system and related mechanisms. Any expansion or modification of the scope of the internal reporting system shall be implemented after reporting to the Board of Directors.
  - 2. System for the storage and management of information related to the execution of duties by the Company's corporate executives
- (1) The officers and employees of the Company shall comply with the Rules for Storage and Management of Information Related to the Execution of Duties by Corporate Executives and so forth, and they shall store and manage information related to the execution of duties appropriately.
- (2) As regards the formulation, revision, or abolition of the rules in the preceding paragraph, the Corporate Secretariat Office shall be responsible, with the approval of the Management Meeting. Operational status shall be evaluated/reviewed as necessary.
- (3) In accordance with the Internal Audit Rules, the Internal Audit Department of the Company shall conduct audits, on a regular basis or as necessary, on the status of operations and management of the Internal Audit Rules and others.
  - 3. Regulations and other systems for managing the risk of loss at the Company and Subsidiaries
- (1) To properly manage the risk of loss and ensure the continuity and stable development of business, the Company's Board of Directors shall receive reports of risks that could cause significant loss to the management of the azbil Group as a whole (aG major risks) in accordance with the azbil Group Risk Management Rules.
- (2) The Company shall instruct its Subsidiaries, as necessary, in order to promote countermeasures against what have been identified as aG major risks.
- (3) In addition to what is stated in the preceding paragraph, separately designated Subsidiaries shall independently identify their own major risks, and work to establish and promote countermeasures against those risks.
- (4) In accordance with the Internal Audit Rules, the Internal Audit Department of the Company shall conduct internal audits, on a regular basis or as necessary, of the status of implementation of the risk management system of the Company and its Subsidiaries.
  - 4. System to ensure the efficient execution of duties by the Company's corporate executives and by the directors of Subsidiaries
- (1) To ensure the efficient and prompt execution of business activities without compromising the soundness of the enterprise, the Company and its Subsidiaries shall develop an organizational system and rules regarding administrative authority for the effective execution of business.
- (2) Officers and employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries shall take actions to ensure the achievement of the medium-term plan and the annual plan, and shall periodically review whether the execution of business is progressing as initially planned.
- (3) In accordance with the Rules for Division of Duties and other relevant regulations, the Company shall provide necessary support and guidance to its Subsidiaries to improve the efficiency and standard of operations of the azbil Group as a whole.
  - (4) At both the Company and its Subsidiaries, to ensure thorough deliberation by the Board of Directors on matters that require Board

approval, a system shall be established whereby materials related to agenda items are distributed to all executives in advance.

- 5. System for reporting to the Company matters related to the execution of duties by officers and employees of Subsidiaries
- (1) In the execution of their duties, Subsidiaries shall obtain the Company's approval or report to the Company in accordance with the azbil Group Management Basic Policy that stipulates management control matters to be discussed by the Company's Board of Directors.
- (2) In addition to what is stated in the preceding paragraph, domestic Subsidiaries shall report to the Company—directly, at regular meetings of Group company presidents, or at other meetings—on the status of their own businesses and on important management matters.
- (3) Overseas subsidiaries shall, in addition to what is stated in paragraph (1) above, report to the Company—directly, or through the Company's relevant department(s)—on the status of their own businesses and on important management matters.

Matters necessary for the performance of the duties of the Audit Committee

- 1. Matters concerning officers and employees assisting the Company's Audit Committee; matters concerning the independence of such officers and employees from the Company's corporate executives; and matters to ensure the effectiveness of the Audit Committee's instructions to these officers and employees
- (1) The Company shall establish an Audit Committee Office within the Internal Audit Department and assign full-time employees to assist the Audit Committee in its duties.
- (2) To maintain the independence, from the Company's corporate executives, of the aforesaid employees assigned to assist the duties of the Audit Committee, personnel transfers involving these employees shall be decided with the prior consent of the Audit Committee.

