Pursuit of a compensation plan that will contribute to the achievement of MSV and the more growth in the future.

To implement Asset Assembler model adopted by Nippon Paint Holdings, it is essential to create an environment where all management teams of Nippon Paint Group can maximize their performance based on mutual trust under the leadership of the Co-Presidents. To achieve this goal, the optimal solution is not management through a uniform compensation structure instead, we must thoroughly and more flexibly examine what types of compensation really contribute to MSV.

We believe that when the total compensation for the Co-Presidents reaches a certain level, their motivation is maximized by being trusted by the Board of Directors and given the heavy responsibility for the Group’s fate, rather than the level of compensation.

Based on this approach, we set the total compensation for Co-President Woe in FY2022 to the same as in the previous fiscal year. We decided that we did not need to increase motivation by increasing compensation. Regarding the ratio of cash to stock, we determined that replacing the existing cash compensation with stock compensation would not raise the incentive to achieve MSV. Consequently, we decided to make compensation entirely cash. We also repeatedly discussed the balance of compensation under the Co-President setup and decided to pay only cash compensation to Co-President Wakatsuki as well.

The mission of the Compensation Committee is to maximize the motivation of the Co-Presidents for achieving MSV as the sole mission and to further share value with shareholders by rigorously evaluating the performance of the Co-Presidents. We will continue to seek a compensation plan that will support the achievement of MSV and contribute to significant growth of NPID.

Compensation Committee Report

Composition of executive compensation

Composition of Representative Executive Officers & Co-Presidents’ compensation

For the Co-Presidents’ compensation, the optimal mix of cash and stock compensation is settled each fiscal year after determining the total amount of compensation. Specifically, the total amount of compensations for the following fiscal year is redefined each fiscal year from the groundwork after a comprehensive evaluation of the performance of the Co-Presidents from both financial and non-financial perspectives of the previous fiscal year through close communication with the Co-Presidents and GKP, in addition to continuity of past compensations, market and peer benchmarking surveys, and other factors. The composition of cash and stock compensation is also reviewed each time. In this way, the compensations maximize motivation to realize MSV and incentivize further leaps forward.

Composition of Executive Officers’ compensation

Compensation for Executive Officers, excluding Representative Executive Officer & Co-Presidents, consists of “Job-based Compensation,” ”Performance-linked Compensation,” and “Long-term Incentives” according to the evaluation by the Co-Presidents.

‘Performance-linked Compensation’ is a comprehensive evaluation based on a non-financial assessment in addition to a financial evaluation, in order to provide appropriate incentives through flexible and proper evaluation in a rapidly changing business environment. Non-financial assessment items are based on contributions related to governance, such as group internal controls including risk management, and achievements in diversity, equity and inclusion (DE&I), such as the creation of a highly dynamic work environment and culture for diverse human resources and human resource development.

‘Long-term Incentives’ are cash compensation, determined based on a comprehensive evaluation of long-term sustainability, contribution to the overall optimization of the Group, and expectations for contributions, and paid out in thirds per fiscal year, over a three-year period.