To All Shareholders:

Notification of the Convocation to the 48th Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders

The 48th Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the "JAPEX") will be held according to the details below, and we kindly ask for your attendance.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may exercise your voting rights through a written document (Voting Rights Exercise Form) or by electronic means (via the Internet). Please read the attached "Reference Documents for Shareholders' Meeting," and exercise your voting rights after referring to "4. Guidance on the Exercise of Voting Rights" on the following page, prior to 5:35 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2018.

Thank you very much for your attention and cooperation.

Details:

1. Date and Ti	me: 10:00 a.m., June 28, 2018 (Thursday)
2. Location:	Station Conference Tokyo "Sapia Hall" (Sapia Tower 5F)
	1-7-12 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
3. Agenda:	
Announcem	 ents: 1) Business report and consolidated financial report of the 48th Term (from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018), and audit reports from the accounting auditor and Board of Corporate Auditors on the consolidated financial report 2) Financial report of the 48th Term (from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018)
Resolution i	tems:
Item 1:	Appropriation of Surplus
Item 2:	Election of Two (2) Directors
Item 3:	Election of Two (2) Corporate Auditors

Item 4: Payment of Bonuses to Directors and Corporate Auditors

NOTE: This document is an abridged translation of the Japanese "Notification of the Convocation to the 48th Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders" "Reference Documents for Shareholders' Meeting" and "Financial Report" of JAPEX. This translation is intended for reference and convenience purposes only. In the event of any discrepancy between this translation and the Japanese original, the original shall prevail. JAPEX does not guarantee the accuracy and/or the completeness of this translation and shall have no liability for any errors or omissions therein.

4. Guidance on the Exercise of Voting Rights

[Exercise of Voting Rights in Writing (Voting Rights Exercise Form)]

Please indicate your approval or disapproval of each proposition on the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form and then send it back so that it reaches us no later than 5:35 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2018.

[Exercise of Voting Rights by Electronic Means (via the Internet)]

- (1) To exercise your voting rights via the Internet, you must use the following voting service website (https:// soukai.mizuho-tb.co.jp/) designated by the Company. You are cordially requested to exercise your voting rights via the Internet prior to 5:35 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2018.
- (2) Please register your approval or disapproval of each proposition, by using the code and password provided on your Voting Rights Exercise Form enclosed herewith and following the directions on the screen. Please check the "Guidance on the Exercise of Voting Rights via the Internet" shown on page 12 of this notice for the details.

[Treatment of Voting Rights Exercised Repeatedly]

- (1) If you exercise your voting rights both in writing and via the Internet, we will only accept the exercise of your voting rights via the Internet as valid.
- (2) If you exercise your voting rights more than once via the Internet, we will only accept the last exercise of your voting rights as valid.

END

3) "Statement of Changes in Equity" and "Notes to Financial Statements" of the financial report

^{*}Upon your arrival at the Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, please submit the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form to the venue reception. Thank you.

^{*}The following matters are not described in the Reference Documents of this Notification since they are posted on the JAPEX website (https://www.japex.co.jp/) in accordance with laws and regulations and with Article 17 of the Company's Articles of Incorporation.

 [&]quot;(5) System to Ensure Proper Business Operations and the State of Its Operation" and "(6) Basic Policy on Control of the Company" included in "2. Current State of the Company" of the business report

^{2) &}quot;Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity" and "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" of the consolidated financial report

The business report, consolidated financial report and financial report audited by Corporate Auditors comprise the business report, consolidated financial report and financial report, which are attached to this Notification, as well as the items 1) to 3) above, which are posted on the JAPEX website.

The consolidated financial report and financial report audited by the Accounting Auditor comprise the consolidated financial report and financial report, which are attached to this Notification, as well as the items 2) and 3) above, which are posted on the JAPEX website.