  Also, the performance evaluation of the Audit Committee Office manager is determined through an evaluation by the Audit Committee.
- (3) To maintain the independence, from the Company's corporate executives, of the executive officers in charge of the Internal Audit Department and the head of the Internal Audit Department, personnel transfers, evaluations and budget matters involving these executive officers and the head of the Internal Audit Department shall be decided with the prior consent of the Audit Committee.
- (4) Full-time employees assigned to assist the Audit Committee in its duties shall perform their duties under the direction and instructions of the Audit Committee.
- 2. System for reporting to the Company's Audit Committee by officers and employees of the Company and Subsidiaries and by Audit & Supervisory Board members of Subsidiaries; and system to ensure that a person making such as report shall not be treated disadvantageously as a result of said reporting
- (1) In the event that any officer or employee of the Company or its Subsidiaries discovers any matter that may invite significant loss to the Company or its Subsidiaries; or any serious deficiency in the internal control system or procedures; or the occurrence of any serious violation of laws and regulations or fraud, they shall make a report to their top management and to the department responsible for internal control if such has been established. On receipt of such a report, a Subsidiary's top management or internal control department shall make a report to the Company's top management and Internal Audit Department, as well as to the Subsidiary's own directors and Audit & Supervisory Board members, if the latter have been appointed. Also, on receipt of such a report, the Company's top management and Internal Audit Department shall report it to the Company's directors, corporate executives, and the Audit Committee.
- (2) In addition to the reporting system described in the preceding paragraph, the Company shall maintain, develop, and appropriately operate the azbil Group's internal reporting system.
- (3) The department in charge of the internal reporting system in the Company shall make regular reports to the Audit Committee regarding the status of internal reports from the officers and employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries.
- (4) Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs, the Audit Committee of the Company may, at any time, request necessary reports from the officers and employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries and from the Audit & Supervisory Board members of the Subsidiaries.
- (5) Internal rules shall be developed to ensure the Company and Subsidiaries do not treat officers or employees disadvantageously because they made such a report to the Audit Committee of the Company or to the Audit & Supervisory Board members of a Subsidiary.
- 3. Matters concerning the policy for the handling of expenses and financial obligations arising from the performance of duties by the Company's Audit Committee members
  - (1) The Company shall promptly handle expenses and financial obligations with respect to costs incurred by Audit Committee members

in the performance of their duties, and any costs incurred when they seek the opinion of outside experts such as lawyers in forming their own opinion, except when the Company demonstrates that such expenses were not required for the performance of the Audit Committee's duties.

- (2) The Company shall set aside in advance a budget for the Audit Committee and for the full-time employees engaged in assisting the Audit Committee in the performance of their duties, and shall not interfere in the execution of that budget. However, this excludes cases where the Company demonstrates that the costs were not required for the performance of the Audit Committee's duties.
  - 4. Other systems to ensure that the audits of the Company's Audit Committee are implemented effectively
- (1) Audit Committee members may attend meetings of the Board of Directors and other important meetings such as the Management Meeting; may inspect key approval forms and other documents related to the execution of business operations; and may request explanations from officers and employees.
- (2) To establish a system that enables the efficient implementation of audits, the Audit Committee shall regularly exchange information and collaborate with the Company's directors, corporate executives, and Internal Audit Department, as well as with Subsidiaries' directors, Audit & Supervisory Board members, and accounting auditors.

Summary of the operational status of the system to ensure the appropriateness of business activities

The following is a summary of the operational status of the system to ensure the appropriateness of business activities in FY2024.

