Independence Requirements for Outside Directors and Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members

The board of directors of Tokyo Electron Ltd. (“Tokyo Electron”) has established the independence requirement for outside directors and outside audit & supervisory board members (as defined under item 15 and 16, Article 2, of the Companies Act) as follows.

The following persons shall not be considered independent if such person could cause a conflict of interest against the shareholders:

1. A person for whom Tokyo Electron is a Major Business Partner or a person who is a Major Business Partner of Tokyo Electron, except for those who fall into 2. below;
   ※ Under this 1., “A person for whom Tokyo Electron is a Major Business Partner” means a person who, or a person who is a current employee or current executive officer of a company that, has received payments from Tokyo Electron or its subsidiaries for property or services in an amount which, in the last three consecutive fiscal years, has been the greater of 5% of recipient’s consolidated gross revenues, or 100 million yen, or more. If Tokyo Electron cannot reasonably know the amount of payments received in certain fiscal years, the amount in the fiscal year available to Tokyo Electron is used. The same shall apply hereinafter.
   ※ “A person who is a Major Business Partner of Tokyo Electron” means a person who, or a person who is a current employee or current executive officer of a company that, has received payments to Tokyo Electron for property or services in an amount which, in the last three consecutive fiscal years, has been 2% of Tokyo Electron’s consolidated gross revenues or more, provided that in the case of a financial institution from which Tokyo Electron borrows funds, it is indispensable for Tokyo Electron to fundraise and on which Tokyo Electron depends irreplaceably.

2. A person who is a consultant, an accountant, or a lawyer who receives, or who works on a full-time basis at a firm which receives, a Large Amount of Money or Other Property from Tokyo Electron or its subsidiaries, other than compensation for being a director or an audit & supervisory board member;
   ※ “a Large Amount of Money or Other Property” means an amount of money or other property which, in the last three consecutive fiscal years, has been the greater of 5% of recipient’s consolidated gross revenues, or 10 million yen, or more. The same shall apply hereinafter.

3. A person who has recently fallen under either of 1. or 2. above; or
   ※ “A person who has recently fallen under either of 1. or 2. above” means a person who could be substantially deemed to fall under either of 1. or 2. above. Concretely, it means a person who fell under 1. or 2. above at the time when the board of directors of Tokyo Electron resolved the contents of agenda for the general shareholder meeting, where such person is selected as an outside director or an outside audit & supervisory board member.
4. A person whose Immediate Family Member (except for those who do not hold an important position) falls under (a) through (d) below, provided that (c) below applies to an outside audit & supervisory board member only:
   (a) A person who falls under any of (i) through (iii) below;

   (i) A person for whom Tokyo Electron is a Major Business Partner or a person who is a Major Business Partner of Tokyo Electron, except for those who fall into (ii) below;
   ※ Under this (i), “A person for whom Tokyo Electron is a Major Business Partner” means a person who, or a person who is a current employee or current executive officer of a company that, has received payments from Tokyo Electron for property or services in an amount which, in the last three consecutive fiscal years, has been the greater of 5% of recipient’s consolidated gross revenues, or 100 million yen, or more.
   ※ “A person who is a Major Business Partner of Tokyo Electron” means a person who, or a person who is a current employee or current executive officer of a company that, has made payments to Tokyo Electron for property or services in an amount which, in the last three consecutive fiscal years, has been 2% of Tokyo Electron’s consolidated gross revenues or more, provided that in the case of a financial institution from which Tokyo Electron borrows funds, it is indispensable for Tokyo Electron to fundraise and on which Tokyo Electron depends irreplaceably.

   (ii) A person who is a consultant, an accountant, or a lawyer who receives, or who works on a full-time basis at a firm which receives, a Large Amount of Money or Other Property from Tokyo Electron, other than compensation for being a director or an audit & supervisory board member; or

   (iii) A person who has recently fallen under either of (i) or (ii) above:
   ※ “A person who has recently fallen under either of (i) or (ii) above” means a person who could be substantially deemed to fall under either of (i) or (ii) above. Concretely, it means a person who fell under (i) or (ii) above at the time when the board of directors of Tokyo Electron resolved the contents of agenda for the general shareholder meeting, where such person is selected as an outside director or an outside audit & supervisory board member.

   (b) An employee or an executive officer of subsidiary of Tokyo Electron;
   (c) a non-executive director of subsidiary of Tokyo Electron; or
   (d) a person who has recently fallen under (b) or (c) above or who was an employee or an executive officer, or in the case of an outside audit & supervisory board member, a non-executive officer, of Tokyo Electron:
   ※ Whether an Immediate Family Member holds an important position or not shall be determined according to ho item 7, paragraph 4, Article 74, of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Companies Act. For instance, with respect to 1. and 4.(a) (i) above, a director or an employee who is above head of department level of a business partner company, and with respect to 2. and 4. (a) (ii) above, a certified public accountant who belongs to an auditing firm and a lawyer (including associate lawyer) who belongs to a law firm are considered to hold an important position.
   ※ “Immediate Family Member” means a relative within the second degree of relationship. If a person is no longer a relative within the second degree of relationship.
relationship as a result of divorce, dissolution of adoption, or death, etc., such a person shall not be considered as “Immediate Family Member”.