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Notice of Material Weaknesses on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Canon Inc. ("the Company") hereby announces that material weaknesses were reported in management's report on internal control over financial reporting for fiscal 2020 submitted to Kanto Local Finance Bureau on March 30, 2021, pursuant to Article 24-4-4, paragraph (1) of Financial Instruments and Exchange Act.

1. Description of material weaknesses

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 18 of the Cabinet Office Order on the System for Ensuring the Adequacy of Documents on Financial Calculation and Other Information, the terminology, forms, and preparation methods of the internal control report submitted by the Company were the terminology, forms, and preparation methods required in the United States for an internal control report. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is maintained and performed in accordance with the criteria established in Internal Control –Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO").

The Company's management assessed the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting and identified deficiencies in the risk assessment and control activities principles associated with the COSO framework, which, either individually or in the aggregate, constitute material weaknesses relating to (i) identifying and analyzing significant changes that could impact the system of internal control and control activities, and (ii) integrating control activities to ensure that responses to risks are performed in a timely manner. Factors contributing to the material weaknesses described above included the failure to generate or maintain sufficient evidence supporting the Company's consideration of the significant changes and the impact on its internal controls over financial reporting.

2. Reasons why material weaknesses were not remediated by the end of the fiscal year

The material weaknesses were not remediated by the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, due to the fact that they were detected after December 31, 2020.

3. Remediation efforts to address material weaknesses

The Company's management recognizes the importance of internal control over financial reporting and plans to improve the agility in identifying and analyzing the significant changes that could impact the system of internal control and control activities through frequent and open communications within the organization, and to improve the process to generate and maintain sufficient evidence for significant changes.

- 4. Impact to the consolidated financial statements and the financial statements of the Company There is no need to revise the consolidated financial statements and financial statements due to the material weaknesses described above.
- 5. Opinion on the consolidated financial statements and the financial statements of the Company as of December 31, 2020

Unqualified opinion