#### 1. Compliance systems

- The azbil Group, guided by the Group philosophy of "human-centered automation," has formulated the Guiding Principles for azbil Group Business and the azbil Group Code of Conduct, striving to create a corporate culture permeated by compliance awareness. To do so, the Company and its Subsidiaries have appointed officers who are responsible for controlling and promoting company-wide compliance-related activities, and have designated compliance managers and compliance leaders to ensure thorough compliance and to provide education and supervision for employees with the cooperation of the department in charge of compliance. In the current fiscal year, to strengthen compliance systems throughout the azbil Group, on April 1, 2025 we decided to establish the azbil Group Compliance Committee composed of top management. Furthermore, to strengthen export management, we are creating awareness within the Group about the U.S. Export Administration Regulations (EAR) that tighten regulations for semiconductor-related applications, and the increased number of companies on its Entity List, as well as the promulgation of China's new Regulations on Export Control of Dual-Use Items under the PRC Export Control Law. Additionally, we are strengthening the confidential information management systems at our overseas Subsidiaries, clarifying rules on approval authority, revising penalty guidelines, and working to improve the guidelines in our azbil Group Basic Policy on Anti-corruption Practices. In our domestic and overseas audits, depending on the field being audited, our Internal Audit Department performed the audits in cooperation with management departments.
- To promote compliance-related activities throughout the azbil Group, the Company has formed a permanent meeting structure to promote CSR related activities, where an officer of the Company in charge of compliance is appointed as chief officer, and officers in charge of compliance at each subsidiary are appointed as members. This organization creates action plans for the entire Group, managing progress and providing guidance to Subsidiaries.
- The officers and employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries may use the CSR Hotline system, in Japan and abroad, to consult and report, pursuant to the Rules for the Consultation and Reporting System of aG employees. Unfair treatment of people initiating consultations and reports is prohibited by these rules, and we have made this known internally. In the current fiscal year, with the establishment of the azbil Group Basic Policy on Human Rights and the promulgation of Japan's Act on Ensuring Proper Transactions Involving Specified Entrusted Business Operators ("Freelance Act"), we have revised our rules for the consultation and reporting system of aG employees to expand the scope of consultations and reporting and also the scope of persons able to request consultations and provide reports to cover all stakeholders. We are also making progress in offering our external website, the azbil Group Consultation and Reporting Helpdesk, in multiple languages. Furthermore, for important items that should be considered in any consultation using the CSR Hotline system, we have worked to raise awareness internally and we have had employees perform self-checks. While the CSR Hotline system complies with the personal information protection laws of the countries in which it is available, in the current fiscal year we are responding to amendments made to the personal information protection laws of Indonesia and Saudi Arabia.
- As contingency planning for responding to serious illegal or unethical acts, the Company and its Subsidiaries have formulated
  Rules for Reporting in Emergency and Serious Situations. Should such an emergency or serious situation occur, using the system
  provided, reports shall be made to the top management and Audit & Supervisory Board members of any Subsidiary involved as well
  as to the Company's top management and Audit Committee. Furthermore, regarding the status of response to emergency or

- serious situations and the implementation status of measures to prevent recurrence, reports are regularly made at Board of Directors meetings attended by Audit Committee members.
- The Company's Internal Audit Department conducts audits to verify the situation relating to (a) the promotion of compliance and the establishment of internal control procedures at the Company and its Subsidiaries; (b) operation and management with respect to the regulations stipulated in (2) below; and (c) the development of risk management systems in (3) below. Furthermore, the audit results are reported to the Audit Committee members, the corporate executives, and the officers in charge. In addition to improvements made at each company based on the audit results, we have created a transversal improvement response team centered on the relevant organizations to advance initiatives aimed at resolving issues.
- Regarding internal control associated with the reliability of financial reporting under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act (J-SOX), we have been working to create awareness about the importance of internal control and to raise the standard of our internal control by issuing management messages on appropriate accounting procedures, and by implementing accounting compliance education and internal control education. Moreover, in the current fiscal year, following amendments to our internal control standards and internal control implementation standards, we are expanding the companies covered by our J-SOX all-company control assessment, revising our assessment items and implementing our assessment.

#### 2. Storage and management of information

• Pursuant to the Rules for Storage and Management of Information Related to the Execution of Duties by Corporate Executives and so forth, the Company has created a department in charge of storing and managing the minutes of Board of Directors meetings and as well as those of the Management Meeting, and other important documents and information.

