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(Stock Exchange Code 4563) February 28, 2019

## **To Shareholders with Voting Rights:**

Ei Yamada President and Chief Executive Officer AnGes, Inc. 7-7-15, Saito-asagi, Ibaraki, Osaka

#### **NOTICE OF**

## THE 20TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### Dear shareholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the 20th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of AnGes, Inc. (the "Company"). The meeting will be held for the purposes as described below.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, <u>you can exercise your voting right by either of the following methods</u>. Please review the attached Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders and exercise your voting rights by 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, Japan time.

[Exercising your voting rights via mail (in writing)]

Please indicate your vote for or against each proposal on the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form and return it by mail so that it is received by the deadline specified above.

## [Exercising your voting rights via the Internet]

Please enter your vote for or against each proposal in accordance with the instructions displayed on the screen either by scanning the QR Code shown on the enclosed Voting Right Exercise Form or accessing the website for the exercise of voting rights (https://evote.tr.mufg.jp/).

Please read through the "Procedures for the Exercise of Voting Rights" on pages 3 and 4 for voting via the website.

1. Date and Time: Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., Japan time

2. Place: Senju Hall, West Wing 2F, Senri Hankyu Hotel,

2-1-D-1 Shinsenri Higashimachi, Toyonaka, Osaka

(Please refer to the map at the end of the document for directions to the venue.)

3. Meeting Agenda:

Items to be reported: 1. The Business Report, Consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's

20th Fiscal Year (January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018) and results of audits by the Accounting Auditor and the Board of Corporate Auditors of the

Consolidated Financial Statements

2. Non-consolidated Financial Statements for the Company's 20th Fiscal Year (January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018)

### Proposals to be resolved:

**Proposal 1:** Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

Proposal 2: Election of 4 Members of the Board Proposal 3: Election of 1 Substitute Corporate Auditor

- When attending the meeting, please submit the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form at the reception desk. While registration is due to begin at 9:00 a.m., it is recommended that you arrive early as congestion is expected at the registration desk immediately preceding the commencement of the General Meeting of Shareholders. Further, please be sure to bring this Notice with you in order to conserve paper resources.
- An information meeting on the Company will be held at the same location following adjournment of the General Meeting of Shareholders. You are cordially invited to remain for the meeting, which the Company hopes will serve as an opportunity to explain its management strategies and business development directly to its shareholders as well as address any questions or comments.
- As Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets, Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Non-consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets and Notes to the Non-consolidated Financial Statements are posted on the Company's website (<a href="https://www.anges.co.jp/">https://www.anges.co.jp/</a>) as stipulated by laws, regulations and Article 16 of the Articles of Incorporation, they are not included in the attached documents to the Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. As such, the attached documents include only an excerpt of the Consolidated Financial Statements or Non-consolidated Financial Statements audited by the Accounting Auditor and Corporate Auditors in preparing their respective audit reports.
- In the event of revision to the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, Business Report, Non-consolidated Financial Statements or Consolidated Financial Statements, such revisions will be posted on the Company's website (<a href="https://www.anges.co.jp/">https://www.anges.co.jp/</a>). Please be advised in advance that the resolutions adopted at the 20th General Meeting of Shareholders (Notice of Resolutions of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders) will also be posted on the Company's website.

# **Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders**

## **Proposals and References**

## **Proposal 1:** Partial Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

#### 1. Reason for the Amendments

- (1) To prepare for future business diversification, the Company proposes to make additions and amendments to the business purposes of the Company set forth in Article 2 (Purpose) of the current Articles of Incorporation.
- (2) In order to achieve agile and flexible capital policies in preparing for future business development, the Company proposes that the total number of shares authorized to be issued by the Company set forth in Article 6 (Total Number of Shares Authorized to be Issued) of the current Articles of Incorporation be increased from 125,070,400 shares to 250,000,000 shares.

## 2. Details of the Amendments

The details of the amendments are as follows:

(The underlined sections denote amendments.)

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Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
(Purpose)	(Purpose)
Article 2. The purpose of the Company shall be to engage in	Article 2. The purpose of the Company shall be to engage in
the following businesses:	the following businesses:
<ol> <li>Research and development related to gene therapy medicine, and manufacturing, import and export, and sales thereof;</li> </ol>	1. [Unchanged]
2. Research and development <u>related to</u> medicine;	2. Research and development, manufacturing, import and export, and sales of medicine, medical equipment, medical supplies, quasi-pharmaceutical products, cosmetics and food products, etc.;
3. Import and export, and sales related to medicine;	[Deleted (merged into Paragraph 2 above)]
[Newly established]	3. Research and development of microbial flora;
[Newly established]	4. Examinations by gene analysis and microbial flora analysis;
4. Technical guidance services related to the	<ol> <li>Technical guidance services related to manufacturing of</li> </ol>
manufacturing of medicine, and contracted	medicine, medical equipment, medical supplies,
manufacturing thereof;	quasi-pharmaceutical products, cosmetics and food
	products, etc., and contracted manufacturing thereof; and
5. Businesses related to research and development, manufacturing, import and export, and sales, etc. of medical equipment, medical supplies and quasi-pharmaceutical products, etc.; and	[Deleted (merged into Paragraph 2 above)]
6. Any businesses <u>incidental or relating to the matters</u> <u>listed in the preceding items.</u>	6. Any <u>other legitimate</u> businesses.
(Total Number of Shares Authorized to be Issued)	(Total Number of Shares Authorized to be Issued)
Article 6. The total number of shares authorized to be issued	Article 6. The total number of shares authorized to be issued
by the Company shall be <u>one hundred twenty-five</u> million seventy thousand and four hundred (125,070,400) shares.	by the Company shall be two hundred and fifty million (250,000,000) shares.