^{*}In case the Reference Documents for Shareholders Meeting, or business report, financial report or consolidated financial report is modified, such modification shall be posted on the JAPEX website. (https://www.japex.co.jp/)

^{*} The notification of resolutions at the ordinary general meeting of the shareholders will no longer be delivered by mail. The results of this general meeting of shareholders will be posted on the JAPEX website (https://www.japex.co.jp/) after the meeting.

Reference Documents for Shareholders' Meeting

Item 1: Appropriation of Surplus

JAPEX employs the basic policy of long-term, stable distribution of dividends, comprehensively taking into account, among other factors, the profit or loss situation of each fiscal period and funding needs in the future, in the light of strengthening our financial basis, as well as considering the retained earnings for investment in new oil and gas reserves inside and outside Japan and the improvement and expansion of supply infrastructure.

The year-end dividends for the 48^{th} term will be as follows:

Details Concerning the Year-End Dividends

- (1) Type of dividend property: Money
- (2) Distribution and total amount of dividend property: 10 yen per share of common stock
 - Total amount of dividends: 571,526,370 yen
- (3) Effective date of distribution of surplus: June 29, 2018

Item 2: Election of Two (2) Directors

Upon closing of this general meeting of shareholders, Directors Shoichi Ishii, Yasuhiro Masui, and Yoriko Kawaguchi will resign, and therefore in order to fill their vacancies, we kindly ask our shareholders to elect two (2) Directors. According to the Articles of Incorporation of the Company, the term of office of the newly elected Directors shall be until the expiration of the term of other Directors currently in office. The candidates for Director are as listed below:

JAPEX Candidate Name Brief history, Position and responsibilities in JAPEX or shares No. (Date of birth) Significant positions concurrently held owned April 1982 Joined JAPEX June 2005 General Manager of Corporate Planning Dept. Vice President of Environment and Innovative April 2010 Michiro Yamashita 700 Technology Projects Division (October 27, 1959) Vice President of Environment and Innovative June 2011 shares Newly nominated Technology Projects Division June 2013 Executive Officer 1 June 2016 Managing Executive Officer (up to the present date) [Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director]

Michiro Yamashita has extensive experience in and knowledge of operations in the areas of our finance & accounting division. Currently serving as Managing Executive Officer in charge of the Finance & Accounting Dept., he has significantly contributed to appropriate administration and management of JAPEX. We expect JAPEX management will benefit from his experience and knowledge, and have therefore newly nominated him as a candidate for Director.

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)	Brief history, Position and responsibilities in JAPEX or Significant positions concurrently held							
2	Yoshitaka Ishii (April 3, 1957) Newly nominated	April 1981 April 2010 June 2014 April 2017 June 2017 Nov. 2017	Joined JAPEX General Manager of Technical Dept., Nagaoka Division Office Executive Officer, General Manager of Nagaoka Division Office, Domestic Project Division Executive Officer, General Manager of Nagaoka District Office Managing Executive Officer, General Manager of Nagaoka District Office Managing Executive Officer, Vice President of Inter-regional Gas Supply Division and Vice President of Soma Project Division (up to the present date)	1,900 shares					
	[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Director] In addition to specializing in drilling technology in the oil and gas industry, Yoshitaka Ishii has extensive experience in and knowledge of our domestic project division. Currently serving as Managing Executive Officer, Vice President of Inter-regional Gas Supply Division and Vice President of Soma Project Division, he has significantly contributed to the Group's business development. We expect JAPEX								

management will benefit from his experience and knowledge, and have therefore newly nominated him as a candidate for Director.

Candidate Yoshitaka Ishii will assume the position of President and Chief Executive Officer at Fukushima Gas (Notes) Power Co., Ltd., with which JAPEX has concluded an outsourcing agreement.

No significant interest-based relationship exists between the other candidate for Director and JAPEX.

Item 3: Election of Two (2) Corporate Auditors

Upon closing of this general meeting of shareholders, Corporate Auditor Morio Ishizeki will resign, and the term of office of Corporate Auditor Norio Nakajima will expire. We kindly ask our shareholders to elect two (2) Corporate Auditors.