#### 3. Risk management systems

- Pursuant to the azbil Group Risk Management Rules, the Company reports on—at Board of Directors meetings, following screening
  by the azbil Group Risk Management Committee and its superior body, the azbil Group General Risk Committee—aG major risks
  which may cause significant losses for the overall Group management. While strengthening the comprehensive risk management
  system and countermeasures, the Company also instructs its Subsidiaries, when necessary, to promote such measures within the
  Group.
- The Board of Directors of each Subsidiary identifies its own major risks. Countermeasures are then prepared and promoted, and the results of their implementation and risk mitigation are reported to their Board.
- The Company is also working to promptly resolve crises in the event of a reported emergency or major incident through the establishment of an Emergency Headquarters to deal with such events. The state of these activities is regularly reported to the Board of Directors.

## 4. System for efficient execution of duties

- The officers and employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries develop a medium-term plan and an annual plan, and take actions based on such plans. We conduct regular reviews of operational status, follow the progress of business execution, and plan new measures.
- In accordance with the Rules for Division of Duties and other rules, the Company provides necessary support and guidance to its Subsidiaries to enhance the efficiency and standard of business operations of the Group as a whole.
- To ensure thorough deliberation by the Board of Directors, and while seeking ways to improve the operation of Board meetings, the Company and its Subsidiaries distribute materials related to the agenda in advance of meetings. In addition, the Company holds briefings for outside directors regarding items scheduled for discussion at meetings of the Board of Directors.

## 5. Group management system

- Pursuant to the azbil Group Management Basic Policy, for certain important items Subsidiaries report to or obtain approval from the Company's Board of Directors or the Management Meeting, which decides on business execution matters within the scope of the authority of the president & CEO.
- The management status of major Subsidiaries is reported at meetings of Group company presidents and meetings on the financial results of Subsidiaries, while business status and performance, as well as important management items relating to overseas Subsidiaries are reported via the Group's Global Meeting for overseas Subsidiaries.

# 6. Audit system implemented by the Audit Committee

- The Company has established an Audit Committee Office in the Internal Audit Division to which it has assigned two staff members with dedicated responsibility to assist the duties of the Audit Committee, performing their duties under the direction and instruction of the Audit Committee. Personnel transfers are decided with the consent of the Audit Committee, and the performance evaluation of the Audit Committee Office manager is determined through an evaluation by the Audit Committee. Furthermore, personnel rotations, performance evaluations, and the budget for the executive officer responsible for the Internal Audit Division and the Internal Audit Division manager are determined with the consent of the Audit Committee.
- · Regarding matters raised or reported via the aforementioned CSR Hotline system by officers and employees of the Company and

its Subsidiaries, the Internal Audit Department reports on these to the Audit Committee on a monthly basis, and detailed reports are presented at the quarterly liaison meetings for the Audit Committee.

- The Company bears and promptly handles expenses incurred by Audit Committee members in the performance of their duties.
- The Audit Committee members attend meetings of the Board of Directors and other important meetings including those of the Management Meeting, inspect key approval forms and other documents related to the execution of business, and request explanations from the officers and employees, regularly or when necessary. In addition, the Audit Committee may obtain the opinion of lawyers, with whom they have individually concluded advisory contracts, as appropriate.
- The Company's Audit Committee regularly holds meetings with the directors, corporate executives, the Internal Audit Department, the accounting auditor, the directors and the Audit & Supervisory Board members of Subsidiaries to share information, communicate and provide reports, and exchange opinions and information as needed to improve the effectiveness of audits.

## 2. Basic Approach to and Progress Towards Shunning Anti-Social Forces

Being aware of the public nature of the Company, we have established the Guiding Principles for azbil Group Business and the Code of Conduct. These internal regulations have been formulated so as to shoulder responsibility for maintaining sound management, and to fulfill the Company's social responsibilities to the community and the economy, both in Japan and overseas. These regulations state that our basic policy is to take a firm stance in opposition to groups that engage in anti-social behavior and to resolutely eradicate any relationship with them. A unit has been set up in the General Affairs Department to oversee the corporate response to such anti-social forces. There is also close cooperation between Group companies on such issues, and manuals have been prepared to provide guidance. In addition, arrangements have been made to facilitate cooperation with local police forces and dedicated organizations such as the Special Violence Prevention Council. We are striving to improve our efforts in this regard and participate in various seminars and workshops—mainly organized for the General Affairs Department staff from each company.