# **Proposal 2:** Election of 4 Members of the Board

The terms of office of all 5 Members of the Board will expire at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders. Accordingly, the Company proposes the election of 4 Members of the Board.

The candidates for Members of the Board are as follows:

No.	Name (Date of birth)		Past experience, positions, responsibilities and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
1	Reappointment  Ei Yamada (June 27, 1950)	April 1981 April 1982 January 1995 August 2000 May 2001 August 2001 June 2002 September 2002 March 2014	Special Researcher, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Joined Mitsubishi Kasei Corporation (currently Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation) Joined Sosei K.K. Joined Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. Director, Dragon Genomics Inc. (currently Takara Bio Inc.) Joined AnGes MG, Inc. (currently AnGes, Inc.) General Manager of Business Development Member of the Board, AnGes MG, Inc. (currently AnGes, Inc.) CEO, AnGes Euro Limited (current) President and Chief Executive Officer, AnGes MG, Inc. (currently AnGes, Inc.) (current) CEO, AnGes, Inc. (currently AnGes USA, Inc.) (current)	104,000

[Reasons for appointment as a candidate for Member of the Board]

Since taking office as the President and Chief Executive Officer in September 2002, Mr. Ei Yamada has overseen decisions on management strategies, research and development, business development and management work as the chief executive of the Group. Moreover, he has experience, knowledge, and strong leadership skills required for steadily executing management objectives of the Group. Therefore, the Company has judged that Mr. Yamada will be well qualified as a Member of the Board of the Company and appointed him as a candidate for Member of the Board again.

		August 1979	Joined Nihon Ciba-Geigy K.K.	
		January 1994	Joined Bayer Yakuhin, Ltd.	
	Reappointment	March 1997	Director (Shiga Factory Manager), Bayer Yakuhin, Ltd.	
		July 2002	Representative Director & President, Bayer Yakuhin, Ltd.	
		January 2007	Representative Director & Chairman, Bayer Yakuhin, Ltd.	
	Norikazu Eiki	April 2010	Director & Chairman, Bayer Yakuhin, Ltd.	
2	(April 17, 1948)	May 2014	Member of the Board (External Director), AnGes MG, Inc.	
	( <b>P</b> )		(currently AnGes, Inc.) (current)	
		March 2015	Outside Director, FunPep Co., Ltd. (current)	
		June 2015	Outside Director, Towa Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (current)	
		April 2016	External Director, Solasia Pharma K.K. (current)	
		June 2018	External Board Director, Gene Techno Science Co., Ltd.	
			(current)	

[Reasons for appointment as a candidate for External Director]

Mr. Norikazu Eiki has extensive experience and knowledge as a manager of a pharmaceutical company. Therefore, the Company has judged that he will provide valuable advice on the Company's management as an External Director and appointed him as a candidate for Member of the Board again. Mr. Eiki will have served as an External Director of the Company for 4 years and 10 months at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

No.	Name (Date of birth)		Past experience, positions, responsibilities and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Company held
3	Reappointment	April 1973 April 1996	Joined Mitsubishi Corporation President of Miteni (Italy)	
	Junichi Komamura (May 3, 1950)	August 2003	Executive Officer, Morishita Jintan Co., Ltd.	
		October 2003	Executive Officer and Head of Corporate Planning, Morishita Jintan Co., Ltd.	
		April 2004	Managing Executive Officer and Head of Corporate Planning, Morishita Jintan Co., Ltd.	
		June 2004	Director, Managing Executive Officer and Head of Corporate Planning, Morishita Jintan Co., Ltd.	_
		April 2005	Senior Managing Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer, Morishita Jintan Co., Ltd.	
		November 2005	Representative Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer, Morishita Jintan Co., Ltd.	
		October 2006	Representative Director and President, Morishita Jintan Co., Ltd. (current)	
		March 2012	Member of the Board (External Director), AnGes MG, Inc. (currently AnGes, Inc.) (current)	

[Reasons for appointment as a candidate for External Director]

Mr. Junichi Komamura has extensive experience and knowledge as a corporate manager. Therefore, the Company has judged that he will provide valuable advice on the Company's management as an External Director and appointed him as a candidate for Member of the Board again. Mr. Komamura will have served as an External Director of the Company for 7 years at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

