

Intellectual Property Report — 20 Years of Progress

Continuous disclosure of intellectual property information over 20 years

Our company has focused on disclosing information related to intellectual property and on IR activities for many years. Triggered by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry's announcement of the Guidelines for Disclosure of Intellectual Property Information in 2004, our company issued its first Intellectual Property Report. Since then, while revising the disclosed content to meet the demands of the times, we have published the report annually and have continued to convey our intellectual property activities to stakeholders. In 2024, we reached the milestone of the 20th anniversary.

During this period, the report evolved from a mere compilation of information into an important archive reflecting changes in intellectual property activities and our business growth. In response to revisions of the Corporate Governance Code, we reviewed and repeatedly improved how intellectual property is disclosed in not only the Intellectual Property Report but also other IR media such as the Corporate Governance Report, the Annual

Securities Report, and the Integrated Report. As a result, we have been able to provide more systematic and easier-to-understand information than before, receiving high evaluations from various readers.

In recent years, we have also moved beyond one-way dissemination of IP information by creating opportunities for direct dialogue between stakeholders and our Intellectual Property Division, and by working to evolve and deepen IP IR through two-way communication. Such dialogue deepens the stakeholders' understanding of our IP strategy and leads our company to advance IP activities that reflect societal expectations and evaluations.

Changes in disclosure content and roles in the Intellectual Property Report

The content of the Intellectual Property Report has undergone significant changes. From 2004 to 2008, during the Foundation Building Phase, we demonstrated the scale of activities focusing on metrics such as number of filings and R&D expenses. From 2009 to 2013, we moved into the Business-Aligned Phase, clearly showing how intellectual property contributed to business

through product examples such as Organic Light Emitting Diode (OLED) lighting and the cassette-type digital X-ray system AeroDR. From 2014 to 2018, in the Strategic Storytelling Phase, we presented a three-layer strategy of foundation, growth, and new initiatives, offering a narrative of how intellectual property supports business growth. Then from 2019 to 2022, we entered the Social Value Creation Phase, numerically indicating the quality of patent assets and emphasizing the role of intellectual property in addressing social issues through SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) and COVID response.

We have now advanced to the Corporate Value Dialogue Phase, focusing on communicating the economic and social significance of intellectual property to a wide range of readers. The readership has also broadened. Initially serving an educational role aimed at students and the general public, it gradually developed into explanations for shareholders and individual investors, and has further expanded to strategic disclosure to stakeholders. Through these shifts, the Intellectual Property Report evolved from education to information provision, strategy explanation, and explanation of social value, and is now positioned as a core tool for dialogue with stakeholders.

Thus, our IP information disclosure has not merely been an accumulation of reports; the continued disclosure itself has become an asset that fosters transparency and credibility and has value as an archive reflecting business evolution. Going forward, we will continue to demonstrate, both quantitatively and qualitatively, how our intellectual property and IP activities contribute to corporate strategy. Specifically, beyond presenting data that underpins technical capabilities and competitive advantages, we will clearly communicate to the stakeholders and society our initiatives toward sustainable growth and the resolution of social issues.