## V. Other

## 1. Adoption of Anti-takeover Measures

Adoption of Anti-takeover Measures	Not adopted
Supplementary Explanation	

## 2. Other Matters Concerning the Corporate Governance System

The status of our internal system for timely disclosure of company information is as follows.

1. Basic policy for timely disclosure

The Company's basic policy is to ensure management transparency for shareholders and other parties involved with the Company, and to disclose information in a timely and appropriate manner in order to realize fair management. The Company discloses information in accordance with our own corporate regulations, with the Companies Act and with the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, and with other relevant laws and regulations, as well as with the Rules Concerning Timely Disclosure of Corporate Information by Issuers of Listed Securities (hereinafter referred to as the Timely Disclosure Rules) stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE).

2. Internal system for timely disclosure

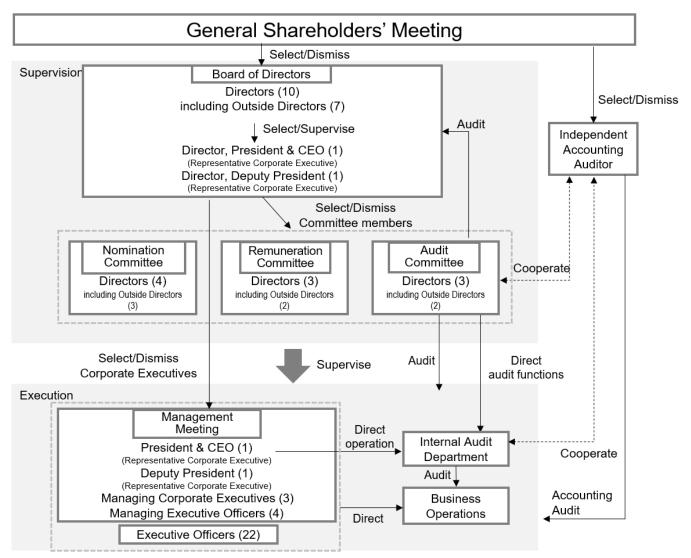
Important information is reported to the corporate communications officer and to information management departments (General Affairs Department and Group Management Headquarters) from each division of the Company and from azbil Group companies. The information management departments determine whether disclosure is required based on the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, the Timely Disclosure Rules, etc. If timely disclosure is necessary, the disclosure materials will be registered in the Timely Disclosure Information Transmission System (TDnet) provided by the TSE as soon as approved by or reported to the Board of Directors. These disclosure materials are also posted on the Company's website after publication on TDnet.

3. Check function for timely disclosure

In order to ensure the transparency and reliability of corporate information subject to disclosure, the Audit Committee monitors and

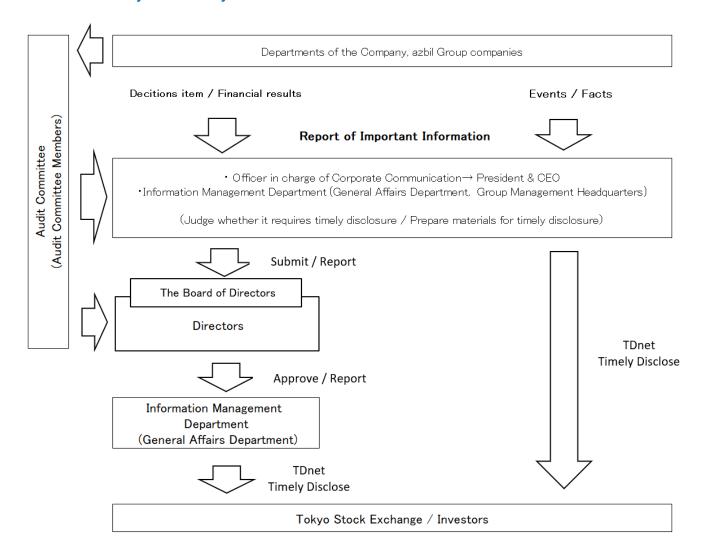
verifies that the directors and corporate executives have established appropriate systems for information preparation and disclosure, and that they are operating these systems appropriately. In addition, the Company receives advice on disclosure content, etc. as necessary from third parties such as lawyers and audit companies.