The candidates for Corporate Auditor are as listed below.

Corporate Auditor candidate Koichi Shimomura will be elected to fill a vacancy left by Corporate Auditor Morio Ishizeki. According to the Articles of Incorporation of the Company, the term of office of Koichi Shimomura shall be until the expiration of the term of the retiring Corporate Auditor Morio Ishizeki.

Candidate No.	Name (Date of birth)		Brief history, Position in JAPEX or Significant positions concurrently held	JAPEX shares owned				
1	Koichi Shimomura (September 18, 1958) Newly nominated	April 1982 July 2006 July 2008 June 2009 June 2011 June 2012 June 2017	Joined JAPEX General Manager of Media & Investor Relations Dept. General Manager of International Planning Dept., International Oil & Gas Division General Manager of First Project Dept., International Oil & Gas Division General Manager of Canada Oil Sands Project Dept., Americas & Russia Project Division Advisor to President of America & Russia Project Division Advisor to President of Middle East, Africa & Europe Project Division (up to the present date)					
	[Reasons for nomination as a candidate for Corporate Auditor] Koichi Shimomura has extensive experience in and knowledge of project management in our overseas project division. Currently serving as Advisor to President of Middle East, Africa & Europe Project Division, he has significantly contributed to the Group's business development. We expect JAPEX audit will benefit from his experience and knowledge, and have therefore newly nominated him as a candidate for Corporate Auditor.							

The Board of Corporate Auditors consented to this proposal.

No.	Name (Date of birth)		Brief history, Position in JAPEX or Significant positions concurrently held						
	Norio Nakajima (April 22, 1947) Renominated	April 1970 March 2000 April 2002 June 2009 June 2014	Joined The Industrial Bank of Japan, Limited Managing Director of The Industrial Bank of Japan, Limited Managing Executive Officer of Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd President & CEO of DIAM Co., Ltd. Corporate Auditor at JAPEX (up to the present date)	owned					
2	13 out of 13 meeting [Attendance at the B 13 out of 13 meeting [Reasons for nomina Norio Nakajima ha financial institutions performed his dutie	oard of Direct (100%) oard of Corpo (100%) (100%) tion as a cand distinguishes Since assumes through au		31, 2018] gement at idequately					

(Notes) 1. No significant interest-based relationship exists between each candidate for Corporate Auditor and JAPEX.

2. Norio Nakajima is a candidate for Outside Corporate Auditor. He has been registered with the Tokyo Stock Exchange as Independent Officer, pursuant to the rules of the Exchange, and he is scheduled to continue to be Independent Officer, subject to the approval of his reappointment under this proposal.

3. The Company has concluded a limited liability agreement with Candidate Norio Nakajima to limit his liability as stipulated in Article 423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act. The amount of liability under the agreement is limited to the amount provided by laws and regulations. The Company is scheduled to renew this agreement with Candidate Norio Nakajima, subject to the approval of his reappointment under this proposal.

Item 4: Payment of Bonuses to Directors and Corporate Auditors

In view of the business performance of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018, the Company proposes to pay no bonus to Directors, and in consideration of the amounts paid in the past, etc., the Company proposes to pay a total bonus amount of 1,200,000 yen to two (2) of three (3) Corporate Auditors (excluding Outside Corporate Auditors) tenured during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018.

The Company shall abolish payment of bonuses to Corporate Auditors after the payment for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018.

Consolidated Balance Sheet

(As of March 31, 2018)

(Unit: millions of yen)