		April 1974	Joined Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd. (currently Sumitomo	
			Chemical Company Limited)	
	Reappointment	August 1999	General Manager, Corporate Planning Office, Sumitomo	
			Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd.	
			General Manager, Pharmaceutical Operations Office, Sumitomo	
			Chemical Company Limited	
		April 2003	General Manager, Petrochemicals & Plastic Office, Sumitomo	
			Chemical Company Limited	
		June 2005	Executive Officer, General Manager, Corporate Planning &	
			Coordination Office, Finance & Accounting, Sumitomo	
			Chemical Company Limited	
4	Makoto Hara	April 2008	Managing Executive Officer, Sumitomo Chemical Company	
	(March 15, 1951)		Limited	
		April 2010	Senior Managing Executive Officer, Sumitomo Chemical	
			Company Limited	
		September 2010	Senior Executive Officer, Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma Co.,	
			Ltd.	
		June 2011	Member, Board of Directors, Senior Executive Officer,	
			Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma Co., Ltd.	
		April 2012	Member, Board of Directors, Executive Vice President,	
			Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma Co., Ltd.	
		June 2016	Advisor, Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma Co., Ltd.	
		March 2018	Member of the Board (External Director), AnGes, Inc. (current)	

[Reasons for appointment as a candidate for External Director]

Mr. Makoto Hara has extensive experience and knowledge as a manager of a pharmaceutical company. Therefore, the Company has judged that he will provide valuable advice on the Company's management as an External Director and appointed him as a candidate for Member of the Board again. Mr. Hara will have served as an External Director of the Company for 1 year at the conclusion of this General Meeting of Shareholders.

#### (Notes)

- 1. Mr. Junichi Komamura concurrently serves as Representative Director and President of Morishita Jintan Co., Ltd. The Company provides the products of Morishita Jintan Co., Ltd. as part of its shareholder incentives.
- 2. Other than Mr. Komamura, there is no special interest between any other candidates for Members of the Board and the Company.
- 3. Messrs. Norikazu Eiki, Junichi Komamura and Makoto Hara are candidates for External Directors.

- 4. The Company has designated and registered Messrs. Norikazu Eiki and Makoto Hara as Independent Directors as stipulated by the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
- 5. If Messrs. Norikazu Eiki, Junichi Komamura and Makoto Hara are elected as External Directors, the Company plans to continue the agreement to limit their liability pursuant to Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act with each, as stipulated in Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act and Article 29 of the Company's Articles of Incorporation. The maximum amount of liability pursuant to the agreement will be the amount stipulated by laws and regulations.

## **Proposal 3:** Election of 1 Substitute Corporate Auditor

The advance election of 1 Substitute Corporate Auditor is proposed in preparation of a shortfall in the number of Corporate Auditors prescribed by laws and regulations.

The Board of Corporate Auditors has previously given its approval to this proposal.

The appointment of the candidate elected may be revoked by a resolution of the Board of Directors upon approval by the Board of Corporate Auditors, provided that the revocation takes place before the elected candidate assumes office.

The candidate for Substitute Corporate Auditor is as follows:

Name (Date of birth)	Past experience, positions and significant concurrent positions		Number of shares of the Company held
	April 1965 March 2000	Joined Shionogi & Co., Ltd. Secretary-General, Kinki Bio-industry Development Organization (currently NPO Kinki Bio-industry Development Organization)	
	March 2002	External Corporate Auditor, AnGes MG, Inc. (currently AnGes, Inc.)	
	December 2002	External Director, Bio-Sight Capital Co., Ltd. (current)	
Shinji Toyama (December 21, 1942)	April 2003	Senior Director, NPO Kinki Bio-industry Development Organization	_
(Becember 21, 1942)	June 2005	Director and Cluster Manager, NPO Kinki Bio-industry Development Organization	
	June 2006	Senior Director and Cluster Manager, NPO Kinki Bio-industry Development Organization	
	June 2012	Senior Advisor, NPO Kinki Bio-industry Development Organization (current)	
	March 2017	Substitute External Corporate Auditor, AnGes MG, Inc. (currently AnGes, Inc.) (current)	

[Reasons for appointment as a candidate for Substitute External Corporate Auditor]

Mr. Shinji Toyama has extensive experience and knowledge in the pharmaceutical industry and has adequately performed his duties as an External Corporate Auditor of the Company over the years. Therefore, the Company has judged that he will continue to execute his duties as an External Corporate Auditor appropriately and appointed him as a candidate for Substitute External Corporate Auditor again.

## (Notes)

- 1. There is no special interest between the candidate and the Company.
- 2. Mr. Shinji Toyama is a candidate for Substitute External Corporate Auditor.
- 3. If Mr. Shinji Toyama is elected as External Corporate Auditor, the Company plans to enter into an agreement to limit his liability pursuant to Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act, as stipulated in Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act and Article 38 of the Company's Articles of Incorporation. The maximum amount of liability pursuant to the agreement will be the amount stipulated by laws and regulations.