(As of June 25, 2025)



\*The chairperson of the Board is an independent outside director.

# Schematic of timely disclosure system



## **Skills Expected of Directors**

At a Board of Directors meeting held on May 14, 2021, we established the skills expected of the directors from the viewpoint of sustainable increase in enterprise value, including the realization of the medium-term plan. Regarding the skill items, the Board of Directors and the Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Company conducted an objective review considering the Group philosophy, business model, growth strategy, etc., and selected seven (7) important items expected of the directors to support growth toward the "contribution 'in series' to a sustainable society" outlined in the medium-term plan. Of these, "corporate management/sustainability," "global business," and "IT, technology/control and automation business" are particularly relevant to the Group's sustainable growth over the medium and long term. Of the 10 directors, three (3) are women (one of whom is a foreign national).

# Skills expected of directors (skills matrix)

(As of June 25, 2025)

N		Independence	Diversity	Expected skills						
Name (Age) Current Positions	Independent officer	Gender	Corporate management/ sustainability*Note	Global business	Financial affairs, accounting, finance	IT, technology/ control and auto -mation business	Sales, marketing	Manufacturing, research and development	Legal, risk management, compliance	
Kiyohiro Yamamoto (60)	Director, Representative Corporate Executive, President & Group CEO, Nomination Committee Member		M	0	0		0	0	0	
Takayuki Yokota (64)	Director, Representative Corporate Executive Deputy President, Remuneration Committee Member		М	0	0	0				0
Hisaya Katsuta (67)	Director, Audit Committee Member		M			0			0	0
Mitsuhiro Nagahama (71)	Outside Director, Remuneration Committee Chairperson	0	M	0	0	0				
Anne Ka Tse Hung (61)	Outside Director, Nomination Committee Member	0	F		0					0
Shigeaki Yoshikawa (72)	Outside Director, Nomination Committee Chairperson Remuneration Committee Member	0	M	0	0			0		
Tomoyasu Miura (63)	Outside Director, Chairperson of the Board	0	M	0			0	$\circ$		
Sachiko Ichikawa (58)	Outside Director, Nomination Committee Member	0	F	0		0				0
Hiroshi Yoshida (66)	Outside Director, Audit Committee Chairperson	0	M	0		0			0	
Satoko Nakatani (60)	Outside Director, Audit Committee Member	0	F	0		0				0

<sup>\*</sup>Note: In order for the azbil Group to be able to achieve its stated objective of contributing "in series" to a sustainable society, "corporate management" and "sustainability" have been included together as one expected skill. Additionally, this item includes skills regarding the strengthening of human capital from the viewpoint of sustainability.

## **Remuneration Policy**

# **Remuneration Policy of Azbil Corporation**

Guided by the azbil Group philosophy of "human-centered automation," Azbil Corporation ("the Company") aims, through business expansion, to continuously enhance enterprise value by making contributions that lead "in series" to a sustainable society, endeavoring to realize the well-being of society as well as Group employees, while building relationships of trust with all stakeholders.

With regard to our executive remuneration system, in order to add impetus to the realization of our long-term targets (to achieve by FY2030) and the medium-term plan (FY2025-FY2027), we will further increase the corporate executives' awareness of the need to contribute to enhancing enterprise value and their motivation to maximize shareholder value, as well as improving our competitiveness when it comes to attracting, for management, the highly skilled human resources needed to realize our goals, while also ensuring that directors who are not responsible for business execution can share value with our shareholders. With this system, we will promote initiatives to contribute "in series" to a sustainable society.