Accounting titles	Amount	Accounting titles	Amount
(Assets)		(Liabilities)	
Current assets	169,302	Current liabilities	45,627
Cash and deposits	115,313	Notes and accounts payable-trade	13,544
Notes and accounts receivable-trade	26,073	Provision for directors' bonuses	20
Securities	2,200	Other	32,062
Merchandise and finished goods	5,447	Non-current liabilities	196,704
Work in process	381	Long-term loans payable	135,959
Raw materials and supplies	5,524	Deferred tax liabilities	34,872
Deferred tax assets	151	Provision for directors' retirement	83
		benefits	
Short-term loans receivable	6,449	Net defined benefit liability	3,496
Other	7,796	Asset retirement obligations	18,664
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(34)	Other	3,628
Non-current assets	530,236	Total liabilities	242,331
Property, plant and equipment	329,490		
Buildings and structures	187,073		
Wells	33,775	(Net assets)	
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	14,917	Shareholders' equity	330,093
Mineral resources	342	Capital stock	14,288
Land	16,783	Capital surplus	183
Construction in progress	71,936	Retained earnings	315,631
Other	4,660	Treasury shares	(10)
Intangible assets	8,226	Accumulated other comprehensive	92,973
Other	8,226	income	
Investments and other assets	192,519	Valuation difference on	86,667
Investment securities	167,342	available-for-sale securities	
Long-term loans receivable	4,547	Deferred gains or losses on hedges	3
Deferred tax assets	7,669	Foreign currency translation	5,149
Net defined benefit asset	1,451	adjustment	
Other	13,540	Remeasurements of defined	1,152
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(50)	benefit plans	
Allowance for overseas investment loss	(1,982)	Non-controlling interests	34,140
		Total net assets	457,207
Total assets	699,539	Total liabilities and net assets	699,539

Consolidated Statement of Income (From April 1, 2017 To March 31, 2018)

(Unit: millions of yen)

Accounting titles	Amount	
Net sales		230,629
Cost of sales		191,366
Gross profit		39,263
Exploration expenses		1,324
Selling, general and administrative expenses		29,173
Operating profit		8,764
Non-operating income		
Interest income	1,382	
Dividend income	2,422	
Gain on sales of securities	1,350	
Foreign exchange gains	2,710	
Other	940	8,806
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expenses	2,178	
Loss on sales of securities	0	
Share of loss of entities accounted for using equity method	2,601	
Depreciation of inactive non-current assets	7,797	
Other	1,165	13,743
Ordinary profit	,	3,828
Extraordinary income		-)
Gain on sales of non-current assets	2	
Subsidy income	5,000	5,002
Extraordinary losses		
Loss on retirement of non-current assets	74	
Impairment loss	67,721	
Other	10,437	78,234
Loss before income taxes		69,403
Income taxes-current	4,392	,
Income taxes-deferred	(4,153)	239
Loss		69,642
Loss attributable to non-controlling interests		38,683
Loss attributable to owners of parent		30,958

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity [From April 1, 2017 To March 31, 2018]

(Unit: millions of yen)

	Shareholders' equity Accumulated other comprehensiv							ehensive i	ncome			
	Capital stock	Capital surplus	Retained earnings	Treasury shares	Total sharehold- ers' equity	Valuation difference on available- for-sale securities	Deferred gains or losses on hedges	Foreign currency translation adjustment	benefit	Total accumulate- ed other comprehen- sive income	Non-controll- ing interests	Total net assets
Balance at beginning of current period	14,288	183	345,693	(10)	360,155	69,832	(226)	7,301	455	77,363	73,091	510,609
Changes of items during period												
Dividends of surplus			(1,143)		(1,143)							(1,143)
Loss attributable to owners of parent			(30,958)		(30,958)							(30,958)
Changes in equity interest			2,040		2,040							2,040
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity						16,834	229	(2,151)	697	15,610	(38,950)	(23,340)
Total changes of items during period	_	_	(30,061)	_	(30,061)	16,834	229	(2,151)	697	15,610	(38,950)	(53,402)
Balance at end of current period	14,288	183	315,631	(10)	330,093	86,667	3	5,149	1,152	92,973	34,140	457,207

Balance Sheet (As of March 31, 2018)

(Unit: millions of yen)