# ■ The azbil Group philosophy

The azbil Group philosophy is to realize safety, comfort and fulfillment in people's lives and contribute to global environmental preservation through "human-centered automation." To achieve this,

- We create value together with customers at their site.
- We pursue our unique value based on the idea of "human-centered."
- We think towards the future and act progressively.

# ■ Basic policy regarding executive remuneration

Aiming to realize the Group philosophy, we have adopted the following basic policy for the remuneration of Company officers to motivate them not only for short-term performance but also to achieve medium- to long-term performance goals and to enhance enterprise value.

- Taking into consideration the nature of our business, remuneration should encourage awareness of the necessity to enhance enterprise value from a medium- to long-term perspective and further promote value sharing with our shareholders.
- \* Remuneration should help to secure talented management personnel to realize the Company's management philosophy and achieve the medium- to long-term performance goals.
- The remuneration system should be highly independent and objective, and should enable us to fulfill our duty of accountability to stakeholders.

## **■** Remuneration levels

Remuneration levels for the Company officers (corporate executives and directors) are set by resolution of the Remuneration Committee after it has verified their appropriateness using data supplied by an external specialist agency. Also, the Committee reviews remuneration levels as necessary in response to changes in the external environment.

## **■** Remuneration structure

The remuneration structure for corporate executives (including those concurrently serving as directors; similarly hereinafter) is based on their roles and responsibilities, and consists of basic remuneration, which is a fixed monthly amount; bonuses, which are short-term incentives; and stock-based compensation\*, which is a medium- to long-term incentive. In order to ensure a remuneration structure that not only motivates officers to achieve the medium- and long-term performance goals and enhance enterprise value, but also leads to increased competitiveness for attracting highly skilled human resources for management, the incentive component of remuneration has been set at a high level, so that the combined remuneration for the president & CEO has the following structure: basic remuneration 1/3, bonus (base amount) 1/3, stock-based compensation (base amount) 1/3. The remuneration structure for other corporate executives is also determined in line with

this, taking into consideration their expected roles and responsibilities. The remuneration for directors (not including those concurrently serving as corporate executives; similarly hereinafter) consists of basic remuneration and stock-based compensation.

## Corporate executives

## (1) Basic remuneration

• Basic remuneration is paid as fixed monthly monetary compensation based on the position of the officer.

## (2) Bonus

- A bonus is paid as performance-linked monetary remuneration that takes into consideration company performance and non-financial indicators for the single fiscal year.
- As regards financial indicators, to improve enterprise value over the medium to long term, we use sales and
  operating income, which are the Company's main management indices, as key performance indicators
  (KPIs). The amount of the bonus will fluctuate according to the degree by which these targets have been
  achieved, while taking into consideration also non-financial indicators.
- There are three non-financial indicators: employee engagement and diversity, which assess contributions
  toward achieving the essential goals of the azbil Group for the SDGs; and an individual evaluation, which
  assesses the handling of those management issues and measures that are the particular responsibility of the
  corporate executive as well as how much they have contributed. Based on the degree of achievement for
  each of these items, the Remuneration Committee determines the amount of remuneration.
- Taking into account both financial and non-financial indicators, the final amount paid as a bonus will vary between 0% and 200%.
- Remuneration is designed so that the higher the officer's position, the higher the weighting of financial
  indicators. As an example, the KPIs and their respective evaluation weightings for the President and CEO are
  as follows.

Bonus KPIs		Evaluation weighting
Financial indicators	Net sales	45%
	Operating income	45%
	Employee engagement	2.5%
Non-financial indicators	Diversity (percentage of female managers)	2.5%
	Individual evaluation (customer satisfaction, productivity & efficiency, CSR management, etc.)	5%

## (3) Stock-based compensation

- In principle, stock-based compensation is paid to the corporate executive following retirement from the current position, with the aim of continuous enhancement of enterprise value while sharing value with shareholders.
- A base amount for stock-based compensation is set for each position. Of this, 50% is performance-linked and 50% is not.
- As regards the performance-linked component, the evaluation is based on indicators aligned with the medium-term plan that are tracked over the same period (3 years) as the plan; this is designed to increase the incentive. As financial indicators we use relative total shareholder return (TSR)—an indicator that evaluates our TSR relative to the Tokyo Price Index (TOPIX) of the Tokyo Stock Exchange—and return on equity (ROE) to promote value sharing with shareholders. As a non-financial indicator, we use effective CO2 reduction at customers' sites, which is one of the essential goals of the azbil Group for the SDGs. The individual's stock-based compensation (ranging from 0% to 150%, depending on performance) is determined by the extent to which these targets have been achieved in the final year of the medium-term plan, using the specified weightings (see below).

Stock-based compensat	Evaluation weighting	
Financial indicators	Relative TSR (relative to TOPIX, including dividends)	50%
	ROE	30%
Non-financial indicators	Effective CO <sub>2</sub> reduction	20%

- As a way to further encourage value sharing with shareholders, the non-performance-linked component is
  paid as stock-based compensation with vesting of a fixed number of shares.
- Stock-based compensation is paid through a trust-type stock compensation plan. Under this plan, points corresponding to an officer's position are awarded annually, and Company shares equivalent to the number of points accumulated are transferred from the trust to the plan-eligible person following retirement from the current position.

## Directors

## (1) Basic remuneration

Basic remuneration is paid as fixed monthly monetary compensation based on the responsibilities of the
position.

# (2) Stock-based compensation

- In principle, stock-based compensation is paid to the director following retirement from the current position, with the aim of continuously enhancing enterprise value while sharing value with shareholders.
- A base amount of stock-based compensation is determined, which is entirely non-performance-linked.
- Stock-based compensation is paid through a trust-type stock compensation plan. Under this plan, a certain number of points are awarded annually to those eligible, and Company shares equivalent to the number of points accumulated are transferred from the trust to the plan-eligible person following retirement from the current position.

# ■ Process for determining remuneration

- The Remuneration Committee determines the remuneration of directors and corporate executives. The majority of the members of the Remuneration Committee, including the chairperson, are outside directors, a structure that ensures objectivity and transparency. Any additional information necessary for members' deliberations is sought from external specialist organizations.
- The Remuneration Committee has the authority to determine the details of remuneration for individual directors and corporate executives. It arrives at evaluation decisions based primarily on (1) the policy governing remuneration details for individual directors and corporate executives; (2) the details of remuneration for individual directors and corporate executives; and (3) in the case of corporate executives, the degree of achievement of both company-wide performance targets and the individual targets set for each corporate executive for the purpose of determining performance-based remuneration.
- In the event of a substantial change in the external environment of the Company, the Remuneration Committee, after carefully deliberating on the appropriateness of the target values and calculation methods used for determining performance-linked remuneration, may take exceptional measures.

# ■ Forfeiture and return of remuneration (malus and clawback)

If the financial results for a previous fiscal year are revised retrospectively, or if serious misconduct or a serious violation has occurred, the Company can deny the officer(s) responsible the incentive component of remuneration (malus), and may demand the return of the compensation already paid to them (clawback). The compensation subject to such malus or clawback may include, in whole or in part, bonuses already paid or yet to be paid, points accrued under the stock-based compensation plan prior to the transfer of Company shares, and Company shares that have already been transferred to the officer(s) in question.

# ■ Disclosure policy

• In accordance with our disclosure policy and applicable laws and regulations, details of the executive remuneration system are compiled and disclosed promptly and appropriately through the annual Securities Report, reference materials for the General Meeting of Shareholders, the Business Report, the Corporate Governance Report, the company website, etc. The Company also implements a policy of active engagement with shareholders and investors.

<sup>\*</sup> For non-residents of Japan, the Company plans to pay in cash in an amount equivalent to stock-based compensation.