Accounting titles	Amount	Accounting titles	Amount
(Assets)	Amount	(Liabilities)	Amount
Current assets	84,673	Current liabilities	50,254
Cash and deposits	49,288	Accounts payable-trade	7,377
Accounts receivable-trade	15,130	Short-term loans payable	4,974
Securities	500	Current portion of long-term loans	4,549
Securites	500	payable	7,575
Merchandise and finished goods	3,999	Lease obligations	258
Raw materials and supplies	4,375	Accounts payable-other	3,038
Prepaid expenses	565	Accrued expenses	5,327
Accrued income	212	Income taxes payable	2,081
Short-term loans receivable from	6,429	Deferred tax liabilities	1,590
subsidiaries and associates	0,122		1,000
Accounts receivable-other	434	Deposits received	125
Advances paid	731	Deposits received from subsidiaries	20,687
F	, , , ,	and associates	_ 0,000
Other	3,005	Provision for directors' bonuses	1
Non-current assets	406,549	Asset retirement obligations	223
Property, plant and equipment	102,295	Other	19
Buildings	8,270	Non-current liabilities	54,040
Structures	28,179	Long-term loans payable	5,949
Wells	565	Lease obligations	2,204
Machinery and equipment	10,268	Deferred tax liabilities	30,975
Vessels	0	Provision for retirement benefits	2,995
Vehicles	3	Asset retirement obligations	11,415
Tools, furniture and fixtures	991	Other	499
Land	14,245	Total liabilities	104,294
Leased assets	2,343		
Construction in progress	37,427	(Net assets)	
Intangible assets	1,699	Shareholders' equity	300,264
Leasehold right	174	Capital stock	14,288
Software	1,235	Retained earnings	285,986
Other	289	Legal retained earnings	3,572
Investments and other assets	302,553	Other retained earnings	282,414
Investment securities	145,784	Reserve for overseas investment loss	4,383
Shares of subsidiaries and associates	156,977	Reserve for mine prospecting	16,768
Long-term loans receivable	414	Reserve for special depreciation	288
Long-term loans receivable from	9,277	Reserve for advanced	698
subsidiaries and associates		depreciation of non-current assets	
Long-term prepaid expenses	2,206	Reserve for exploration	47,246
Prepaid pension cost	312	~	
		General reserve	171,600
Other	2.021	Retained earnings brought	41,428
Other Allowance for doubtful accounts	2,021	forward	
Anowance for doubtrul accounts	(16)	Treasury shares	(10)
Allowance for overseas investment loss	(14,422)	Valuation and translation	86,664
		adjustments	
		Valuation difference on	86,660
		available-for-sale securities	
		Deferred gains or losses on hedges	3
		Total net assets	386,928
Total assets	491,223	Total liabilities and net assets	491,223

Statement of Income [From April 1, 2017 To March 31, 2018]

(Unit: millions of yen)

Accounting titles	Amount	
Net sales		165,134
Cost of sales		131,198
Gross profit		33,935
Exploration expenses		1,313
Selling, general and administrative expenses		20,996
Operating profit		11,625
Non-operating income		
Interest income	909	
Interest on securities	0	
Dividend income	8,459	
Gain on sales of securities	1,350	
Other	1,153	11,872
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expenses	269	
Provision for overseas investment loss	1,925	
Inactive facility related expenses	288	
Inactive mine administrative expenses	95	
Foreign exchange losses	464	
Other	161	3,206
Ordinary profit		20,292
Extraordinary income		
Gain on sales of non-current assets	0	
Subsidy income	5,000	5,000
Extraordinary losses		
Loss on retirement of non-current assets	65	
Loss on valuation of shares of subsidiaries	39,142	
Loss on reduction of non-current assets	5,000	
Other	4,685	48,893
Loss before income taxes		23,599
Income taxes-current	3,088	
Income taxes-deferred	(22)	3,065
Loss		26,665

Statement of Changes in Equity From April 1, 2017 To March 31, 2018

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(Unit: millions of yen)												
						Sharehold	ders' equi	ty				
]	Retained earr	nings					
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	Capital Stock	Legal retained earnings	Reserve for overseas investment loss	Reserve for mine prospecting	-	of	ve for ation	General reserve	Retained earnings brought forward	Total retained earnings	Treasury shares	Total shareholders' equity
Balance at beginning of current period	14,288	3,572	4,787	19,379	360	713	47,246	171,600	66,135	313,794	(10)	328,072
Changes of items during period												
Reversal of reserve for overseas investment loss			(403)						403	_		_
Provision of reserve for mine prospecting				3,500					(3,500)	_		_
Reversal of reserve for mine prospecting				(6,110)					6,110			_
Reversal of reserve for special depreciation					(71)				71	_		_
Provision of reserve for advanced depreciation of non-current assets						376			(376)	_		_
Reversal of reserve for advanced depreciation of non-current assets						(391)			391	_		
Dividends of surplus									(1,143)	(1,143)		(1,143)
Loss									(26,665)	(26,665)		(26,665)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity												
Total changes of items during period	_	_	(403)	(2,610)	(71)	(15)		_	(24,706)	(27,808)	_	(27,808)
Balance at end of current period	14,288	3,572	4,383	16,768	288	698	47,246	171,600	41,428	285,986	(10)	300,264

	Valuation an	nents		
	Valuation difference on	Deferred gains or	Total valuation and	Total net assets
	available-for-sale securities	losses on hedges	translation adjustments	
Balance at beginning of current period	69,869	_	69,869	397,941
Changes of items during period				
Reversal of reserve for overseas investment loss				_
Provision of reserve for mine prospecting				_
Reversal of reserve for mine prospecting				_
Reversal of reserve for special depreciation				_
Provision of reserve for advanced depreciation of non-current assets				
Reversal of reserve for advanced depreciation of non-current assets				_
Dividends of surplus				(1,143)
Loss				(26,665)
Net changes of items other than shareholders' equity	16,791	3	16,795	16,795
Total changes of items during period	16,791	3	16,795	(11,012
Balance at end of current period	86,660	3	86,664	386,928

Guidance on the Exercise of Voting Rights via the Internet

1. Exercising voting rights via the Internet

(1) You may, in lieu of exercising voting rights by a written ballot, exercise your voting rights via the Internet by accessing the website (see URL shown below) designated by the Company. If you intend to exercise your voting rights via the Internet, you are required to login the page entering a code for the exercise of voting rights and a password provided on the right-hand side of the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form. Then, please follow instructions on the screen. For security reasons, it is necessary to change the password at the first time of logging in.

https://soukai.mizuho-tb.co.jp/

- (2) Voting via internet must be completed no later than 5:35 pm on Wednesday, June 27, 2018. The Company kindly request for voting to be carries out promptly.
- (3) If you exercise your voting rights both in writing and via the Internet, the Company will only accept the exercise of your voting rights via the Internet as valid. If you exercise your voting rights more than once via the Internet, the Company will only accept the last exercise of your voting rights as valid.
- (4) The cord and the password sent to you are valid only for this General Meeting of Shareholders. For the next General Meeting of Shareholders, a new code and a password will be issued.

(5) Any access charges or costs related to the Internet shall be borne by shareholders.

(Note)

- Password is important data to verify whether the person voting is a legitimate shareholder. The Company never asks for a password of shareholders for any purpose.
- If you enter your password incorrectly several times, your password is automatically locked out and you won't be able to login the page afterwards. Should that happen, please follow the instructions on the screen and follow the procedures.
- Operationality of the website for exercising voting rights is checked under the normal equipment/requirements for internet access. However, the website may not be available depending on your usage environment of the internet or device model you use.

2. Inquiries

If you have any questions about the exercise of voting rights via the Internet, please contact the transfer agent, Stock Transfer Agency Department of Mizuho Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. (see below)

[For inquiries about how to exercise your voting rights via the Internet] Phone: 0120-768-524 (toll free) Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., excluding Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays

[To Institutional Investors]

Institutional investors may use the electronic platform for the exercise of voting rights operated by ICJ Inc. if you apply in advance.

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